**Research Project Proposal**

**1. Topic:**

What specific issue will you address in your research project?

Why does it merit your study and analysis?

In what ways is it relevant to our course­?

In what ways is your approach to researching the topic original?

What do you expect to get out of your research? / What will it demonstrate or prove about the topic?

**2. Thesis:**

Spell out the thesis of your research and speculate about the research outcome. (You should have background knowledge about your topic to state the thesis in a couple of sentences.) What questions will guide you in your search?

**3. Terminology:**

What are the concepts supporting your discussion? What theoretical works studied in our course frame it?

**4. Evidence:**

Identify where and from whom you plan to gather your primary data, and present evidence that you’ve collected them. Explain the method you will use in data gathering (participant observation, interviews, questionnaires, text analyses, simulated situations, tests, et al.).

Explain the process of pursuing your research and strategy to demonstrate accuracy of your thesis.

**5. Conclusion and implications:**

If your thesis is accurate, what does it imply for our understanding of the topic? Argue for your thesis’ significance.

In what other courses and studies could you draw on this research?

**6. Sources/ Bibliography**

Identify the relevant classroom and other secondary sources. List the primary documents you plan to draw on (media discourse, surveys, etc.).