POLIT 100 Assignment #3: Prof. Hellerman

Media Content Research ("News, Analysis, Opinion, Right-wing and Left-wing")

Assignment #3 requires you to find written pieces in the mass media relating to a particular issue, (Hint: <u>K.I.S.S.</u>!) according to the following criteria: ALL have to do with **the same issue**, and all <u>MUST</u> be from within **the past year**. The <u>news piece</u> <u>MUST derive from a daily newspaper that prints a hard copy</u> in addition to having a website.

For this assignment you need to find a total of **five items.** Fill out the **other side of this page**, and **staple the <u>hand-labeled</u> articles** with <u>**that side face-up**</u> to this piece of paper (**IN ORDER!**):

- 1. One straight "news" piece from an American daily newspaper.*
- 2. One Opinion piece that expresses the <u>Right-Wing opinion of the author</u>. No letters to the editor!
- 3. One Editorial Cartoon depicting a **<u>Right-Wing</u>** opinion on the issue.
- 4. One Opinion piece that expresses the <u>Left-Wing opinion of the author</u>. No letters to the editor!
- 5. One Editorial Cartoon depicting a <u>Left-Wing</u> opinion on the issue.

Many useful links for publications (many acceptable sources for #'s 1 and 2 have an asterisk*) may be found on **Prof. Hellerman's Personal Page under "Media Sources**".

To determine where <u>sources</u> stand (i.e., Center, Right-Wing, Left-Wing), utilize the "**ad fonts media**" website (which may be found on Prof. Hellerman's Personal Page under "**Media Sources**"); note: some sources may include articles from the opposite viewpoint):

https://www.adfontesmedia.com/

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IMPORTANT: THIS IS AN "ALL OR NOTHING" ASSIGNMENT"! GET THE FULL 10 POINTS OR GET ZERO! YOU MUST HAVE THE CORRECT ITEMS FOR ALL SIX: The <u>news and "news analysis" articles must be from a daily</u> <u>newspaper that publishes a hard copy; all six</u> items must all be from <u>WITHIN THE</u> LAST YEAR; all six must have to do with same issue (Hint: K.I.S.S.!); and the information for all six <u>must be filled out correctly</u>, OR YOU WILL RECEIVE NO CREDIT AT ALL (That's ZERO/"0") for this assignment!

Staple ALL of the above items together, <u>IN ORDER</u>, to this sheet: <u>Other side</u> <u>up</u>! That means that the other side of this piece of paper should be on top; that's the side on which you will fill in and write your name and section. Okay? <u>YOU WILL LOSE</u> <u>ALL POINTS IF YOU DON'T DO IT THAT WAY!</u> PROPERLY fill in ALL of the information required on the other side of this piece of paper and label each item accordingly (<u>or receive no credit</u>!). **ISSUE** (all five items MUST deal w/ the same issue. AGAIN: K.I.S.S!):

The issue examined here is:

1. **NEWS ITEM ARTICLE** (title; author/byline; publication; date; website, if applicable)

2. <u>**RIGHT-WING</u> OPINION/EDITORIAL** (title; author/byline; publication; date; website, if applicable)</u>

3. <u>**RIGHT-WING</u>** CARTOON (cartoonist; publication; date; website, if applicable)</u>

4. <u>LEFT-WING</u> OPINION/EDITORIAL (title; author/byline; publication; date; website, if applicable)

6. <u>LEFT-WING</u> CARTOON (cartoonist; publication; date; website, if applicable)