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| **Content and Development 50 Points** |
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| All key elements of the assignment are covered in a substantive way.* Student fully addresses the prompt for the assignment.
* The body of the paper is at least 4 pages.
* There are at least six credible and persuasive sources used to support the stance the student choses to take.
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| The content is comprehensive, accurate, persuasive, and insightful. |
| Major points are stated clearly. They are supported by specific details, examples, or analysis. Source material and student’s opinion are woven throughout the paper. Organization is logical and compelling. |
| The introduction provides sufficient background on the topic and previews major points that will be addressed in the body of the paper. |
| The conclusion is logical, flows from the body of the paper, and reviews the major points. It provides the reader with a helpful and natural end to the paper.  |
| **Readability and Style 30 Points** |
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| Paragraph transitions are present, logical, and maintain the flow throughout the paper. |
| The tone is appropriate to the content and assignment.  |
| Sentences are complete, clear, and concise. |
| Sentences are well constructed with consistently strong style. |
| The scope of the paper is established early on and is consistent throughout. |
| **Mechanics 20 Points** |
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| The paper, including the title page and reference page, follows APA formatting guidelines. |
| Citations of original works within the body of the paper follow APA guidelines. |
| The paper is laid out with effective use of headings (optional), font styles, and white space. |
| Rules of grammar and punctuation are followed.  |
| Spelling is correct. |
| **Total 100 Points** |