

CIS150 - Fundamentals of Information Systems
Spring Semester 2010

Assignment 2 - Associated Press Article (25 points)

This second assignment is intended to be done individually by each student, not collaboratively. To begin with, click on the following URL and read the ***Chips in Official IDs Raise Privacy Fears*** article from the AP as published by FOX News:

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,531720,00.html>

Next, review pages 2-10 of the ***Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools*** document that has been linked into Blackboard at the top of the **Assignments > Writing References** folder in preparation to successfully complete this assignment. And, if you have not already done so for Assignment 1, you should definitely review the presentation and associated UofL intranet link for the Critical Thinking model, aka [Paul-Elder Framework](#).

The key objective here is to summarize the logic inherent to this news article and present your opinions and thoughts by answering the questions below, which are excerpted from the ***Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools***.

- 1) The main purpose of this article is _____. (State as accurately as possible the author's purpose for writing the article.)
- 2) The key question that the author is addressing is _____. (Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when he wrote the article.)
- 3) The most important information in this article is _____. (Figure out the facts, experiences, data the author is using to support his conclusions.)
- 4) The main inferences or conclusions in this article are _____. (Identify the key conclusions the author comes to and presents in the article.)
- 5) The key concept(s) we need to understand in this article is (are) _____. By these concepts, the author means _____. (Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to understand the author's line of reasoning.)
- 6) The main assumption(s) underlying the author's thinking is (are) _____. (Figure out what the author is taking for granted [that might be questioned].)
- 7) If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are _____. (What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning seriously?)
- 8) If we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are _____. (What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning seriously?)
- 9) The main point(s) of view presented in this article is (are) _____. (What is the author looking at, and how is he seeing it?)

Start your essay by creating an outline centered on these questions and then organize your thoughts before writing. Don't just fill in the blank spaces above, but develop your summary using full sentences organized into paragraphs.

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Your essay must include a cover page similar to that shown above. Be sure to replace the text and italicized parenthesis with the requested information. Also, provide a footing with course and section, case title, due date, and page number. The body of your document should be at least one (1), but no more than two (2) full pages (not including the cover page) of content. It should be written using a Times New Roman font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing, and 1" margins all the way around. Be sure to save your completed document with a file name that begins with your first and middle initial(s), then your last name, followed by a dash, and finally the text string "Assignment-2" before the ".docx" or ".doc" file extension, denoting Microsoft Word. You will then need to convert your final draft to a PDF document format using the respective Microsoft Office 2007 Add-In, Adobe Acrobat, or freeware utility such as [PrimoPDF](#). Finally, post the PDF file directly into Blackboard using the respective **Submit Work Here** folder item for grading by the due date specified in the Schedule.