
✓ 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**

Sample Answer

Title: The Detrimental Impact of "Technology A" on Privacy and Security

Introduction

- In an era where technological advancements are pivotal, Technology A has emerged as a controversial development, primarily due to its significant implications on privacy and security. This report argues that despite its potential benefits, Technology A is detrimental to society. The following sections will outline the reasons supporting this stance, critically analyze counterarguments, and discuss relevant legal cases and societal responses.

Arguments Supporting the Position

- Privacy Concerns Raised by "Technology A"

Evidence from recent studies in the Journal of Cybersecurity illustrates how Technology A compromises user privacy. Data shows a 40% increase in privacy breaches since its implementation.

The invasive data collection methods employed by Technology A violate privacy norms established in the Data Protection Act of 2018.

- Security Risks Associated with Technology A

A report from the International Security Journal highlights a direct correlation between the adoption of Technology A and the surge in cyber-attacks.

The lack of robust encryption standards in Technology A makes it susceptible to security breaches, jeopardizing user data.

Analysis of Counterarguments

- Proponents of Technology A argue that its efficiency and innovation outweigh privacy and security concerns. However, this perspective underestimates the long-term societal costs of compromised privacy and increased security risks. Moreover, efficiency should not be prioritized over fundamental rights like privacy.

Legal Aspects

- The landmark case of Smith v. Technology A Corp brought to light the legal shortcomings in regulating such technologies. The court's decision to restrict Technology A's data collection practices set a precedent, underscoring the legal system's recognition of its privacy infringements.

Societal Responses

- Public opinion, as reflected in articles from The Global Times and social media platforms, shows growing concern over Technology A's impact. A survey indicated that 70% of respondents feared for their privacy with Technology A's widespread use.

Conclusion

- The evidence and analysis presented affirm that Technology A's adverse effects on privacy and security outweigh its benefits. This report underscores the need for stringent regulations and enhanced security measures to address these challenges. Future research should focus on developing technologies that prioritize user privacy and security.

References

[Include at least 15 references, with a mix of academic and other credible sources]

Note that this sample answer is just for reference purpose. The real essay should be more detailed with cited sources

