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Thesis Review

I would recommend not using the word “I” or “you” in a formal paper. Try to find ways around it if necessary, with something like “Both having equal merit, it is important to realize the positives and negatives of each side’s debate” as an example. It sounds very informal in this setting to bring a person, meaning writer or reader, into this evidence/analytical based argumentative piece. Same thing for the next sentence, rewording it a bit would help significantly with the fluidity and clarity of the sentence and its flow into the next. The last sentence of the thesis is also a bit long, it could be broken up into two separate sentences that could more narrowly explain what your goal of the paper is. The thesis also seems a bit redundant, as it essentially states what the assignment of the paper is, not what the paper will actually be about. I would suggest getting a bit more creative with the way that you introduce your topic and it will seem much more interesting and will engage the reader more. Do not be afraid to take a step closer to the topic in this part of the paper as it will only help your arguments if they are clearly and effectively introduced in the beginning of the essay. You can be a bit more specific as to how your cultural aspect sheds light onto the topic of border security, even going so far as to stating the main arguments that you plan to discuss later in the essay.