

Writing Assignment Instructions

Dr. Patrick F. Larue

GOVT 2305

For your writing assignment, please answer the following five questions *in essay form*:

- What are the social and economic factors that affect gun violence in the United States?
- What are the effects of mass incarceration on political rights, social dynamics, and personal economic achievement?
- What are the causes and effects of the War on Drugs?
- What are the complexities of finding a solution to the problem of mass incarceration?
- What are your thoughts? Do you agree or disagree significantly with any parts of her argument? Feel free to candidly respond. Your opinion itself will not be used to determine your grade, but the quality (in terms of its analytical rigor) in your argument will.

The writing assignment should be **no more than two double-spaced pages** (this is approximately 450-500 words, depending on your writing style), with one-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12-point font. Outside the final question prompt above, your essay is intended to be analytical, not opinionated. Questions 1-4 have correct answers and incorrect answers. Correct answers are those that are found in the film, so pay attention.

Better essays will incorporate statistics, factual anecdotes, or evidence discussed in the video. Particularly poor grammar and spelling may lower your grade. Remember, this is an essay, so your writing should be in a standard prose form, but you may separate your document into numbered sections by question.

To submit your assignment:

- 1) There is a turnitin submission link in the Writing Assignment folder on elearning. This is the link you will need to upload your assignment.
- 2) The deadline to turn in your assignment electronically is **March 8 at 11:59pm**. Late submissions will be accepted, but will receive a 25% penalty for each 24 hours after the due date. Submissions received more than 72 hours after the due date will receive a zero.