**Current Issues Project: The Personal Response**

Each news article and visual text will require **a personal response of at least 150 words.**These personal responses will be completed in class. Should you be absent, you are still responsible for completing this response.

**News Articles:** Your personal response for each news article should address all of the following questions:

1. Did the argument convince you of its claim?  Why or why not?
2. What dominant appeals are used to convince you as a reader?
3. What bias does the author exhibit?  Does the author’s bias help or weaken his/her argument?
4. Who is the intended audience?  Would that audience be convinced?  Why or why not?
5. How has the article changed or reinforced your own opinion on the issue?
6. What questions do you still have?  What information do you still need to know?

**Visual Texts:** Your personal response for each visual text should address all of the following questions:

1. What element of the visual text appealed to you the most strongly? Why?
2. What bias does the author exhibit?  Does the author’s bias help or weaken his/her message?
3. Who was the intended audience?  Would that audience be convinced?  Why or why not?
4. How has the visual text changed or reinforced your own opinion on the issue?
5. What questions do you still have about this visual text?  What information do you still need to know?
6. What changes would you make to this visual text? Why? (You can choose to add or remove details, but you must explain your choices.)