

SPORTS AND DISCRIMINATION: THE DARK SIDE OF THE BLACK ICE HOCKEY

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Abstract

This paper focuses on the connection between the National Hockey League and the black ice hockey players. Despite the fact that ice hockey is a major sport in America and Canada, not many black players compete in the league. The question posed by this paper is, "What factors are keeping black ice hockey players from playing in the National Hockey League?" This paper argues that there are different causes of discriminations in the National Hockey League which are keeping the black players from playing in the league. This paper will cover various aspects of ice hockey, primarily focusing on various factors which kept black players off the ice in the National Hockey League.

AN EXPLORATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH AMERICAN AND THE LONG ROAD TO THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

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Abstract

In 1993, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was constructed in Washington DC. Originally, Washington DC was official business grounds, so no one could build a building there unless the building plan was authorized by Congress. However, the plan of building the museum was passed unanimously. To begin with, why did the plan of constructing the museum suddenly come into play? It was because both the government side and the Jewish-American side had an ulterior motive.

The History of Negative Campaigns An Exploration of the Negative Campaign and the Effects

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Abstract

The interesting point of elections in the United States are the negative campaigns. From the local election to the presidential election, many negative advertisements have been made over the past fifty years. However, there are many risks because negative campaigns can have a bad influence upon the candidate's image. When and how did the negative campaigns start? What are the effects of negative campaigns? This paper will focus on the history and effects of the negative campaigns. In 1952, negative campaign were started by Stevenson, and after that, many negative advertisements have been made. Using negative advertisement moderately can be a great strategy to win the poll, so that's why negative campaigns have been going on for a long time.

An Exploration of Presidential Leadership

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Abstract

What are the leadership qualities that a successful president should have? To analyze how successful leadership works, this paper will focus on the political accomplishments of past presidents, how they dealt with circumstances and the people around them effectively, and how they used their qualities successfully to achieve good leadership during their presidency. The first chapter of this paper will observe the main qualities they possess to seek what the required qualities are for being a successful political leader, for example, qualities and behavior of a successful political leader, and the environment he is in. The second chapter of this paper will pick up two presidents, Lyndon B. Johnson and Ronald Reagan because these two leaders embody the qualities and skills described in section 1 and are good examples of successful presidential leaders. In conclusion, discovery of the correct balance of leadership for any given time would be needed for being a successful political leader, and discernment of the historical possibilities by analyzing historical achievements and presidents in the past would provide guidance for seeking which feature of leadership should be exercised effectively.

How to Become a First Lady: An Exploration of the Role of First Lady in the White House and How She Supports the Success of Her Husband's Administration

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Abstract

In the old day, people didn't pay much attention to the first lady as compared to the president. But Hillary Clinton was different from all of other first ladies because she supported her husband actively in order to make him become the president and make his administration successful. This paper will consequently focus on the first lady Hillary Clinton to explore the first lady's role and how she supported her husband in order to become the ideal first lady and keep being a successful first lady. Moreover, this paper shows the type of personality and elements needed for a first lady like Hillary Clinton.

VANCOUVER THROUGH THE 2010 XXI OLYMPIC
WINTER GAMES: WHAT PROBLEMS DID VANCOUVER
CITY HAVE WHEN HOSTING THE WORLD SPORT
EVENT?

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Abstract

This paper is focused on the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games to explore the reason why Vancouver city got the lowest support for hosting the Olympic Games among the three final candidates from the viewpoint of the bad historical memory of the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games and the current social issues such as homelessness.

Conflict in Hip Hop: Beef Between East and West Coast

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Abstract

Hip hop is not just a type of music, but a culture. It has influenced society because the messages contained in the lyrics are about real life, and reflect Hip hop artists' dissatisfaction with society. This paper focuses on the concept of “beef” in Hip hop. In chapter one, we will examine Hip hop history since the 1970s and how it developed as music. Chapter 2 will discuss "beef" as an aspect of Hip hop culture. In chapter three, we will look at two key figures in Hip hop, Notorious B.I.G. and 2Pac, and review how their “beef” developed from friends to enemies. This paper will also explore the media's coverage of the beef between these two famous musicians.

Asian American Women and their Controlled Images in the
Media: The Exploration of Asian American Stereotypes
Created by the American Media and How the Stereotypes
Affect Asian American Women

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Abstract

This paper will explore the stereotypes of Asian Americans created in the white dominant American society. The skewed images of Asians have been created from its historical background in America, from the period of immigration. They also have been shown and exaggerated in the American media. The impact of prevailing images of Asian Americans is very significant, concealing the actual Asian American condition. This paper will especially focus on Asian American women who have been vulnerable in American society.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN AMERICA: CAN CHARTER SCHOOLS BE A CRITICAL TOOL FOR EDUCATION REFORM?

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Abstract

Today, American education is not in good condition. Research from OECD shows that the U.S. rank 26th in math and 20th in science in the year of 2003. This is decreasing year by year. To rebuild this failing public education, a new education system called charter schools has begun to show up around America. In this paper, I will examine whether charter school can change the American education by improving academic achievements.

Why does America still have Ghettos?

Mikako Narita

Abstract

There are “legacies” of racial discrimination in America today, and black people are still suffering from these “legacies”. This paper will focus on the ghettos where black people have been forced to live in by covering its organization, joblessness and biases in the ghettos, and governmental policies for ghettos.

PRESIDENTS AND THE BIBLE: WHY DO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES SAY THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH BY PLACING THEIR HANDS ON THE BIBLE?

Satoru Kouyama

Abstract

This paper aims to figure out the importance of the Holy Bible in American politics and what lies behind the long tradition of taking the oath of office by swearing upon the Bible. This would probably seem very odd to see the religious act of swearing on a Bible in a country where there is supposed to be a separation of politics and religion. What meaning does this custom have under the principle of the separation of politics and religion? To solve this complex subject, this paper focuses on the existence of American civil religion. Although matters of personal religious belief, worship, and association are considered to be strictly private affairs, there are, at the same time, certain common elements of religious orientation that the great majority of Americans share. And these have played crucial roles in the development of the United States, and given a religious dimension to all frames of life in the United States including the politics. The concept of American civil religion supports to find out the inner role of the Inaugural Ceremony of the President of the United States.

National Power of Manga and Japanimation: Effectiveness and Limitation of Subculture as Soft Power

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Abstract

Japanese animations and comic books have become so widespread in the world now; it is possible to find Japanese subculture products in almost any foreign country. So it is questionable whether this subculture could be used for international diplomacy. This paper will focus on how the Japanese subcultures are affecting the Americans in terms of “soft power”. The paper’s first section explores the basic background information and present situation of the use of “soft power” in a country Japan. It also explores the relation between the Japanese soft power and subcultures. The second section of this paper explores how much power the Japanese subculture holds as a national power, by actually interviewing Center of Japanese Studies (CJS) students of the Nanzan University. By revealing the effectiveness and limitation of Japanese subculture as a soft power, the paper will conclude that the Japanese subculture as soft power is effective in specific areas, although it is often out of the control of Japanese people in the way that it is effective.