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Participation in Government

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This outline is a work in progress but there is enough here to serve the purpose of providing you with an example. Please refer to the OWL at Purdue for more help.

Developing an Outline: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/544/1/>

Keep in mind that writing is a process and you should edit your paper several times.

Outline Sample

Thesis: President Obama's expansion of President Bush's counterterrorism efforts is constitutional and necessary.

Part I: Drones

Main Argument 1

Drones are an effective and legal tool in the War on Terror.

Supporting Details

A. Effective

1(CQR essay – Anderson)

- Targeted killing
- Less civilian casualties = more humanitarian

2 (60 Min Clip)

- Can spy (enables us to carry out targets strikes and protect troops)

B. Legal (CQR essay – Anderson)

1 Military – attacks against combatants

2 CIA – self-defense

3 We can attack people in nations even if we are not at war w/ those nations if those nations are lawless.

Weaknesses of Counterargument

- A. (CQR essay – Anderson) It causes civilian deaths is a weak argument b/c less civilians are killed this way then through the alternative, a “rolling artillery barrage”
- B. (CQR essay – Anderson) Claim that drones enable U.S. to use violence without exposing us to it is nonsensical
- C. (CQR essay) O’Connell argues lethal force can only be used in an armed conflict – so use of drones anywhere but Afghanistan is illegal (this is weak because it is a War on Terror and Afghanistan is just one theatre of the fighting)
- D. (CQR essay) O’Connell...CIA is conducting the drone strikes, and not the military, is unlawful because the CIA technically has no right to kill in combat (Since when? CIA has been doing this stuff for years and it is working)