

Term Paper and it's Component Parts:

Introduction: In this section, your core task is to frame a position for a larger piece of work. Your goal is to build a case as to the vitality of choosing your crime for analysis. In it, you will lay out a road map and prescription of analysis (one page). You should have roughly five sources to build your case.

Background Research: The research section is designed to analyze and pull together all of the empirical research that has been conducted on your topic. It is to your advantage to organize this section in a comprehensive and organized manner. Once you have read through the material, the last paragraph should spell out two or three key questions that you will analyze in the remaining sections of this project. You should find 5-10 academic references for this section (2-4 pages).

Data and analysis: In this section, your task is to examine data. There should be two, and maybe three, forms used. First, you should identify the historical trends and directional patterns of this crime. Second, you should be able to spell out the social, demographic, and criminal history predictors of this administrative issue. Finally, you should dig deeply into the data (even qualitative types) to tell a story. The data will directly impact the nature of your policy recommendation later (two pages).

Final Paper, Implications and Recommendations: In this section, and based upon all of your previous work, what are the social, political, and theoretical implications of your findings. Based upon a thorough examination of your own work, what do you recommend as a criminal justice policy for this crime? (5-7 pages)(100 points).

Some words of advice: In order to write an effective paper, you will need to do some research beyond your textbook. The key to writing a successful paper is to make sure you thoroughly address each core component in your paper. Papers are expected to be in APA format, double spaced, with a title and reference page.