The Human Rights Media Project

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Project Composition

1. College course topic (comm. or other)
2. Relate to UN human rights issue
3. Utilize comm. best practice
4. Create multi-media petition
5. Option – alternate assignment
Student Project: Robert S.

1. Career and Leadership
Comm: Persuasive Communication

2. Issue: Global Human Trafficking


http://www.change.org/petitions/congressman-mike-honda-abolish-humantrafficking?utm_campaign@mailto_link&utm_medium=email&utm_source=share_petition
Student Project: Grant L.

1. Environmental Toxicology: Sources and sinks of pollutants

2. Issue: Water

3. Petition: Jerry Brown, CA Governor. San Joaquin Valley clean drinking water

Student Project: Navid A.

1. Microbiology: Cholera and its ability to proliferate and infect

2. Issue: Human rights & Health

3. Petition: Michael Jarraud. UN Water Section. More funding & direct action beyond monitoring

http://www.change.org/petitions/the-united-nations-allocate-funds-for-clean-water-solutions-worldwide-to-those-in-need
Student Project: Rebecca C.

1. Career and Leadership Comm: Persuasive Communication

2. Issue: Factory safety in Bangladesh


Student Project: Marie B.

1. Developmental Biology: 7-10% of congenital abnormalities due to environmental factors

2. Issue: Human rights & climate change

3. Petition: Mayor of Manila. Clean waterways, multiple options

https://www.change.org/petitions/clean-the-waterways-of-metro-manila
“This is an amazing project. I have never done something so fun, important, gratifying and thrilling in school, this is so important to me…”

— Sandra C.
## Course Subjects & HR Issues (sampling)

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Course Subjects & HR Issues (sampling)

Biology — congenital abnormalities
Business — privatization of water
Career Communication — power distance
Critical Thinking — human rights and death penalty
Cultural Anthropology — structural violence
Economics — population and growth rate
English — the myth of education
ESL — discrimination against women
Gerontology — integrity vs. despair
Health — obesity and health management
Course Subjects & HR Issues (sampling)

- History — economic colonialism
- Islamic Studies — women wearing hijab
- Intercultural Communication — racism and sexism
- Interpersonal Communication — masculine and feminine cultures
- Physiology — social, health and safety of children
- Psychology — human reproductive system and lifespan
- Political Science — migration and human rights
- Sociology — age and ageism
- Women’s Studies — law enforcement and criminal justice
- Statistics — consumption and productivity
Learning Points - Positives

1. 24+ courses chosen – spectrum of GE
2. Positive student response
3. Resonate with cc population (live w. issue)
4. Media enhance student engagement
5. Measurable student learning outcomes (knowledge, application, comm.)
Learning Points – Cautions

1. Offer choice of HR issues

2. Offer alternate assignment

3. Safety and privacy

4. Instructor neutrality?

5. Assignment concludes with posting
   – delivery up to student
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