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## **Abstracts from the 2015 Oklahoma Research Day**

**Held at Northeastern State University**

### **04. Liberal Arts**

### **08. Political Science**

#### **04.08.01 How v. Hallito: A Content Analysis of Native Americans Portrayed in Political Cartoons**

**Tiffany,Postoak** *East Central University*

The research conducted in this paper was to see how Native Americans are portrayed in political cartoons in the mainstream media. About 50 cartoons were found in the Cagle archive using specific search terms related to Native American issues. The cartoons were analyzed using content analysis. The data demonstrate that most of the time stereotypes are used in cartoons of Native Americans, Native are portrayed as very passive political actors, and that many recent cartoons relate to the issue of using terms like "Redskins" as a sports mascot.

#### **04.08.02 The Game of Chicken: game theory and its possible applications**

**RaLyssa,Taylor** *Northwestern State University*

This presentation will explore the world of game theory in political science. The research will be used to demonstrate the effectiveness of game theory on solving a simple question. It will, more precisely, attempt to provide the observer with the most opportune moment in which to engage in a particular behavior given a set of predetermined options. The research will then be applied to additional potential situations involving modern geopolitical matters such as terrorism and global security matters.

#### **04.08.03 CRISIS IN CORRECTIONS-THE IMPACT OF THE "TRUTH IN SENTENCING ACT OF 1999 ON THE OKLAHOMA CORRECTIONS SYSTEM.**

**Dan,Brown** *Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

THIS PRESENTATION WILL EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF THE "TRUTH IN SENTENCING ACT" PASSED IN OKLAHOMA IN 1999. THE FOCUS OF THE PRESENTATION WILL BE ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF REQUIRING FELONY OFFENDERS TO SERVE 85% OF THEIR SENTENCE INSIDE A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA; THE PRESENTATION WILL EXAMINE THE ISSUES OF PRIVATE PRISONS, PRISON OVERCROWDING, RIOTS, AND INMATES ESCAPING FROM OKLAHOMA CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES SINCE 1999.

#### **04.08.04 "Use of Deadly Force;Justicifiable Homicide or Injustice"**

**Claudia,Parker** *Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

This presentation will exam several cases where deadly force was employed by law enforcement on unarmed civilians. Cases to be examined included Trayvon Martin, Luis Rodriguez and Micheal Brown. The presentations will contain an analysis of the justifiable use of deadly force.

#### **04.08.05 Supreme Court Oral Argument: Policy, Facts, Hypotheticals, or Law?**

**Christine,Pappas** *East Central University*

**Skylar,Riddle** *East Central University*

Supreme Court Oral Argument: Policy, Facts, Hypotheticals, or Law? The Supreme Court decided cases in part based on the oral argument provided by the parties. During the 2013 Term, the Supreme Court heard oral argument on 70 cases. This research uses audio recordings and transcripts to classify what actually occurred during oral argument. Many would assume that the Justices would speak only about law. Using content analysis, this research quantifies the amount of time and words spent not only on law and precedent, but facts, hypothetical situations, and policy. We also examine whether members of the Court or the oral advocates are more likely to initiate each type of exchange.

#### **04.08.06 "CHAOS IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT"**

**Mary,Iliff** *Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

THIS PRESENTATION WILL EXAMINE THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN THE LETHAL INJECTION PROCESS IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA. THE OKLAHOMA STATUTES REQUIRE DRUG PROTOCOLS USING THREE DIFFERENT DRUGS TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION. THE PRESENTATION WILL ANALYZE THE INCREASING DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THESE REQUIRED DRUGS AND THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH THE 8TH AMENDMENT WHICH PROHIBITS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT.

#### **04.08.07 Social and Political Empowerment of Women in the MENA and Sub Saharan Africa as a means of acquiring political voice**

**Cheryl, Van Den Handel** *Northeastern State University*

This paper, the second in a series, focuses on the differences between social and political efficacy of women's movements in the MENA and Sub-Saharan Africa, with emphasis placed on women's social and political empowerment. How do we define "empowerment"? How do women in the third world move from the work of empowering themselves to finding their political voices, in a collective sense, and how do they use it to make social and political gains? Demonstrated here are the transformational qualities and characteristics of women's empowerment on the acquisition of social and political voice, or efficacy.

#### **04.08.08 A Comparison of Arguments for and Against Agriculture Subsidies in the Context of the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill**

**Marisa, Molnar** *Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

The success of agriculture subsidies has long been disputed by economists and policy makers. And the 2014 U.S. Farm Bill, the newest iteration of long standing, but ever changing set of subsidies started in 1933 with the New Deal, has not been excluded from these criticisms. The bill's creators claim that this bill will close the loopholes, expand crop insurance, and improve upon its 2008 predecessor, but will these changes be enough to combat the tide of public opinion in an environment where controlling the budget and shrinking deficit have moved to the forefront of many voter's minds? I intend to study and compare the arguments for and against agriculture subsidies, while presenting what evidence the bill has for its defense.