

# Major Paper # 2: Rhetorical Analysis of Contrasting Arguments on a Single Topic Focusing on Points-at-Issue

This project is completed individually

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**Paper Due: 2 weeks after SES #8**

**Length: 1250-1750 words, ~5-7 double-spaced pages.**

Collect a representative sample of at least four articles presenting differing views on a single issue. The issue can be anything from student dining to nuclear disarmament to the War in Afghanistan. Your essay should do the following:

- Identify what points are at issue and for each issue its type (i.e. fact, definition, value, jurisdiction).
- Analyze in detail how each article argues each point-at-issue. What kinds of proofs are offered? How effective are they. Be sure to organize your discussion by specific points-at-issue. Do not organize this section article-by-article.
- What are the two or three key issues that the debate hinges upon? The answer to this question should inform most of your thesis statement in the first paragraph?
- What arguments seem to be most effective in respect to these key issues? The answer to this question should inform the conclusion to your essay.

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