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TO: PLSC 497 Students SUBJECT: Final Group Presentations and Final Paper
Assignment
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Group Presentations

We have now firmed up the final phases of course scheduling. The final presentations of the working groups will follow the following schedule:

- April 14: Climate Change (Group #1)
Smoking (Group # 2)
- April 21: Drunk Driving (Group # 3)
Family Planning/Contraception (Group #4)
- April 28: Labor Rights/Globalization (Group # 5)
Immigration (Group # 6)

Each group will have a maximum of 30 minutes for their presentation but should plan to leave some time for questions from the floor. Make sure to narrow your presentation to the bare outlines of what you have done. The rule of thumb is that it takes a minute at least to describe the contents of a slide, so you should shoot for 20-25 slides. A group could make handouts available to the class if it seems appropriate.

Note: All students are expected to attend each of these three sessions. We expect students who are not presenting to attend and ask questions. Missing your own presentation is not acceptable. Missing someone else's presentation is hardly any better.

Final Paper

Your final paper is due in class on April 28. Absolutely no late papers will be accepted. Early papers will be much appreciated by the instructors. Please give two copies. Also email Baumgartner an electronic copy of your paper, and each of the final group PPT shows. He may put the group projects up on the class web site for future students to marvel at.

As you work on your individual paper please touch base with one or the other instructor for advice. Remember, however, that as we near the last week of classes our response times will seriously slow since, given our experience, the volume of help requests escalates. You should already have ideas about how to do your project; talk to us!