

### **Assignment Title:**

Final Paper: Proposing a Solution to a Global Problem

**\*\*SIGNATURE ASSIGNMENT \*\***

Link to Summer 1 2018 Model Student Final Paper:

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### **Purpose:**

This paper serves three main purposes:

1. to allow you to apply what you have learned in the course to propose a solution to a social problem related to globalization (Course Learning Outcome –CLO—7: Propose solutions for current or future social problems resulting from globalization, including how local institutions and individuals could be involved).
2. to demonstrate the importance of local-global connections by explaining how a local organization can be part of your proposed solution to a global problem (CLOs 3, 5, and 7).
3. to allow you to demonstrate mastery of Institutional Learning Outcome (ILO) 3—Civic Engagement for the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology program: "Describe insights gained from engaging physically and/or intellectually with activities of personal and public concern that are both individually life enriching and socially beneficial to the community."

You will write an 8-10 page paper (12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced) in APA format. The cover sheet and reference sheet do not count toward the page total. Please cite in APA style and remember that APA format requires headings for each section. More specific instructions appear below.

### **Instructions:**

#### **Preparation/Pre-Writing**

The interview you did with a member of a local organization working on a global issue or problem; your mid-term presentation on the future direction a global issue will take; and your responses to journal prompts about this paper all helped to prepare you for this final assignment. Please refer to this past work as you are writing your final paper. You may not simply copy your previous work to complete this paper. You will have to revise and refine this work according to the format given below. You will also need to provide citations from credible sources. Please do NOT simply quote sources. You may have no more than 6 direct quotes in this paper, including quotes from your interviewee.

If you have any questions or concerns about how to build on your previous work in this course, for the final paper, please e-mail your instructor.

### **Section 1: Introduction (2-2.5 pages)**

Propose a solution to a problem related to globalization that is addressed in this course:

First, briefly explain why a global issue is a problem that needs to be resolved. (For example, tell us why multinational corporations' use of sweatshop labor is problematic and requires a resolution). The global issue or problem can be the same one you discussed in your mid-term presentation but does not have to be the same. Be sure to use your own words!

Next, describe with as much specificity as possible how you believe this problem should be solved, in your own words. Your proposed solution can address the problem in its current state or in the future. But be sure to focus on a solution, not the problem itself; and be sure to answer the following questions:

- Who are the major players (institutions, nations, and organizations) that need to be involved in this solution and why?
- What are the costs and benefits of your proposed solution to each major player?
- Why would your proposed solution work?

There are no right or wrong solutions, only well-argued ones based on research. In this case, your research is the course material (readings, videos, maps, and websites), the interview you conducted with a member of a local organization working on this issue, and any credible sources you consulted outside of this course (such as academic journal articles, or material from or about organizations addressing this global issue).

You must cite at least two different sources in this section.

End your introduction with a preview of later sections of your paper by:

1. briefly describing a local organization or institution (not necessarily local to you) and how they are already involved in your proposed solution. This institution should be affiliated in some way with the person you interviewed.
2. briefly describing how you as an individual propose to be involved in your solution.

### **Section 2: A Local Institution's Involvement Based on Interview Data (3-4 pages)**

Analyze and evaluate how one local organization or institution is already involved in your proposed solution to a global problem. The person you interviewed for this paper should be affiliated with this organization or institution in some way. Remember that a local organization

or institution can be any community, group, agency, or political entity focused more on a particular region than globally.

- How is the local organization's involvement effective in terms of your proposed solution?
- How is it falling short? In other words, what more could it do to effectively implement your solution on a global scale?

For this section, you will be relying on your interview as well as the research you have done on the local organization or institution. You must cite information from the interview and from this research. But be sure to answer the two questions above primarily in your own words, not the words of the interviewee or the organization itself! Also, don't hesitate to include and cite other research as well.

### **Section 3: Your Individual Involvement (1-2 pages)**

Explain, in detail, how you could become involved with the local organization you evaluated in Section 2 to effectively enact your proposed solution(s), at both the local and global levels:

- Describe two activities or actions you would be interested in doing or starting with the organization to enact your solution
- How would these two activities or actions help the local organization become involved (or further involved) in your proposed solution?
- Do you anticipate any problems pursuing these activities or actions with the organization? Why or why not? How would you address any problems that arise?

You don't actually have to become involved with the organization; you are simply proposing how you could be involved in the future.

### **Section 4: Reflective Conclusion (2-3 pages)**

Reflect upon what you have learned from researching and writing this paper.

- Explain whether your proposed solution is likely to go into effect; and if so, why and when. Or, explain why it is not likely to go into effect. Also, reflect upon what you learned about the local organization in terms of its work on a global issue, as well as what you learned from your interviewee.
- How do you feel personally about this organization and its work on the issue for which you proposed a solution?
- What are the two most important things you learned from the interview you conducted?
- How likely are you to become involved with this organization in the ways you proposed in Section 3? Please explain.
- What are other ways you as an individual could become involved in your proposed solution, outside of the local organization?

- What do you expect to learn from this involvement?

*Be sure to carefully follow all instructions, fully complete all sections, and thoroughly respond to all prompts and all questions listed in the instructions above. Don't forget a cover sheet, a list of "References," and APA format! Incomplete papers will be marked down according to the grading rubric for this assignment.*

Please refer to the rubric below and under "Course Information" to see how this paper will be graded.

Save your paper as a doc or rtf with your name and the assignment name in the file, using Last Name\_Assignment. So, if your name were Alicia Jackson, and this is Final Paper, you would title it Jackson\_Final\_Paper.

Upload your paper to the TurnItIn link for this assignment, under "Week Eight."