The General Nature of Violence

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XII. Preventing Youth Violence

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XIV. Final Examination
There are several major debates occurring in our country about how best to reduce the rising incidence of crime. Each week we shall begin the class with our own debate on one of these issues of current public policy that address violence directly or indirectly. Each student is expected to think about the topic before class each week, and to gather information through reading or discussions with others so that our class discussions will be well informed.

I. Monies for Crime Prevention vs. More Prisons

II. Gun Control vs. Free Access of Weapons

III. Drug Enforcement vs. Legalization of Drugs

IV. Capital Punishment vs. Life Imprisonment

V. Monies for Victim Assistance vs. Prosecutorial Services

VI. Community Policing vs. Mobil Strike Force Policing

VII. Exam

VIII. War as an Instrument of Public Policy

IX. Monies for Public Education vs. Vouchers for Private Schools

X. Terrorism as a voice for Public Policy

XI. Censorship in the Media vs. Free Speech

XII. Rehabilitation of Prisoners vs. Confinement Only

XIII. Traditional Values vs. Secular Values
### FBI Uniform Crime Report: Types of Offenses:

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Required Reading:


Suggested Reading:


Course Requirements: Percentage Due Date

Mid-Term Exam 25% March 1, 2012
Term Paper 25% March 22, 2012
Final Examination 25% May 3, 2012
Class Participation 25% Entire Semester

Exams

Exams will cover any assigned materials in the text, the contents of class notes, any extra readings the student may wish to include, and material from the weekly class discussions. Exams will include the definitions of key concepts and the names of scholars who have made significant contributions to the study of violence.

Term Paper

Each student is to prepare a 5-page term paper. On page 6, each student will list the 5 books that have been read. For example, Smith, J., Understanding Violence. New York: Guilford Press, 2004. The class textbooks may not be included in the 5 readings.

Each paper is to be typed, double-spaced, in 10 or 12 CIP and have 1-inch margins on all four sides of each page. Pages are to be numbered. Term papers handed in late will be penalized with the loss of one full grade for each week that the paper is late. Hard copies only.

Please Note Well:

No student shall pass this course who has not completed all three course assignments. There are no exceptions to the deadlines, and the instructor reserves the right to assign lower grades to assignments and exams which are handed in late.

Students are expected to attend class weekly and to participate in class discussion, particularly the weekly debates on violence and public policy. 25% of the final grade is left to the instructor's discretion, and is based on overall class performance. No student shall receive an "A" grade for this course who has not been an active class participant in our weekly discussions (as determined by the instructor).

Classroom Decorum

As a courtesy to our fellow classmates, all cell phones, pagers or other electronic paging devices must be turned off in class.
Suggested Readings:

Violence is a fascinating area of inquiry. The following books and articles are recommended to students who wish to examine more thoroughly the issues raised in each weekly lecture. While not required reading, the material in these books and articles would be helpful in answering questions in greater depth.

Selected Readings

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Anonymous. *Imperial Hubris: Why the West is Losing the War on Terror.* Washington, DC: Brassey’s, Inc. 2004.


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