

AGENDA
CRJU 2020
FALL TERM 2014
ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY

Week 1

1. Discuss course expectations, Greeting Letter, Syllabus, personal introductions, personal goals for the course.
2. Assignment: Read the Greeting Letter and bring any questions to class on Wednesday of Week 1.
3. Assignment: Read the Syllabus and bring any questions to class on Wednesday of Week 1.
4. Assignment: Complete the Student Bio Information form. Submit it at the beginning of class on Wednesday of Week 1.
5. Writing Assignment 1 (WA-1): Write a 300-word paper on your goals for the course. It will respond to the following question. *You have enrolled in this course, and you will be investing significant time into it. What are your goals for the course? What do you hope to have learned/ accomplished by the end of the term? What resources do you plan to use (e.g., instructor, Internet, college library, interviews of professionals)? What are you willing to invest in this course to achieve the goals that you have set?* Come to class prepared to discuss on Monday of Week 2. Submit at the conclusion of class. At the end of the term you will be writing a short paper that evaluates whether or not you achieved your goals. You can score up to 10 points on this assignment.
6. News clips
 - *Hints of an American retreat from capital punishment.* INYT 061714. Is the US moving closer to the European philosophy which tends to oppose the death penalty?
 - *Executions on hold after prolonged death.* INYT 072614. If the federal or state government uses the death penalty in the US, what obligation does it have to avoid violating constitutional protections regarding “cruel and unusual punishment?”
 - *French court clears doctor who helped 7 patients die.* INYT 062614. If a patient is terminally ill, do they have a right to seek the help of a physician in an assisted suicide?

- *Fraud office to pay tycoon in civil suit.* INYT 072614. If a law enforcement organization makes a mistake, what obligation do they have to repair the damage?
- *Paramedic sex attacker told women he was gay.* Daily Telegraph 071514. What should our society do when a professional person (in this case a public health professional) uses their power inappropriately (in this case to rape women)?
- *Pope begs for forgiveness for sex abuse by priests.* INYT 070814. Pope Francisco has adopted new policies regarding the concerns over sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests. Is this a matter for the church to handle, or should it be handled by the criminal law system? If a General Motors car salesman raped a young boy, should GM handle it, or should the criminal justice system handle it?
- *Bill aims to curb campus sex crime.* INYT 080114. On some college campuses, the school (rather than local police) handles criminal behavior by students. Why do we do this? If a student rapes another student on campus, the trial (if there is one) and punishment (if there is any) are likely to be milder than would be the case if the local criminal justice system handled it.
- *Panel to see if Britain covered up sex abuse.* INYT 070814. There are concerns that high ranking British officials were involved in child molestation activity between 1979 and 1999, and officials may have covered it up.
- *Fined 70 pounds, gran who stopped her car for 7 seconds.* Daily Mail 071514. Does the legal system have an obligation to create a reasonable relationship between a person's misdeeds and the penalties they pay for committing them?
- *Reigning in the drones.* INYT 979814. Traditionally, a US citizen is entitled to "due process" if they are accused of something. That usually means arrest, trial, and an opportunity to defend themselves. But the US government has been using drones (pilotless aircraft) to kill US citizens overseas who are suspected of being terrorists. Does this violate the US Constitution? Do non-citizens have similar rights and protections under the US Constitution? If an Iranian civilian is suspected of being a terrorist, is the US justified in killing that person without arrest and trial?
- *Real prohibition again.* INYT 072914. This is an editorial that favors legalization of marijuana. Criminalization of marijuana is based on the invalid premise that marijuana is addictive and a "gateway drug" to heroin and other "hard drugs." Marijuana has been illegal at the federal level for many years, and it has been illegal in most states for a long time. Meanwhile, there are over two million people in jail in the US. We have the highest incarceration rate in the world. Over half of the people in jail are there for committing non-violent drug crimes, like sale of marijuana. For a variety of reasons, many Americans believe that marijuana should be legalized.

STUDENT BIO INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Office phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Other email address: _____

What is your major at Armstrong? _____

Do you have a career objective? _____

Do you have a job? Where do you work? What do you do for them? _____
