**Final Research Paper**

Outline and Instructions

Length: Sections I. through IX. should be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 double-spaced pages with 1 inch margins on all sides. Please use a traditional (i.e. boring) font such as Times, Garamond, or Caslon. Do not use Comic Sans.

1. TITLE PAGE
   1. The title page should provide the title of the project, the date, and the partner agency
2. PROJECT SUMMARY
   1. A one-page summary of the project (see *Project Summary* form).
3. TABLE OF CONTENTS WITH PAGE NUMBERS

1. TOPIC AND ISSUE INTRODUCTION
   1. What is the problem? Describe the type of issue, the specific major issue, and sub-issues.
   2. Project selection. Briefly review the alternatives considered and the reasons for selecting the project chosen. Describe the client and the initial description of the problem or task.
2. ISSUE BACKGROUND
   1. Analyze the issue using peer-reviewed academic research.
      1. What is the history or background, the facts?
      2. What are the effects or consequences of this issue (negative and positive)?
      3. What groups, organizations, social institutions are involved?
      4. What stand and political or economic ideologies are taken by whom?
   2. You can incorporate the background section of your *Project Proposal* here (section 3).
3. CAUSES OF THE ISSUE
   1. What globalization perspectives (theories) are involved and which parties use which perspective?
   2. What global social, economic, and political factors (causes) are involved? (Who says so? Describe the research. What perspectives do they use?)
4. APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS (POTENTIAL AND TRIED)
   1. What solution(s) are proposed and by whom (groups, ideologies, perspectives)? Which causes are addressed in these solutions? Which are not?
   2. What theoretical approach do these solutions take?
   3. What solution(s) have been tried already? What solutions work? Which solutions are supported by the research?
   4. What additional issues do the solutions raise? What are some potential unintended consequences?
5. YOUR EXPERIENCE AND YOUR COMMUNITY/GLOBAL PARTNER’S APPROACH
   1. Briefly describe your community/global partner.
      1. List the agency you with which you will be working.
         1. What is their mission? Why are they an appropriate choice for your topic and general goals?
         2. What role did they play in your project?
         3. You can incorporate the Community/Global Partner section of your *Project Proposal* here (section 5).
      2. What approaches or solution(s) does your partner agency typically use?
   2. Briefly describe your project.
      1. What were the goals, what type of solution(s) did you use, and what were some of the actions you took to accomplish your goals. Be brief! You will attach your updated project proposal in the appendix.
      2. How do the solutions designed used in your project align with sociological research? Compare and contrast.
      3. Reference your project plan and evaluation as necessary. You will attach these in the appendix.
   3. What were the effects of your project? What worked? What didn’t? Why?
      1. How does this compare to what is discussed in the literature.
6. SUMMARIZE AND TAKE A PERSONAL POSITION
   1. What conclusion(s) can you draw about the issue? What are your own reactions now that you've analyzed it?
   2. What do you think would be the best approach to dealing with this issue? Why? Be sure to back up your conclusions with relevant research and data to support your view.
7. REFERENCES
8. APPENDIX
   1. Project Description
      1. Insert your *Project Proposal.*
         1. Omit sections 3, 5, and 7.
      2. Revise section 6, 8, and 9 as necessary to reflect what you actually did.
      3. Omit the references and add them (if not already included) to th main references section.
   2. Project Plan
   3. Project Evaluation Tool
   4. Project Evaluation Report
      1. Omit the evaluation tool/method (section VI. a.)