

Final Research Paper – American Government 110

1. Research Paper Options (**choose 1**):

- A. The research paper should discuss the history of a **public policy issue currently being discussed at the national level** and the impact that the policy decision will have on competing interests. Answer these questions: who is involved, who makes the decisions, and who will be impacted? For example, Social Security reform would affect the elderly, those that will draw Social Security in the future, and taxpayers. Other examples of topics include the EPA, immigration, healthcare, minimum wage, foreign policy, etc.
- B. The research paper should explore one **social movement** (past or present). The paper should answer: What was/is the focus of the movement? Who was/is affected? How was/is this movement framed by dominant media? Social movements may include the Civil Rights Movement, AIM, UFW, Chicano, labor movements, Standing Rock, Occupy, Black Lives Matter, LGBTQIA, etc.
- C. **Develop your own research project.** In the past, projects have included podcasts, paintings, song writing, children's books, videos, you name it! If you would like to develop your own project, please submit a proposal idea via email for approval. Individual research project ideas must be approved (at the latest) by 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28th.

Requirements:

The research paper should be 4-6 pages in length, typed, double spaced, with a bibliography or works cited page (not counted in the page length requirement), using MLA or APA citations. A minimum of 6 academic sources outside of the assigned books are required. (Aim for news articles and peer reviewed academic articles, not Wikipedia.)

2. Rough Draft (**Sunday, April 11th**):

You will submit a full rough draft on Sunday, April 11th as part of our peer review process. In order to participate in the peer review process, you must submit a rough draft on time. You will then review 4 other rough drafts for a total of 20 points total. This score will be added to your final project score. This is an opportunity to polish your work and prepare your final paper. Please use it as such.

3. Final Paper (**Sunday, May 2nd**):

Your final paper will be 100 points toward your final grade. 20 points will come from the peer review process and 80 will be from your final paper/project.

Use your resources: The writing studio on campus is here for you!

<http://learning.humboldt.edu/writing-studio>

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