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ENG 100
Assignment #2: Research Paper
Due: TBD

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Prompt: Please compose a 1,500 – 2000 word MLA source-based argument that responds to one of the following research questions:

- Should the American government provide tuition-free undergraduate college education for all American citizens?
- Should the American government legally require companies to provide paid vacation for the full-time workforce?
- Should the American government provide universal healthcare for its citizens?
- Should the American government eliminate all penalties for drug use?
- Should the American prison system be revised to mirror the Norway model of incarcerating and rehabilitating convicted criminals?
- Should the American educational system follow the French model for school lunches?
- Should the American educational system follow Finland’s educational system?
- Should the American government eliminate charter schools throughout the states?
- How might America change if women gained more power in government, business, and education?
- Is Donald Trump enacting a fascist ideology in America?
- Does America exploit its workers?
- Which social systems/institutions need to be repaired/strengthened to improve America’s culture?
- Which “isms” pose the most significant threats to American democracy?
- Which current political forms of resistance are most important to sustain American democracy?

Source Materials: Please incorporate at least five sources into your argument. One source must be *Where to Invade Next*. Another two sources must come from a library database. You choose the remaining sources. You will likely need more than five sources to make a well-informed argument, so I encourage you to enact rigorous research processes.

Rhetorical Purpose: Persuade

Rhetorical Mode: Argumentation

Genre: MLA Research Paper

Audience: Your primary audience is people who do not agree with your opinion/position.

Focus: Answer one of the questions provided in the prompt. Your argument can focus on one specific question or a combination of two or more questions.

Thesis: Your thesis statement must communicate the paper’s central claim and use a topic, position, and support model (TPS). The thesis statement should be the last sentence in the introduction.

Counter-argument/Rebuttal: Please provide at least one counter-argument and rebuttal.

Product: This assignment should be 1,500 – 2,000 words. To format the text, please 12-point font and double-spacing. Please include an original title. We will use these criteria to evaluate your project:

- _____ Your argument is directed to a clear audience.
- _____ Your argument cites at least five source materials—with the film serving as your primary source.

- ____ Your argument uses MLA style to format the paper and cite source materials.
- ____ Your argument has a clear purpose: persuade.
- ____ Your argument provides a clear TPS thesis statement.
- ____ Your argument provides at least one counterargument and rebuttal.
- ____ Your argument shows signs of careful proofreading with minimal grammatical, spelling errors.