

Diablo Valley College – International Relations (8583)
Final Research Paper – Spring 2017
International Law and Iraq

Question: In a 2008 book, former prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi argued that former President George W. Bush violated international (and U.S. constitutional) law by taking the United States to war in Iraq under false pretenses. He laid out the evidence and outlined what questions he would ask Bush at a potential murder trial. Examine the evidence for and against such a trial, what it means for the concept of international law, and whether you agree or disagree such action is warranted.

Sample Outline

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

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

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

- 1. International law not violated: Data rejecting a prosecution**
- 2. International law violated: Data supporting such a prosecution**
- 3. Outside DPE**

III. Conclusion – based on the evidence you have gathered your opinion on whether international law was violated by the Bush administration and whether a prosecution of Bush and officials in his administration is legitimate.

Extras:

1. Again, make sure to include a 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.* THIS PAPER MUST BE DONE IN APA STYLE FORMAT.

- 2. “A” papers will be:**
 - a. *fully* documented and cited**
 - b. a *minimum* of 13 pages (including title, abstract, and reference page, meaning 10 pages of text analysis)**
 - c. research *beyond* authors provided**
 - d. turned in *on time* (May 22, 2017)**
 - e. 5% reduction in final grade for “drop-offs”**