#### PAPER AND PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROUPS

- 1. You should work together to formulate your presentation, but I expect you to read different articles for you paper and presentations. That is, for your paper and presentation you are to read and cite different articles than your partner. You will both read the Issue Chapter in the book, but your other readings should be different.
- 2. You don't have to show your partner your entire hand. That is, you may find some evidence/support for one side of the issue that you don't necessarily want to share with your partner that may help you make your case in the debate.
- 3. **PRESENTATION:** You must use power point for your presentation. Merely reading you points and counterpoints off of cue cards is not enough. You need to work with your partner to develop a presentation which introduces your issue and then covers both sides of it. You can add other media to your presentation (e.g., video, audio, or other visual stimuli).
- 4. **PRACTICE**: I suggest that you practice with your partner. During this practice you should each take a turn arguing each side of the issue. I also suggest that you practice with friends or family having them read the issue chapter in your text and then arguing both sides of the issue with them. This will help you gauge possible arguments from other members of the class and will help you write your paper and make it different from your partner.
- 5. You are to work **INDEPENDENTLY** on your **PAPERS.** I do not want two papers that are very similar. To ensure this read different articles and incorporate your own experiences, opinions, and ideas about how the different sides of the issue relate to theory and/or concepts discussed in your book.

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# **TOPICS FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

## **INFANCY**

- 1. Is institutional child care beneficial to children?
- 2. Does maternal employment have negative effects on infant's development?
- 3. Should scientist be allowed to clone children?
- 4. Do federal laws make transracial adoptions more commonplace?

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

- 5. Is spanking detrimental to children?
- 6. Are fathers really necessary?
- 7. Does divorce create long-term negative effects for children?
- 8. Is viewing television violence harmful for children?

# MIDDLE CHILDHOOD

- 9. Does Marriage improve living standards for children?
- 10. Do children who are home schooled have a limited view of society?
- 11. Is television viewing responsible for the rise in childhood obesity?
- 12. Do Bilingual education programs help non-English speaking children succeed?
- 13. Is gay adoption and foster parenting healthy for children?
- 14. Should the HPV vaccination be mandatory for girls in later childhood?

### **ADOLESCENCE**

- 15. Are male teens more aggressive than female teens?
- 16. Is abstinence-only sex education the best way to teach about sex?
- 17. Is the internet a safe place for teens to explore?