

Student Congress Bill Instructions



1. **Choose** a contemporary controversial issue from the topics listed in class. (Two-three students per bill.)
2. **Research** your chosen topic and take notes. Notes can be taken according to the index card method or adapted by photocopying and highlighting printed materials. **You must use at least three different sources.** Research must be cited in the bill using MLA parenthetical citation method. Research should be as up to date as possible. Save research notes for class use later.
3. **Write a U.S. Congressional Bill** which states specifically what the controversial issue is, where it has occurred or is occurring, specific reasons why something needs to be done, and what you would like the Congress to do to help solve the problem. **DUE**

Model Congressional Bill: The Rights of the Unborn:

Whereas: Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in the U.S.

Whereas 27 per 1000 U.S. women of childbearing age have induced abortions each year("Abortion" n.p.);

Whereas this rate is higher than in any other industrialized Western nation ("Abortion" n.p.);

Whereas opponents of legal abortion believe that human life begins at conception, and therefore, is the intentional killing of a human being and morally wrong("Abortion" n.p.);

Whereas the right to life belongs to all; "every human has honor, has dignity, and has something unique to contribute to society"(Atteberry 1);

Whereas Phyllis Schlafly, head of the Republican National Coalition for Life, stated that politicians cannot afford to waver on such a "high moral principle"("The G.O.P. Splits on the Abortion Plank"24);

Be it hereby enacted by this student congress that

1. Roe v. Wade be revoked.

2. Legal abortion is limited to when the mother's life is in danger as determined by two independent doctors, or when the woman is a victim of rape, as determined by the examining doctor at the time of the reported rape which must be reported within 24 hours of the alleged rape.

Works Consulted

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