

SEMESTER PROJECT CULMINATING IN THE FINAL EXAM

This project is a semester long project that culminates in the final exam. You will do your own research and will be required to turn in parts of the project throughout the semester. The parts of the project during the semester will be graded as homework. At the end of the semester, you will present your project to the class for your final exam grade.

POLITICAL ISSUES: racism, immigration gun control marijuana legalization, green energy (climate change), abortion, civil rights including LGBTQ rights, freedom of speech (censorship by social media outlets), federal debt, student debt, impeachment, foreign policy, economic policy including tariffs and trade.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS (3 CHOICES)

- 1. DEVELOP A POSITION:** research one of the political issues from above. Propose potential options or alternatives. Develop an argument that describes the intended outcome of the option, explain how it would be implemented and refute opposing arguments.
- 2. ANALYZE PUBLIC OPINION:** Develop and implement a survey about a political issue from above. Analyze the data and make a policy recommendation. Discuss the possible impact of the policy if implemented.
- 3. MEDIA LITERACY PROJECT:** Select a political issue from above. Research how that issue is being framed and reported in multiple media outlets. Use this investigation to develop a framework for discerning false, misleading, or biased information, including determining criteria for what makes a credible source.

TYPES OF FINAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 1. Do a power point or Google slides presentation.**
- 2. Do a visual display presentation. You can be creative...the more creative the better!**
Create a guide for your peers to explain your findings in either presentation. This would allow the students to follow along with your presentations

TURN IN TIMING:

September 9th: HOMEWORK 10 PTS. 1 page description of the political issue you have chosen, why you chose it, and the type of project you are going to accomplish.

October 7th: HOMEWORK 15 PTS. Complete bibliography of the project including all resources. A minimum of 5 different sources; not all websites. You can have more.

November 4th: HOMEWORK 20 PTS. Rough draft or complete outline of your project.

ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY DECEMBER 2ND: