Grading Rubrics: Take A Stand Papers & Presentation (each paper is worth 5 points total)

[1] Writing quality (2 points possible)

Excellent writing skills: paragraphs have points; sentences well constructed; argument is clear from beginning to end = 2 points

Very good writing: most paragraphs have points; most sentences well constructed; but occasional lapses = 1½ points

Passable writing: paragraphs have one or more or no point, but occasionally are clear; sentences are often well constructed but sometimes not; argument is difficult if impossible to discern = ½ - 1 point

Not passable writing: spelling errors; incomplete sentences; unclear points; no argument = 0 points

[2] Content quality (3 points possible)

a)   Argument (2 points possible)

Excellent: well thought out argument; thorough research; assumptions clear and explicit; well organized and logical presentation = 2 points

Very good: argument clear; well researched; assumptions clear; presentation organized; but none of it quite sparkles = 1½ points

Good but not great: argument usually clear but not always; some research but incomplete; most assumptions clear but some not stated explicitly; presentation mostly organized but occasionally jumbled = 1 point

Passable: argument sometimes clear but often not; research skimpy; assumptions not made explicit; presentation more jumbled than organized = ½ point

Not passable: no clear argument; no research; no mention of assumptions; confusing presentation = 0 points

b)   Empirical support (table or graph) (1 point possible)

Table or graph(s) are easy to follow, clearly presented, relevant = 1 point

Table or graph(s) are mostly easy to follow but sometimes not, or relevance not clear = ½ point

Table or graph(s) are missing, or are presented in a very jumbled way = 0 points

Evaluation of Presentation (5 points possible)

Student Names _____

Clarity of presentation (of 2) Clear? Logical?	
Use of handouts/overheads (of 1)	
Presentation Style (of 1) Mumbling? Slouching? Eye contact?	
Ability to answer questions (of 1)	
Total Points (of 5)	