

essay due:

Controversial Issue Essay

Your assignment:

1.) Choose one of the controversial issues we've talked about in class. (if you want to choose a different topic, since there are countless controversial issues, please run it by me)

2.) Research your assignment

You are **required** to find:

- a) One supreme court decision related to your issue
- b) one proposed bill in congress, or presidential proposal
- c) major political party stances on the issue
- d) public opinion in regards to this issue

3.) After collecting your information write your essay. This essay will be a two pronged essay. First, it will be informative followed by opinion. Begin with your informative part of the essay (which should compose at least half of your essay), make sure to integrate all the information you've found into this section. You must also discuss both points of view, in regards to your issue, in the first part of your essay. The other half will be your opinion. This part must still be **well thought out and, intelligently** written. Your arguments must make sense. This essay should be between **3 -4 pgs, typed**, in length, or 750-1000 words. Also remember this is an essay, use essay format (introduction, thesis statement, conclusion, etc.).

CHANCE FOR EXTRA CREDIT- The essay is required and is worth **100 points**, but an extra **25 pts** are available for a visual (poster, collage, etc.)

