

Multimodal Research Project (100 points) 30% of final grade

Assignment: Write a well-researched, 8.5-10 page (double-spaced; 2550-3,000 words), thesis-driven research paper on a global injustice (in a single country or city) from our class list, and a viable solution to the problem. Quote from at least 10 sources (including at least **5 scholarly articles**), and **include** a Works Cited list of all of the sources you used in the paper. Include 2 images/charts/graphics to support your analysis.



The General Outline of the paper is a “Problem-Solution” Essay.

Paper Outline:

- **Introduction (one or two paragraphs):** Your introduction should begin with a hook opener about the problem as you then **1) define and describe the problem** and **(2) justify and frame this problem** to convince your audience that the problem you’re addressing and the questions you’re asking are alive and relevant right now. You can do this by stating the 5Ws for the problem (who created it, what it is, when it first became urgent, where it has occurred/is occurring, and why it is so serious). End your introduction with a **thesis statement** arguing that **specific historical moments were the most important factors leading to the current state of the problem. Draw upon your Timeline Project here. *This is an argumentative or persuasive research paper, and your thesis should align with this rhetorical aim.***

Part I: Historical Conversations or “The History of the Problem/Injustice” (approximately 4-5 pages)

- **Body Paragraphs:** Make sure each body paragraph begins with a topic sentence arguing that a specific historical moment is one of the most important contributors to the urgent problem you’re researching. Then provide well-researched evidence to defend each topic sentence by discussing a significant scientific, cultural, financial, societal, or political event/trend in the history of the problem. Here you will **summarize and critically evaluate various conversations and debates** made by credible scholars (remember ethos?) and organizations about your topic and **describe and decipher the historical contexts of the problem at hand by locating evidence from both the past and the present** that tie the problem as we see it today to its past.
- Remember to include one (or more) piece (s) of graphic evidence in one of your body paragraphs for your appeal to ethos, pathos, or logos (you choose!). Cite and provide a caption.

Part II: Advocacy or “A Viable Solution” (approximately 4-5 pages)

- An introductory **description** of the recommended solution. Answer who, what, when, and especially how.
- Paragraphs with topics sentences that argue **why this solution is the best course of action-include causation and feasibility and others as well as image/ charts for evidence**

- **Explanation of theoretical / conceptual framework from our class readings: Benjamin, Karlberg, Nussbaum, Adichie, Miller-Muro (at least 1 of them)**
- **Address Opposition (Counterarguments) and Alternative plans**
- You must address potential support and opposition, including some **obstacles or objections to the solution or policy**, preferably by using credible **sources** which argue for or against the solution or policy, either by itself or in favor of another.
- You also must **address possible alternatives** and explain why they would not work as well or should not be the first/primary response to the problem. These alternatives should also come from sources. In analyzing them, you may choose to highlight one major alternative and consider it alongside / in parallel to your policy by using a comparative paragraphing structure. The analysis may take the form: of comparing **cost and benefit** or of comparing ability to **address root causes** or of **comparing feasibility** or of comparing the ability of the policy to **meet the needs of a variety of groups/people** at once (**comprehensiveness**).
- Image/charts for evidence (1 or more) with citation and caption

Conclusion – Finally, in the concluding paragraph to your essay, sum up the major reasons you have chosen this policy and make a final persuasive plea for action. You might choose to focus on consequences, moral principles, or pragmatic concerns. You can also make a personal connection here and include a compelling image.

Works Cited page of all 10 or more sources in MLA format. Highlight the 5 (+) scholarly sources used.