Employment Issues in the 2016 Presidential Election

Over the next few days, we will be researching the issues with employment that the candidates for the 2016 presidential election are facing.

These issues include (but are not limited to):

- Minimum Wage
- Healthcare
- Maternity Leave
- Social Security
- Unemployment benefits
- Income Tax
- Gender income inequality
- Racial income inequality
- Unemployment Rates

For this assignment, you will be responsible for researching the issue of your choosing as well as two presidential candidates’ stances on the issue. Ultimately, you want to make a case for what you believe in, with at least one mathematical argument. This can be in the form of a graph, statistics, or any mathematical fact that backs up your belief. When doing this research, be sure to look for valid sources and cite them appropriately in MLA format!

Let’s break this down...

- **Step 1:** Choose your topic of interest: ________________________________

- **Step 2:** Introduce your topic! Write a paragraph or two answering the following questions:
  - Why is this topic a current issue?
  - What are the implications of this topic?
  - Is this unique to the US or are there many developed countries struggling with this issue?
  - Include any other details that are relevant to your research!

- **Step 3:** Choose two presidential candidates that you’re interested in:

  ________________________________ and ________________________________

  - What are these candidates saying about the issue?
  - Do they have plans for improving policy regarding this issue?
  - Include any relevant details! *(And be sure to CITE your information!)*

- **Step 4:** What do you think? What should the next president do to make this country better? Write your own 1-2 paragraph analysis of the better policy ideas. If you fully agree with one candidate explain why. If you disagree with both, and have your own opinion – justify it! This is where you include your mathematical argument, so there should be statistics, a graph, or another mathematical justification for your reasoning. Remember to CITE your evidence!
(Individual Reflection)

1. After discussion with your classmates, what is one new viewpoint you had not considered about your issue?

2. What other current employment issues interest you?

3. What is one question that still remains on your mind?

4. Did you learn anything new about any of the presidential candidates for the November election?

5. Why is it important to research a candidate’s policy ideas before voting?