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**Exploratory Paper Draft**

Topic #1: Death Penalty

For this topic I really want to explore the different views that people have on capital punishment in the United States compared to all of the other 1st world countries on the globe. I want to see how different the publics moral perception is on this kind of punishment in and out of the U.S. I want to look at statistics and information that shows when other nations in the world abolished their death penalty if they ever had one and then show how many people commit violent crimes in that area compared to here in the U.S. since one of the major arguments for capital punishment is the idea that it is a deterrent for criminals.

Topic #2: Child Trafficking

In this topic I want to focus on the numerous 3rd world countries that export young children for the purpose of selling them to prostitution rings. This issue is extremely important and should be addressed much more often due to how constant of a problem this is. I think just to make it more close to home I’d bring up stats about how many of these cases happen in the United States. The only issue I have with this topic is that it is very dark, that’s the only thing making me wary of taking it on in full.

Topic #3: Government Torture

This topic is the one that seems most interesting to me. I want to focus on the types of torture that occur illegally by governments. With your suggestion one of the main focuses if I go with this topic in full is the torturing of prisoners to gain information. Whether it is prisoners from foreign regimes or those who have information on American crimes. This topic is very important because of the numerous laws levied against torture all over the world and even with that the amount of it that occurs should be staggering to the general public. It is a violent and immoral act and deserves more attention.