City Governance Analysis Paper
Assignment Description
URBS 3910
Fall 2019
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Due Dates:
- TOPIC: September 8, 2019 by Midnight
- DETAILED OUTLINE: September 29, 2019 by Midnight
- FINAL PAPER: November 3, 2019 by Midnight
- Submit via the eLearn Dropbox

Length: 7-9 pages
Total Points: 100
Other Requirements:
- APA Citations REQUIRED
- 11-12 Point Font
- 1 inch margins

Please respond to the following:

TOPIC: [Due September 8th]
- Choose an American City
- Identify the key political stakeholders in the city (e.g. Mayor, City Council, key businesses and other institutions – universities, unions etc…)

DETAILED OUTLINE: [Due September 29th]
- List 5 articles discussing the history of politics in the city -- provide links and/or citations
- List 5 recent (within the last two years) discussing key political issues in the city – provide links and/or citations
- Provide basic information on the key policy issues affecting the historical development of the city.
- Provide basic information on the key policy issues currently affecting city governance.
- Provide detailed outline of your paper's planned format – list of paper sections with topics

FINAL PAPER: [Due November 3rd]

- Brief description of the city and its political system (population, demographics, key institutions, history)
- Overall description of the city's political environment, key debates shaping historical and modern governance, trends affecting political culture and identification of issues affecting future development.
    - Is the city's political environment contentious? Why or why not?
    - What are the three main issues that have historically affected political discussion (e.g. education, housing, transit, race etc…)? Defend your assessment with content from your sources.
    - In your opinion, how, if at all, do the issues of race, gender, class, and ethnicity play a role in the city's politics?
    - What urban theories does the political history, culture and environment of the city reflect? Provide examples to support your analysis.

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You will be graded based on the following →

- Punctuation, grammar, formatting
- Answering each question completely
- Choosing a comprehensive, well-developed set of articles/news stories
- Using APA Citation style
- Integrating the articles with the course readings and your personal analysis. An 'A' paper will effectively utilize the articles to support the topics (theories, issues of class and race, definition of community) we have discussed in class with your personal assessment of the media's coverage. Simply providing basic information from the sources is not an 'A' paper.