
✓ Assignment 3_ Review Assessment

Objective

The assignment requires students to research and present on a contentious social/technical issue, culminating in both a **Report** and a **Presentation**:

✓ **Report**

1. Topic Examination:

- Investigate a contentious social or technical issue that has led to societal divisions and court cases.

2. Detailed Research:

- Conduct in-depth research on legal processes and cases related to the issue. Use a range of sources, including formal documents and societal responses (e.g., newspapers, social media opinions).

3. Position and Argumentation:

- Take a clear stance on the issue (e.g., supporting or opposing a particular technology).
- Outline reasons supporting your position.
- Address and critique the counterarguments.

4. References:

- Include a minimum of 15 references in the report.
- At least 10 of these should be from academic journal articles, with the remaining 5 from other sources.

Presentation

1. Argument Presentation:

- Prepare a short PowerPoint presentation to advance your argument.
- The presentation should last about 5-7 minutes.

2. Question and Answer (Q&A) Session:

- A Q&A session will follow, lasting about 5-8 minutes.
- This will involve a simulated 'cross-examination' style interaction.
- Staff members or students from other groups will play roles of 'defense' (supporting your points) or 'prosecution' (opposing your points) to pose questions.

3. Response Coordination:

- Decide who within your group will respond to the questions during the Q&A.
- Responses should be individual, although different group members can answer different questions.

This assignment integrates research, critical thinking, and communication skills, requiring students to not only understand and articulate a position on a controversial issue but also to defend their views in a dynamic Q&A format.

Guide to complete the part

1. Introduction (Approx. 200-300 words)

- Thesis Statement: Clearly state your position on the issue. For example, "This report argues that technology A is detrimental to society due to its implications on privacy and security."
- Context: Provide background information about the issue, highlighting its relevance and the reason for its contentious nature.
- Outline of the Report: Briefly mention the key points that will be covered in your report.

2. Main Body (Approx. 800-1200 words)

- Section 1: Arguments Supporting Your Position
 - Subsection 1: Present the first argument supporting your view. Include evidence from academic journals and other credible sources.
 - Subsection 2: Discuss the second argument with supporting evidence.
 - Subsection 3: Include additional arguments as necessary, ensuring each is supported by research.
- Section 2: Analysis of Counterarguments
 - Identify the primary arguments opposing your position.
 - Critically analyze these arguments, pointing out weaknesses or flaws. Use evidence to support your critique.
- Section 3: Legal Aspects
 - Discuss relevant legal cases or processes that support your argument.
 - Examine how these cases have influenced public opinion or policy related to the issue.

3. Societal Responses (Approx. 300-400 words)

- Analyze responses from society, including newspaper articles and social media opinions.
- Discuss how these responses align or conflict with your position and the legal perspectives.

4. Conclusion (Approx. 200-300 words)

- Summarize the key points of your argument.
- Reinforce why your position is valid, considering the counterarguments and societal responses.
- Suggest potential areas for further research or action.

5. References

- Include a minimum of 15 references, with at least 10 from academic journal articles and 5 from other credible sources.

Tips for Effective Writing:

- Maintain a formal and academic tone.
- Ensure each argument is backed by credible data and sources.
- Be concise and clear in your explanations.
- Organize your report logically to enhance readability.

Remember, the goal of your report is not just to assert your viewpoint, but to present a well-researched, logically structured, and convincingly argued case.

➤ **Sample Answer**

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