

Possible Topics for the Final Paper

The List Is Not Exhaustive

Capitalism and Economic Inequalities

Is capitalism the source of prosperity and wealth?

Is capitalism responsible for widening economic inequalities?

Should the rich be taxed more?

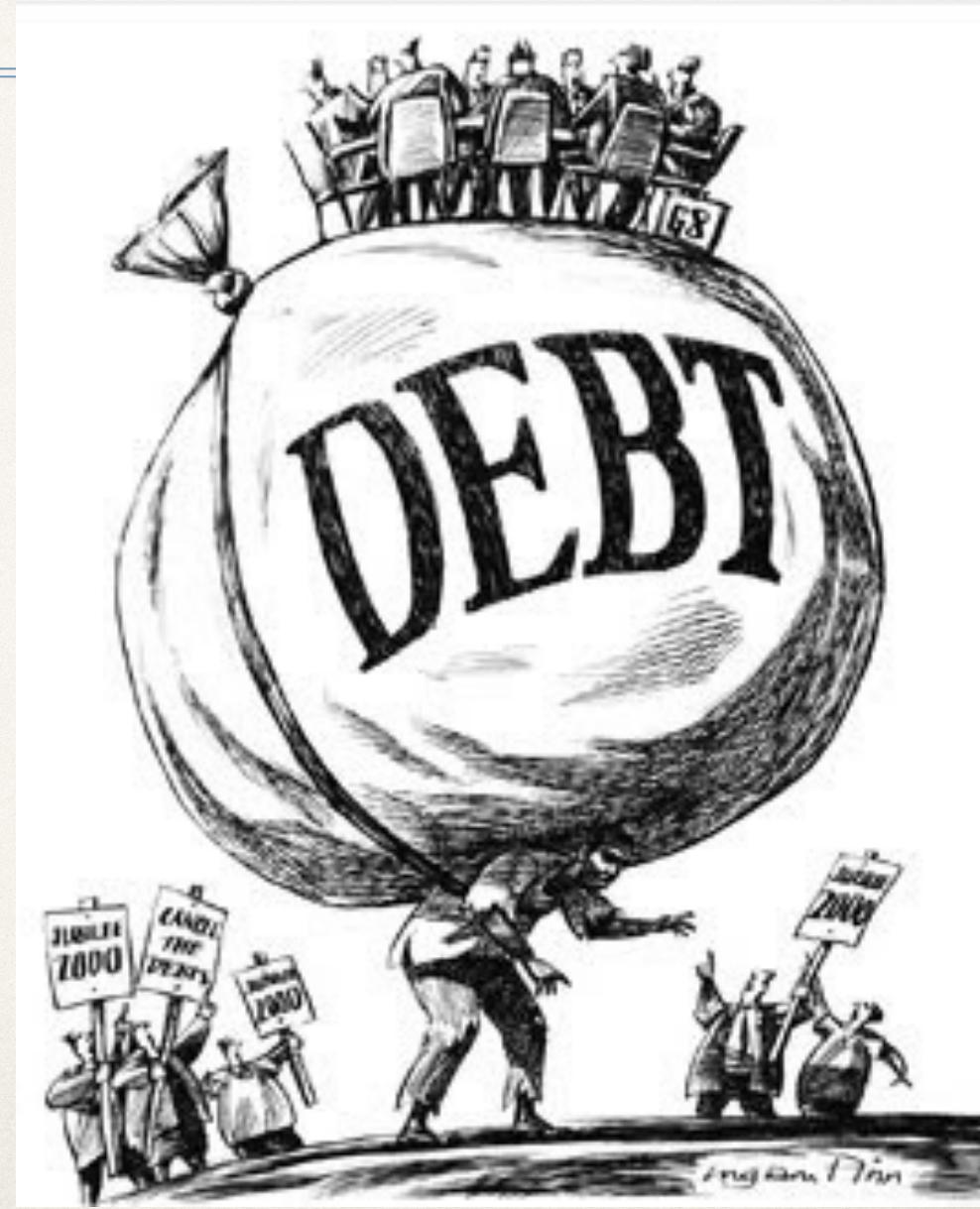


Public Debt and the Welfare State

Should the government spend less in order to reduce its public debt?

Should the government spend more and provide more services to its citizens, especially those who cannot afford health care and education?

Neither of the two?



The War on Terror and Drones

Should the US government wage war against countries that it considers a threat to national security?

Should drones be used to target and kill individuals in foreign countries?



Vegetarianism

Should we stop
eating meat and
become
vegetarians?

Does the meat
industry pose an
environmental
threat to our
planet?

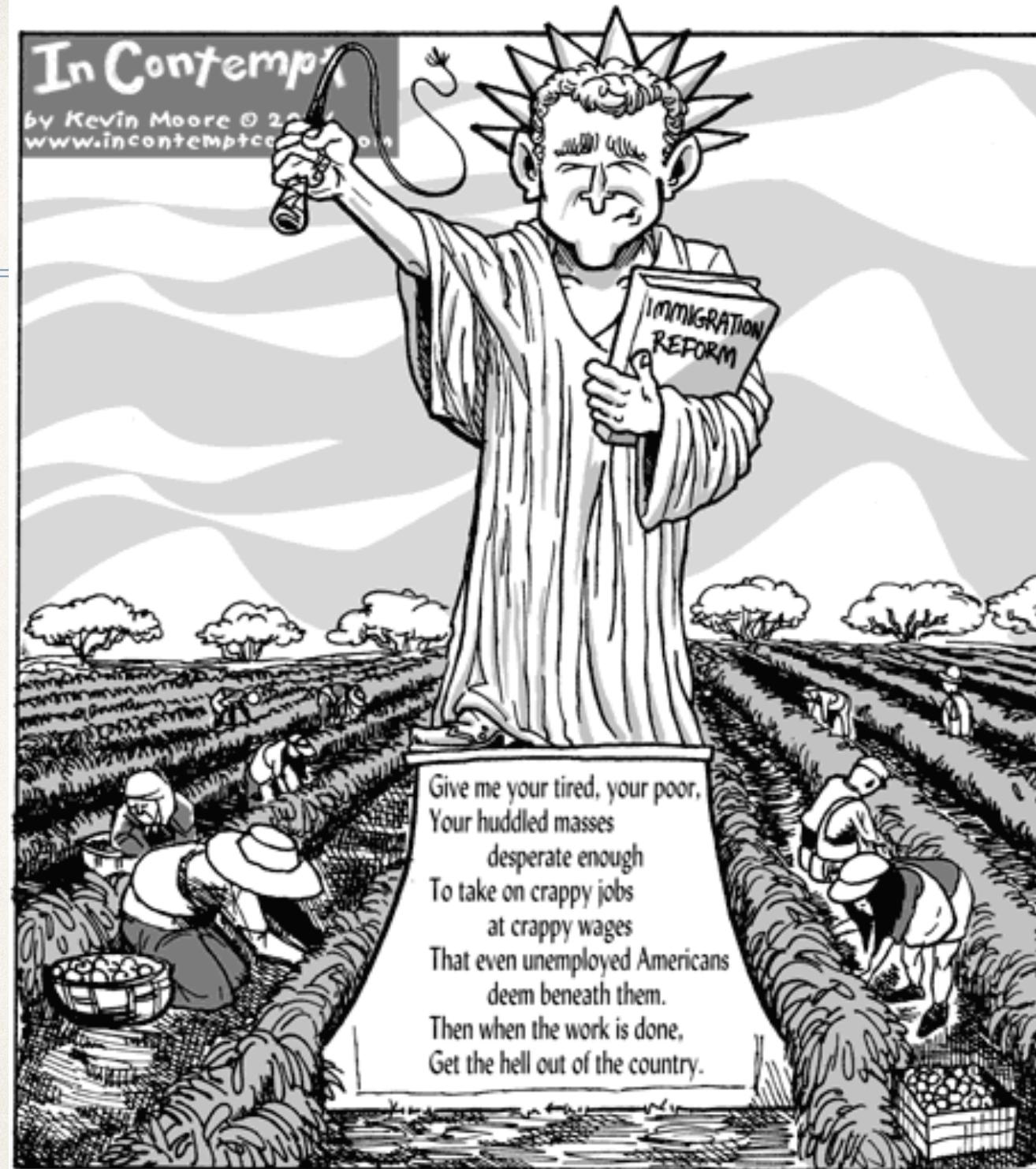


Immigration

Should restrictions
on immigration be
relaxed?

Do people have the
right to travel from
one country to
another?

Do immigrants
threaten American
society?



The Death Penalty

I don't think you should support the death penalty to seek revenge. I don't think that's right. I think the reason to support the death penalty is because it saves other people's lives.

(George W. Bush)

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It's racist

Blacks who kill whites are much more likely to be executed than whites who kill blacks. Forty percent of Death Row inmates are black.

It targets the poor

More than 90 percent of those charged with capital crimes are too poor to hire an experienced lawyer.

It kills the innocent

Since 1900, more than 400 innocent people have been given a death sentence. At least 23 of the innocent were executed.

It doesn't stop crime

States without the death penalty have lower murder rates. As Texas outpaced the nation in executions from 1982-91, violent crime in the state grew nearly 46 percent — much faster than the national rate.

It's barbaric

At least 10 of the people executed since 1976 were under 18 at the time of the crime. Even more "cruel and unusual" were the 3 executions of mentally retarded convicts in 1995. Executions can be torture: one electrocution required 3 jolts delivered over 14 minutes.

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Courtroom Arguments in the OJ Simpson Case

Was OJ Simpson
guilty or innocent?

Why did the jury
acquit him?

What arguments
did the defense
and the prosecutor
advance?



Same Sex Marriage

Should homosexual couples be allowed to marry and have the same rights as heterosexual couples?

Do homosexual couples pose a threat to our society?

If so, what kind of threat exactly?



The Obama/Romney Debate



What did they say and what didn't they say?

What arguments did Obama and Romney advance during the presidential debate?

Other Topics

- ✿ Please explore any other topic you would like, for example, NYPD's stop-and-frisk, gender inequality, affirmative action, the role of art, religion and science in society, etc. —anything that interests you.