

Part 1 of the Capstone Project

Your task for Part 1 of the Capstone Project is to select a topic and justify your choice in the Discussion Forum by discussing the main problem or issue.

It's important to choose a topic about which you feel strongly and that is personally relevant. Below you will find a list of three controversial topics to choose from. All three topics are contemporary and include both pro and con arguments. Please review the resources for all three topics carefully before deciding on your Capstone Project topic. Please note: once you select and commit to a topic, you will be unable to change it later, so choose wisely!

Choose one of the following topics:

Topic 1 -- [Gun Violence](#)

Topic 2 -- [Illegal Immigration](#)

Topic 3 -- #MeToo movement: [resource 1](#), [resource 2](#)

1. After you've read through the resources and have chosen your topic, write 2-3 paragraphs in which you justify the reasons for choosing that topic, answering the following questions:
 - Why did you select it?
 - Can you clarify or restate the main points as you initially understand them? In other words, what is the main issue at stake or the principal problem?
 - What are some of the components of that issue or problem? Try reconstructing a simple argument or two that you identified from the reading, using standard format (P₁, P₂, etc., /C).

Post your 2-3 paragraphs to the designated Discussion Forum. Then read and respond to at least two of your classmates' posts, following the instructions below.

Instructions for feedback when composing responses to your peers:

- Find one similarity and one difference between their observations and your own; and
- Pose one good critical question (see Section 1.6 in our text) that might deepen their (and your own) thinking about this issue