**Assignment 3: Argumentative Research Paper (1st Draft)**

Your Argumentative Research Paper is your chance to take a stance on the topic you have been researching for the majority of this course. You get to enter the research conversation by using your research to support your ideas about your topic. Consider your target audience and what you hope to accomplish with this essay. For example, you might propose a solution, persuade, bring attention to an important issue, or put forth an original idea about your topic.

Requirements: 1200-1500 words, utilizing 4-6 sources;

Your first draft of your argumentative paper weights 15% of your final grade.

**Writing the Argumentative Research Paper**

Write a 1200-1500 word draft, in which you enter the conversation about your topic, take a position, and support it with at least 4-6 reliable sources. Most sources will come from your annotated bibliography, but you may use new sources that you find as your topic and project have evolved. Make full use of your research proposal and annotated bibliography.

Your Argumentative Research Paper must include:

* A clear and arguable position, AKA the thesis statement.
* Any necessary background information, which could include: why readers should care about the topic, history or definitions so that readers will understand what is being argued
* Reasons and evidence that support your position given in your thesis statement. Make sure that evidence is quoted, summarized, and paraphrased accurately, and cited correctly with in-text citations and a works cited page. Balance evidence with your own ideas about the topic.
* Acknowledge other perspectives or opposing positions.

Requirements on paragraphs:

* Each paragraph should be unified around one central topic idea, and should introduce and integrate evidence.
* Following the spirit of “they say, I say” to organize your paragraphs. That said, use your own voice and quotations to develop your paragraphs.
* Keep each paragraph to a manageable length of 150 words.
* Underline Thesis (introductory paragraph) and all Topic Sentences (body and conclusive paragraphs)

**Formatting Requirements:**

* An APA Title Page.
* An APA References page.
* Formatting: 1-inch margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
* Your draft should be as a .docx file. A link to a Google document is not acceptable.
* Upload your final draft to Blackboard on April 2, 2023.