

Group IO Presentation: Handout and Presentation Guidelines

Proposal: TBA ***Handout: Must be submitted to D2L drop box 48 hours in advance of presentation date

Premise: In groups arranged by the instructor, students will become experts in an International Organization (from the list below) and present it to their fellow classmates.

Organizations to choose from:

Group of 8
North Atlantic Treaty Org
African Union

World Trade Org
Amnesty Intl

World Health Org
Org Economic Co-op and Dev
UN-Security Council

***** **Note: be sure to email your top 5 choices from the list above (in order of your preference) for the Group IO Presentation to the professor by Sunday night, Jan 19th*******

THE HANDOUT: Due Sunday night prior to presentation date (5% of the total grade)

No more than 2 pages long, this handout should provide your fellow classmates with vital information about the organization you will be presenting to them and clearly summarize the most important points of your presentation.

You **MUST** include a references list at the end of your handout so that others can also follow your research should they choose to (and I will know where you got your information). I highly recommend at least 3 sources (respectable internet sources are acceptable – Wikipedia is not omniscient – and you will want to visit this site:

<http://www.library.arizona.edu/search/articles/dbByTitle.php?titlechar=Y>).

THE PRESENTATION/LEADING THE DISCUSSION: TBA (10% of the total grade)

You and your group will be in charge of leading discussion for 30 minutes. You will present your organization to the entire class over the course of half an hour and this must include some sort of visual medium (poster, powerpoint, video, etc...). Your presentation should include not only facts about organization but should also incorporate critical thinking in an effort to analyze the organization for/with your classmates. There should also be a participatory element that draws “audience” participation. Not only will everyone in the class grade the group on their presentation/discussion, but each individual group member will grade each other. You will be graded on breadth of research, correctness of information, critical thinking and presentation.

Your presentation (and handout) MUST address, at the bare minimum, ALL of the following questions:

1. What are the IO’s aims/goals? What is noteworthy about the aims of this organization?
2. How is this IO structured? When was it founded? Is the timing or organization significant?
3. What is the membership of this organization? Are members of this IO clustered in any particular geographical region or political bloc? What does this imply?
4. Where is the IO headquartered? How big is it (i.e. 1 volunteer staff member versus 200 person bureaucracy)? Where does it get its budget from/who pays for the IO? Is this significant? Why/why not?
5. What type of organization is this (functional v. membership spectrum, regulatory/issue area/etc.)? IGO or INGO? Is it alive or deceased? Is it derived from a treaty or is it an emanation IO? Is it part of a family of organizations? If so, which?
6. Do any of that week’s readings (or any of those prior) have something to say about this organization? If so, what?
7. What are the strengths/weaknesses of this IO? (think: ability to act effectively, efficiently, independently, etc.)
8. Think back to the classic problems of global governance. Which, if any, does this IO strive to address? (THIS IS A BIGGIE!!!)
9. Why would someone care about this IO? What other important information should we know about this IO?
10. How is it “doing”? Is it accomplishing its goals? Is it still functioning rather well? What new challenges is it facing, etc.?