Research Paper

Choose a topic from the list below. Type your paper following MLA style guidelines. No stipulation in length, just be long enough to be good. Use at least 5 different sources. *Italicize your hook*, **bold your thesis**, and underline the opposing view so that you and I both know you have those tricky elements in your paper. PAPER IS DUE SEPT. 28.

**Cheap labor** U.S. companies that move factories to undeveloped nations barely pay employees enough to live on. Is it unethical to pay cheap wages or are companies doing those workers a favor?

**Fitness programs** Should companies allow employees to exercise on work time?

**Athletes in high schools** Should shoe companies be able to give away free shoes and equipment to **high school athletes?**

**Dirt Bikes** Is there a more reliable brand that everyone should buy? What performance aspects should a buyer take into consideration?

**Grades** In some European schools, fewer than 10% of students get A’s. Is there grade inflation in the U.S.? Why so many A’s for Americans?

**Climate change** Is global warming a hoax? Is it being exaggerated?

**Wind energy** Is wind energy really that cheap? Is it effective? Is it practical?

**Airport security** Should the government use invasive pat-downs and body scans to ensure passenger safety or are there better methods?

**Health care crisis** Most developed nations have universal health coverage. Why doesn’t the U.S., the wealthiest nation, have it?

**Moms** Should stay-at-home moms get a salary from the government?

**Fast food** Are we taking it too far by blaming fast-food restaurants for obesity? When is it individual responsibility and when is it appropriate to place blame?

**Vaccines** Should parents avoid vaccinating their children?

**Social anxiety** How is it different from shyness? And, are we a society of anxiety?

**College athletics** Should college athletes be paid?

**Civil disobedience** Is breaking the law for a cause justifiable?

**Beauty contests** Do they serve any purpose in society?

**Gun Control** Should there be stricter laws to get possession of a gun? Are current laws providing terrorists ammunition?

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