

Assigned: Friday, October 6, 2006
Due: First draft: Monday, October 16, 2006 (inbox & Hardcopy!)
The first draft will be graded!
Final draft: Wednesday, October 25, 2006
Submission: Pogo's inbox AND hardcopy
Filename: Law####.doc
Format: Word document, 10 point times roman font, double spaced.
Length: 5 pages maximum

Topic: Choose and research a specific law that you think should be changed. You may choose a law that affects businesses, government agencies, or individuals. You may choose a local, state, or federal law. You may choose a law that affects safety, money, the environment, business, education, communication, family structure, security, leisure, or health. Alternatively, you may choose to discuss the *interpretation* of any specific law as rendered by the U.S. Supreme court.

Discuss the deficiencies in the law (or its interpretation) as it exists now, and how it should be changed. You may NOT simply suggest that a particular law be stricken. Instead, you must indicate how the law could be improved. You should suggest more than one simultaneous improvement. Improvements can address issues such as enforcement, cost, reasonableness, the typical punishment for violations, etc.

The following web site is a useful place to help look up specific laws:

http://www.alllaw.com/state_law_search/

Fake Example Thesis Paragraph (no, this law does not really exist):

In Nevada, statute NRS987.1234 was enacted with the intention of minimizing tax fraud. This law requires small business owners to record the identities of all their customers, including internet customers. However, this law violates the civil rights of customers, places an unnecessary and expensive burden on law abiding business owners, and is virtually impossible to enforce at a reasonable cost. This law should be changed so that business owners merely have to record, on a quarterly basis, the total number of customers, the total sales in dollars, and the amount of sales made to out-of-state customers making internet purchases. Additionally, this information should be directly recorded quarterly on schedule Q of the tax form, instead of requiring the weekly use of form NVZ3482, which the current law requires.

Bibliography: As needed. You need a source for each fact you cite. You may cite any printed material. You may cite any government web site (that is, a web site that ends in **.gov**, as opposed to **.com**). You may cite wikipedia. Use your Pocket Keys to help you format your bibliography.