

2) First draft of policy brief:

Due to the TII.com Canvas **no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, of week 7**. As noted above, ***this is the most important deadline in this class. Please do not miss it.*** You may upload your draft early and over-write it until the deadline, but once the deadline is passed, the Canvas submission board “transforms” to a peer review board. At that point, the papers that have been submitted are randomly assigned to two students for review. If you miss the first draft submission deadline, you will also miss out on peer review. So, please upload this assignment early.

Your draft should meet the 1500-word minimum requirement, which is approximately 6 pages double-spaced, but *please use the word count feature of your word processing program to ensure that you have met this minimum requirement.* **Drafts should carefully cite (in-text citations or footnotes) all sources that were used in writing the draft.** Drafts should be submitted anonymously (do not include your name) to the Canvas board to allow for a “double-blind” review. (The classmates who review your project will not know who you are, and you will not know who your reviewers are.) At the top of the first page, please include a brief 150 abstract or executive summary of your project. (In your final draft, this will go on the cover page.) Please then label the following components and address each thoughtfully with evidence in draft form. (See below for a more detailed description of each of these, and use the final course rubric to guide your work.)

- (1) Executive Summary
- (2) Statement of the Issue/Problem
- (3) Origin/History of the Problem and Current Context
- (4) Critique of Policy Options
- (5) Preliminary Policy Recommendation (It’s understood that these will be in draft form, but the more developed they are, the more paper feedback you’ll receive.)
- (6) Bibliography – 10 high quality sources, a minimum of 5 of which must be peer-reviewed sources, the remainder may be authoritative reports, legislation, court cases, etc. Although you are highly encouraged to use news sources, these should not be included in the 10 source minimum. Please include full bibliographic information using the APSA citation style (posted to Canvas and include in-text citations or footnotes as necessary. If you have questions, please come see one of us, or post to the Canvas discussion board. Or, contact a research librarian (24/7): <https://library.ucsd.edu/ask-us/index.html>