

Paper 1: Media Quandaries

For this assignment you will choose a topic that addresses either a moral or legal problem regarding mass communication (e.g. television shows) or media technologies (e.g. the Internet). For example, your topic could address why the recent Supreme Court decision in the Verizon vs. FCC case is a problem for net neutrality. For this paper you must:

1. Provide an explanation of the problem that addresses why it is a problem and for whom it is a problem (e.g. a specific mass communication industry, society overall, or specific individuals)
2. State your specific position on the problem that takes into account the complexities of the problem
 - a. Support your position with at least two credible sources
3. Provide a solution to your problem based on class readings, discussions, or research
4. Provide a conclusion that is logically tied to information you discussed in your paper. Also address related consequences and implications to your problem.

Logistics:

Your paper should be at least two full pages (not a page and a half) and incorporate concepts and terminologies from your class readings. The body of your paper should be double-spaced (excluding name and date at top). You should use correct grammar and spelling throughout your paper and write your paper for a college-level audience. You can use either MLA or APA for this assignment but you must include a reference section that lists the sources you cited within your paper.

All written assignments will be submitted electronically to the Canvas drop box for submittal to TurnItIn, the plagiarism detection software. **You must submit a Word document in order for your assignment to be reviewed and graded.** Assignments are due electronically prior to the beginning of class the day assignments are due. Assignments are considered late if they are submitted anytime after that and will be subject to the late assignment policy detailed in the course syllabus.