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“Internationalizing the Curriculum” 2021-2022

This assignment is designed for my course, “Race, Gender, and Medicine in U.S. History.”

Our course has been focused primarily on United States history. This assignment asks you to apply what you have learned in our course to similar debates or issues in another country.

1) Choose one of the following topics:

- Prevention and control of tuberculosis
- Pharmaceutical testing and approval
- Funding and availability of health insurance

2) Find two newspaper or magazine articles that cover how any country other than the United States has addressed the topic you have chosen. Both articles must be about the same country. The articles can be historical or contemporary, but they should both be written within 5 years of each other. The articles may be written in any language.

3) Write an essay in which you analyze your two articles to describe how a country other than the United States has approached the issue you have chosen. Several of these topics may include interventions at various levels of government (e.g. federal, state/provincial, local). You may choose to write about any of these levels as long as your choice is consistent for both countries. Using our course material, compare the policy decisions of your chosen country to those of the United States. What kinds of policies, regulations, or laws govern this issue in each country? How are they similar or different? What kinds of questions or debates surround this topic in each country? How have the histories of each country shaped their approach to the issue?

You must cite at least one reading from our course in addition to the two articles that you have found. As with our primary source analysis assignment from earlier in the semester, you may wish to reflect on the articles themselves as sources, considering such questions as the intended audience of the publication, the genre and goal of the article, the political or ideological slant of the publication, the context in which the article appeared, etc.

Keep in mind the research databases and resources that we discussed in class. To find articles, you may wish to use Wordpress.org, which provides news sources from a wide range of countries. You also may wish to use OneSearch, ProQuest Historical Newspapers, or the online archives of specific publications. A link to the library’s Research page is here:

<https://www.wesleyan.edu/libr/research/index.html>

The paper must be 4-5 pages in length, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, written in 12-point font. You must use citations for any sources, including our class readings. The citations can be in any professionally recognized academic style (e.g. Chicago, MLA, APA, etc.). Papers will be graded on whether you fulfilled the requirements of the assignment, quality of the analysis, and quality of the writing itself, including grammar and mechanics.

Objectives

- Students will develop or practice research skills in order to learn about historical or contemporary events in another country.
- Students will compare historical or contemporary policies of the United States and another country with regard to their chosen issue in medicine or public health, thinking about how different histories or governments may lead to different policy outcomes.