

## Op-Ed Article (Final Project)






### Paper Due 5/1 Presentation 4/24, 4/26

Op-eds are opinion pieces that were originally published opposite the editorial pages (hence “op-ed”) in newspapers or magazines. Op-eds are solicited from writers unaffiliated with the publication, which distinguishes op-eds from editorials (which are written by the publication’s editors) and letters to the editor (which are unsolicited reader submissions).

For this op-ed piece, you will do the following:

- (1) Select a social, political, educational, or cultural issue related to big data and ethics.
- (2) Take a position on this issue.
- (3) Z410 students: Cite at least **two** assigned class readings and **three** additional readings to support your argument.  
Z604 students: Cite at least **three** assigned class readings and **five** additional readings to support your argument.
- (4) Remember to cite your sources and include a reference list. For in-text citations, either use the APA style or provide the hyperlinks. For the references section, use the APA style.

#### Suggested Structure:

-  **Hook:** Get the reader’s attention and introduce the topic.
-  **Background:** Help the reader understand the importance of issue any controversy surrounding it.
-  **Thesis statement:** State the main idea—your opinion.
-  **Body:** Support your opinion, present your argument with reasons and details, consider the opposing view (counterargument), and explain why your opinion is stronger.
-  **Conclusion:** Restate the thesis, summarize the main points, and end with a strong statement.

#### ✂ Length:

Z410 students: 700–850 words, not including the reference list

Z604 students: 850–1000 words, not including the reference list

#### ✂ Presentation (5 min.)

Submit your presentation file (no more than 5 slides) by 5 p.m. the day before your presentation.

**Suggested organization (for Presentation)**

Each student will be given approximately 5 minutes. My suggestion is that you create 5 slides to make your presentation concise. For example,

1. (1<sup>st</sup> slide): Introduce the topic. Tell the audience why you think it is an important topic.
2. (2<sup>nd</sup> slide): Explain your position (your opinion).
3. (3<sup>rd</sup> slide): How you supported your position. (Show your research effort to support your position)
4. (4<sup>th</sup> slide): Counterargument, controversies, etc.
5. (5<sup>th</sup> slide): Summarize your main points. End with a strong statement.

**Plans for 4/24: Presentations**

Reeahna Abraham  
Mohamed Alderei  
Connor Anderson  
Richie Fleming  
Sunny Gandhi  
Yash Gollapudi  
Keshav Gupta  
Cal Hubbard  
Ella Hudson  
Eddy Kim  
Shardul Kanchan Dabhane  
Quinton D Lord  
Aditya Kundur  
Cameron Mason  
William Mccarter  
Ronal Monga

**Plans for 4/26 (last day of class): Presentations**

Gavin Munson  
Tynan Parker  
Raunav Sharma  
Austin Toney  
Olivia Venditti  
Xaime Vina Vina Patino  
Sarah Joy Prause  
Jack Doehrman  
Justin Waiz  
Michael Williams  
Sam Williams  
Grace Young

**Final paper is due 5/1 (by the end of day).**