

Final Paper proposal

Format:

- Title
- Your Bio
- Abstract
- Known, unarguable facts (with sources) that lead to a question that matters
- The issue in the form of a simple, concise question
- A table of tradeoffs (neutral presentation of different views of solutions or directions for solutions)
- Summary of your proposed solution or direction for a solution (tentative)
- Annotated bibliography with at least 5 respectable sources

Paper Tips

- 40 page length +/- (urban legends aside, it is *quality* we are after)
- Based on rational use of authoritative sources (survey research in area)
- Clear, nontrivial issue that can be answered (refutable)
- Rational analysis of tradeoffs involving the issue
 - analytic reasoning (generalize principles and apply them)
 - synthetic reasoning (take existing work and put into a new framework)
 - experimental work (get data and test a hypothesis)
- A thorough survey or a new taxonomy may suffice
- Honest about weakness as well as strengths
- Well developed bibliography

See paper criteria for more information on what makes a good paper.