

Research Project Two: Fall 2018 – U.S. Government / AP

“United States Immigration Policy”

Final Due Date: Friday, December 14, 2018 (this is a “drop dead” date; no papers accepted after this date)

Question: If a simple definition of public policy is “what government does,” what should our government’s policy be toward immigration, both legal and illegal? Your position should cover four areas. 1) The historical question of whether or not immigration should be restricted. 2) Whether immigration is an economic or cultural problem or asset. 3) How the U.S. should address the specific problem of illegal immigration and 4) How should U.S. immigration policy be reformed?

Sample Outline

(But feel free to set this essay up as you wish)

I. Introduction / Policy Position – a brief statement beginning with a definition of immigration policy, other policies it is related to, and your position on this policy.

II. Body – the bulk of the paper is here, in data taken from the readings and other evidence you have found to support your policy position.

A. Historical debate: should immigration be restricted? – analyze and consider readings from Warne, Roberts, Kennedy, and Duncan.

B. Is Immigration a serious problem? – analyze readings from Auster, Wattenberg, Borjas, and Kotkin.

C. How should the U.S. address illegal immigration? – Jackson Lee and Byrd.

D. How should U.S. immigration policy be reformed? – Eldredge, Hornberger, Francis, and Griswold.

E. Outside DPE – are there other authors that you have examined (either on my website or elsewhere) that have a unique and/or important position on this question. They can come from any theoretical perspective.

III. Conclusion – based on your analysis and evaluation of the data, you believe that _____ is the best policy to pursue with regard to immigration to the United States.

Extras:

1. Make sure to use the APA form of citation *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*. Using other’s work without providing proper citation is plagiarism and grounds for immediate failure on this essay.

2. Please type all work on a computer and do not print separately. You will include this paper as the 2nd chapter in your final thesis project.

3. An “A” paper will be: a) fully documented and cited; b) a *minimum* of 10 pages of text analysis (a separate title and abstract page are not needed); c) research *beyond* the authors I provided; and d) turned in *on time* (December 14, 2018).