Presentation Instructions

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Instructions:

You are expected to do a power-point presentation on an important political topic once in this course. Please sign-up for one of the topics. You should have five (5) slides with the presentation lasting up to five (5) minutes. ONLY 5 slides – not 6 or 7 or 4. You are expected to do research about the topic beyond what the class and the textbook offer, although you should start that research with the textbook especially. You can do this additional research on the internet, but do not rely on it as your only source. You should visit my webpage to start, since I have listed a number of different websites that can provide a lot of good information. You should visit the library as well to do the research. If you do not understand a topic, please ask me about it.

The format for the presentation is as follows:

Slide 1 - a vibrant introduction.
Slide 2 - a brief history of the topic.
Slide 3 – a description/argument of the topic.
Slide 4 – description/argument continued
Slide 5 – conclusion

Those people who will not be the presenters for a particular issue are considered to be the audience and will be expected to participate in the question-and-answer discussions at the end of the presentations. The audience will address how the presenters presented their material and how well they dealt with the topic.

There are some important Do’s and Don’ts for this presentation, as follows:

1. DO your own research on the topic.
2. DO NOT just use and restate the lecture notes or the information from the textbook – use these sources as starting points for your research.
3. DO ensure that your presentation is over 2 minutes – if your presentation is less than 2 minutes total, the best grade you can receive is a D!
4. DO show up for everyone else’s presentation just as they will show up to your own presentation. It is a mark of respect to do so. Should you miss anyone else’s presentation without a good reason, then you will receive a 0.00 for your presentation.
5. DO turn in a 1 page handout submission with a view of all of your slides on it.
6. DO NOT just read your presentation from your slides or notes.
7. DO NOT copy-paste slides or information from websites = plagiarism.
8. DO NOT use a video.
9. DO save your presentation on a hard drive or flashdrive only.
10. DO make the presentation as professional as possible – dress accordingly (formally).
11. DO NOT have more than 5 slides.
12. DO pay full attention to other people’s presentations – no doodling, doing other work, etc.
13. DO make certain your facts are correct.
14. DO NOT just restate your topic question at beginning – engage the attention of your audience with a vibrant beginning.
15. DO practice, practice, practice!
16. DO NOT include a references slide.
17. Do check the due date for your 1 page handout of your slides – No changes to your power-point presentation can be made after this date.