

Topic: Good, Bad and Evils of NAFTA (North American Free trade Agreement).

The Paper and Presentation:

Please submit the paper before the presentation is scheduled. Make two copies, keep one copy with you for your reference during presentation and give me the copy to be graded. Make sure that you do the writing -- organizing your arguments and reporting it -- yourself. You can go to the internet to collect information and you can discuss with your classmates the material. If two reports are very close to each other, both will get zero. The presentation will be for 5 minutes each.

Due date: May 16, 6:59PM in class. (no extension of time will be granted).

Guidelines for the paper

- Describe first briefly what is NAFTA, when was it introduced and what were the main agreements in NAFTA.
- What are the main arguments for and against having NAFTA from the US point of view and from the point of view of Mexico and Canada. Focus on:
 - Free trade is better than barriers to trade – growth in GDP, social welfare, jobs created or destructed, and many others.
 - However, the benefits do not accrue to each group equally in all the countries. Describe which groups were to be affected in which country in what ways. What did they do to express their concerns (if you can find information about it).
 - Give some predicted and actual estimates of the effects of NAFTA. (You may use some numbers from the Textbook, and from internet sources as well).
- Your overall evaluation the effect of NAFTA from the point of view of the US and Mexico.

Guidelines for the presentation

You are required to prepare your presentation using powerpoint. You can organize your points according to above scheme, and prepare three to four slides and time your talk to five minutes. Your turn for presentation will be drawn randomly using a lottery system.