

Assigned: Friday, September 22, 2006  
Due: First draft: Friday, September 29, 2006 (inbox only)  
Final draft: Wednesday, October 4, 2006  
Submission: Pogo's inbox AND hardcopy  
Filename: ProCon####.doc  
Format: Word document, 10 point times roman font, double spaced.  
Length: 4 pages

Topic: Choose a specific technology\* that is in common use today, which impacts our society, environment, government, law, educational methodology, personal communication, family structure, safety, security, leisure, inventiveness, business, busyness, health, lifespan, adaptability, independence, interdependence, and/or national cohesion. Decide whether you believe this technology (or some specific application of this technology, or some specific law regarding this technology) is a good (useful/worthwhile/necessary) invention, or whether any of the above areas would be better without its existence.

You need to have a *firm* overarching opinion of the technology (good or bad), but you may acknowledge that the technology has both pros and cons.

Once you have chosen your technology, and your overall pro/con position, you need to discuss at least three major areas of impact that support your opinion (i.e., three areas from the above list). For each of these areas, you need to provide persuasive evidence concerning the impact of your chosen technology. You may choose a 'pro' position only if there is already, in the real world, a relevant "con" position.

\*Instead of a technology, you may argue about the competitive nature of humanity. If so, you need to include an argument about practical ways to encourage or stifle the competitive impulse, in accordance with your pro- or con- decision.

When you choose a topic, you must have it approved by me. Send me your suggestion by email, and I will answer you by email, in order of time received. No two identical topics will be approved, although a pro- and a con- position of the same topic will be acceptable.

Example Thesis: The invention of the quatloo was unfortunate, because it damaged the consistency of law enforcement policies, polluted the environment, and ensured that family members could no longer coexist peacefully.

Bibliography: As needed. You need a source for each fact you cite. You may cite printed material. The only web material you may cite for this paper is wikipedia. Use your Pocket Keys to help you format your bibliography.