**Assignment 4: Final Research Paper**

*General Overview*

* In the final written assignment you will construct a complete research paper from previous drafts of components and by writing a conclusion section. The conclusion should: summarize the issue and main arguments made in the introduction section (1-2 pages), summarize the findings from the empirical research (1-2 pages), your conclusions on the issue (1-2 pages), and discuss the future of the issue/potential policy implications of the issue (1-2 pages). In total your research paper should be at least 13 pages long (not including the cover page and references).
* This assignment will be worth 15% of your final grade.

*Rubric*

* In this assignment you will be graded based upon your ability to address each of the following components of the assignment:
* Combine the revised drafts of written assignments 1-3. When combining be sure that the paper is well organized (group like sources together) and that you have transitions from source to source (the paper should flow, and not be a choppy summary of each source).
* Write conclusion based upon guidelines.
* Summary of Issue and Main Arguments-

For the first section of the conclusion, summarize the issue that your paper addresses as well as discuss the main arguments of both sides. This will require a minimum of one page.

* Summary of Research Findings-

The next section of the conclusion will involve you summarizing the findings from the research you reviewed on the issue. What were the main findings from research on both sides of the issue? This will require a minimum of one page.

* Conclusion-

The next section of the conclusion will require you to provide the reader with your own conclusions on the issue. Given the research that you used explain your conclusion and the reasons that led to your conclusion. This will require a minimum of one page.

* Future Research/Policy Implications-

In the final section of the conclusion discuss where future research on your issue should go and what policy implications your conclusion would support. Given your conclusion what policies would you enact to address your issue? This will require a minimum of one page.

* Be sure to add in your combined reference section.

In total this assignment should require a minimum of 13 pages double spaced (this minimum is unlikely and most of you will have papers in excess of 20 pages double spaced), Times New Roman font, size 12. Margins should be standard 1 in. margins. Submit your assignment through SafeAssignment on Blackboard. The draft must be submitted by the start of class on 4/22/15, assignments submitted after the start of class will be assessed a late penalty of 5% for each day late (including weekends) and will only be accepted up to 3 days late.