

Independent Study Project



Your task is to select a political issue and write a comprehensive analysis based on your own research. You will collect a number of articles that reflect a variety of viewpoints on your chosen topic. Submitted documents are to include but are not limited to an overview or background to your issue, a thorough analysis of the current status of your issue, future predictions on the issue, and an extensive bibliography comprised of a variety of media sources. You must properly source all information gathered during your research.

The due dates for this assignment will be staggered throughout the semester depending on when you choose your topic. Everyone will have the same amount of time to complete their paper once their topic has been confirmed. Those who pick their topic first have the earliest due date but also get their choice of topics. No topic can be done by more than one student. If more than five students wish to pick their topics on any given Monday, a draw will be held to see which students get to pick their topics that day. If fewer than five students wish to pick their topics on any given Monday, names will be randomly selected from the class list and those students must choose a topic on that day. **Highlight your due dates once you have chosen your topic.** If you picked first, your due dates are the first ones listed for each component; if you picked fourth, your due dates are the fourth ones listed for each component, et cetera.

Topic Chosen	Bibliography	Conference (week of)	Final Paper
February 27 th	March 9 th	March 28 th	April 13 th
March 6 th	March 24 th	April 3 rd	April 21 st
March 20 th	March 31 st	April 10 th	April 28 th
March 27 th	April 7 th	April 18 th	May 5 th
April 3 rd	April 13 th	April 24 th	May 12 th
April 10 th	April 21 st	May 1 st	May 19 th

Evaluation

Each component of this assignment must be completed. Deadlines are dependent on when you choose your topic, as outlined above. Re-read the portions of your Student Agenda and the Course Outline regarding late assessment tasks.

Marks will be allotted for each component that will contribute to the final assignment grade (10% for the bibliography, 20% for the conference. The bulk of the mark (70%) will come from the final report. Be sure that your final report meets the expectations outlined in the rubric provided before submitting your paper on the due date.

Possible Topics – please consult the course website for lists of previous topics that have been approved for independent study but know that other topics may be proposed for study.