

Sociology Panel Debate/Discussion

Your group will select a social issue to investigate and present on.

Each group will have one moderator; other group members will be assigned a perspective or 'side' - it can be pro/con or a multiple of views.

Groups will be assigned.

Format:

- A. Moderator introduces topic
- B. Each perspective has opportunity to speak (up to 5 minutes each)
- C. After everyone on each side has completed their prepared comments, they can question one another.
- D. Audience questions
- E. Moderator wrap-up
- F. Opportunity to reveal true opinion by panel members

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Grade/Research Assignment:

- A. 1-2 page, single space, TNR font, 12 pt opinion paper with a minimum of four sources is required. Improper or inadequate sources will be counted against your grade.
- B. Prepared comment note cards must be turned in. It does not have to be everything you say, but reminders and notes of what you want to cover.
- C. Final reflection/group member grades must be turned in the day after the discussion/debate.
- D. If there are questions, the day of the presentation is not the day to ask.

Ideas:

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| • Affirmative action | AIDS | Alcohol & drinking |
| • Animal rights | Capital punishment | Censorship |
| • Civil rights | Drugs & drug abuse | Environmental protection |
| • Euthanasia & assisted suicide | | Gangs |
| • Gender Pay Gap | Genetic engineering | Gun control |
| • Homelessness | Homosexuality | Legalization of marijuana |
| • Organ & body donation | Pledge of Allegiance | Poverty |
| • Prayer in schools | Racial profiling | Terrorism |
| • Violence | Violence in schools | Welfare |

Post-Panel Worksheet

Name:

Topic:

NAME	GRADE	RATIONALE

Personal Reflection/Reaction: