

Due: May 07, 2020

APA Format

POLITICAL RESEARCH MEMO ASSIGNMENT

Identify a domestic or foreign policy issue that the United States faces in the 21st century and research how the country has addressed it or is currently addressing it. You may choose from the list of topics below. The articles you find should be no more than ten years old, and they should be scholarly or academic ones. Newspaper and magazine articles may be used as supplements to your scholarly sources. See the following sites for the distinctions between scholarly and popular (or opinion-based) information.

http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/tutoring/scholarly_sources.pdf

<https://ctl.yale.edu/writing/using-sources/scholarly-vs-popular-sources>

Your ultimate memo should articulate (in 4 – 6 paragraphs):

1. The relevance of the issue in national politics.
2. The current administration's (White House) position on the issue, compared to that of the previous administration (provide supporting evidence)
3. The political debate surrounding the issue (that is, arguments from both critics and supporters)
4. Your suggestion or opinion as to how the issue should be resolved (use fact-based or empirical evidence to back up your position)

List of Topics

If you have another topic that is not listed here, make sure that it is a FEDERAL and not a state or local issue. Please check with me if you have any question about your topic.

The Dream Act

Immigration

Economy

Energy Independence

Homeland Security

Veterans Benefits

Troops and Military Families

Cutting the National Debt

War in Afghanistan or Iraq
Social Security
Medicare
Welfare Benefits for the Poor
Education
Fighting Childhood Obesity
Fighting Crime
Fighting Drugs
Protecting the Environment
Fighting Wasteful Spending
Affordable Health Care
Electoral Reform
Civil Rights
Civil Liberties
Gun Control

Fighting Disease
Global Warming
Fuel Efficient Cars
Making College Affordable
Spread of Nuclear or Biological
Weapons
Gays in the Military
Outsourcing American Jobs
Protecting the Right to Life
Pro-Choice Rights for Women
Israel and Palestine
Protecting Historical Places
Gerrymandering
Assisting Poor Countries
Gerrymandering

NOTE: In addition to the above requirements, this assignment must follow all the writing requirements stated in the course syllabus.