

## POLSC120 – Introduction to Politics Final Research Paper – Spring 2006

Question: “The Politics Of.....”

...You take it from there! Create a college level research essay on a topic of your choice. Possible topics include, but are in no way limited to: political parties; energy; immigration; labor issues; health care; abortion; education; media; religion; culture; affirmative action; racial politics; death penalty; environment; money in politics; corporate power; war on terror; war in Iraq; military-industrial complex; United Nations; taxation; the U.S. economy; gay marriage; interest groups, civil liberties and rights...and more!

### Sample Outline

(But feel free to design your outline any way you wish)

I. Introduction / Thesis Statement – a brief statement outlining your position and/or something relevant about this issue.

II. Body – this will be the bulk of the paper, made up of the data, proof, and evidence required to prove your thesis statement.

- a. History / background of this issue / problem.
- b. Different sides of this issue as articulated by the “experts” in this field.
- c. Relevant qualitative and/or quantitative data.
- d. Your suggestions as to a *policy recommendation*.

III. Conclusion – based on the evidence you have gathered, your opinion about this issue and how you think moving forward with your specific policy recommendation will improve the situation in the country as a whole.

Extras:

1. Make sure to include some sort of citation (APA, MLA, Chicago, Turabian’s, etc...) *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research.*

2. In order to receive an “A” on this project your paper will be:

- a) fully documented and cited
- b) a *minimum* of 8 – 12 pages in length
- c) research *beyond* authors provided
- d) turned in *on time* (5-24-06).