

Primary Research Plan:

I want to discover people's opinions on the food crisis. I read an article from The Wall Street Journal, "It's Been 30 Years Since Food Ate Up This Much of Your Income", which talked about how there are ongoing high costs on food. This is leading to food manufacturers and restaurants having to keep their prices elevated. Many families are struggling because the cost of feeding their family is exceeding their income. This has caused a lot of people to turn to producing their own food at home and in their backyards. This issue doesn't seem to have a positive outlook any time soon. I want to ask people how the change in pricing will affect their daily lives and what they will do to combat those challenges. My plan to find primary research will be to conduct surveys. I think that surveys would be the best plan of action for my specific topic because it can provide me with the most information. This can also help me access large amounts of information in an efficient time. My participants will be people that I go to school with, my friends from home, and my family. The reason I chose those subjects is because they are of all ages and demographics. If I study people from school and from home then I can get information based on different locations as well. I think this will give me insight on many different demographics, which will help keep the research well-rounded. I will gain access to these groups by making a google forms survey and sending it out to them via text and email. My bias on this topic is that the costs of food have increased significantly and are creating challenges for many families and the overall general. I can make sure my biases don't get in the way of my research by keeping an open mind about others' opinions and trying to see everyone's point of view. I expect to discover that a lot of people will agree that this change is causing challenges and that most people have had to come up with new ways to feed themselves and their family.

Survey questions:

1. Are there specific food items that have become particularly difficult for you to afford or find?
2. Have you had to make any sacrifices in other areas of your budget to afford food?
3. How concerned are you about the current state of food availability and affordability in your region?
4. Have you personally experienced difficulties accessing an adequate amount of food in the past year?
5. How has the food crisis affected your households dietary choices and nutritional intake?
6. Have you noticed any changes in food prices or availability in your local area recently?
7. How has the food crisis impacted your community or social networks?
8. Are there any cultural or traditional dietary practices that have been affected by the food crisis?
9. Is there anything else you would like to share about your experiences or observations related to the food crisis?

The Genre Plan:

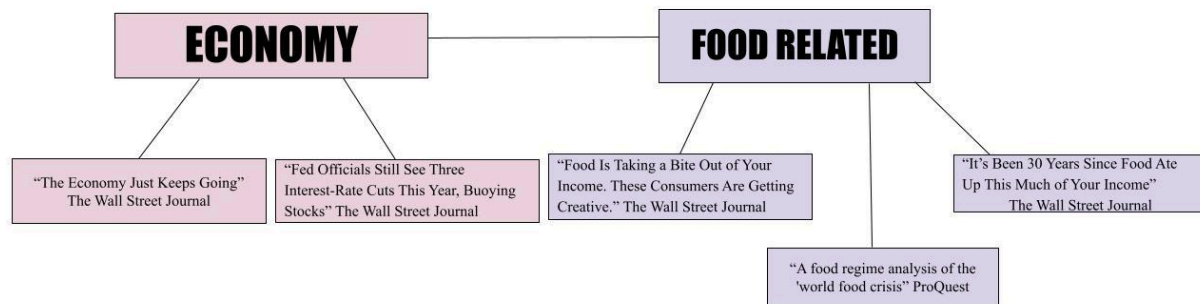
Argument- The food crisis is a result of multiple interlinked factors. Population growth, limited resources like land and water, and climate change are straining agricultural systems. Inefficient distribution contributes to food waste and unequal access to food. Poverty, inequality, conflict, and political instability exacerbate the issue. Globalization leads to market volatility, making food prices unpredictable. Environmental degradation further threatens food security. Addressing these challenges requires sustainable agricultural practices, climate action, poverty alleviation, equitable distribution, and peacebuilding efforts. By tackling these root causes, we can work towards a future where everyone has access to nutritious food.

Intended audience- The intended audience would likely include policymakers, NGOs (nonprofit organizations) , researchers, and individuals interested in understanding the complexities of the food crisis. It aims to provide a concise overview of the various factors contributing to the crisis and the need for comprehensive solutions, making it suitable for a diverse audience engaged in discussions and decision-making related to food security and sustainability.

Chosen civic genre- For my argument about the food crisis, the civic genre that I thought would be best suited is likely an opinion editorial (op-ed). Op-eds are a form of journalism that allows individuals, experts, or organizations to express their opinions on current issues, policies, or events. They are typically published in newspapers, magazines, or online platforms and aim to persuade readers to consider a particular viewpoint or course of action. An op-ed on the food crisis could effectively present arguments, evidence, and proposed solutions in a concise and engaging manner, targeting a wide audience. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the complexities of the food crisis, advocate for specific policy changes or initiatives, and mobilize public support for addressing this urgent global challenge.

Publication: USA Today ; I chose to submit my op-ed on this publication source because it is produced globally which will be able to target many demographics.

Source Map:



Rough Draft:

How did simply sustaining oneself with enough calories become financially impossible? Groceries have gotten so expensive that people are choosing between eating and other necessities. The global food crisis is deeply concerning, with rising prices exacerbating poverty and threatening food security for millions. Climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic have intensified these challenges by disrupting agricultural productivity and supply chains. Addressing this crisis requires policy change, investment in sustainable agriculture, and strengthening social safety nets to ensure everyone has access to affordable and nutritious food. I believe that international cooperation and coordination are crucial in tackling the global food crisis. Local, national, and international organizations must work together to find innovative solutions, mobilize resources, and implement policies that promote food security and build more sustainable food options.

In a recent article from The Wall Street Journal, “It's Been 30 Years Since Food Ate Up This Much of Your Income”, they talked about how many families have had to resort to growing and producing their own food due to the insane prices in grocery stores. Many families are struggling because the cost of feeding their family is exceeding their income. This is leading to food manufacturers and restaurants having to keep their prices elevated. As someone who values the importance of food security and understands its critical role in human well-being, I find it unacceptable that rising food prices are pushing vulnerable populations deeper into poverty and

hunger. It is distressing to think that families are forced to make impossible choices between buying food and meeting other basic needs like housing, healthcare, and education.

The long-term consequences of malnutrition and food insecurity are devastating, not only for individuals but also for communities and societies as a whole. In my opinion, addressing the food crisis requires a holistic approach that tackles its root causes. This includes investing in sustainable agricultural practices, developing new technologies to enhance productivity and resilience, and strengthening social safety nets to support those most affected by high food prices. Improving the efficiency and resilience of global food supply chains is essential to ensure that food can be produced, transported, and distributed more effectively and affordably. By tackling these root causes, we can work towards a future where everyone has access to nutritious food.