Torture Essay

The topic of enhanced interrogation techniques and torture has been on the United State government has been wrestling with in the years after 9/11. Some claim the actions taken by the CIA were proper and necessary while others say the techniques were wrong both legally and morally. Now that you have learned more about this topic you are being asked an American citizen about you view of this issue.

**Prompt: When, if ever, should the United States government use enhanced interrogation techniques and/or torture of suspects**?

In order to receive full credit, you must cite two ideas/facts from your earlier reading or videos. Your essay should be at least five well developed paragraphs in length. Be sure to cite your sources in your writing.

Sample outline:

Paragraph 1: Introduction

-Explain the topic

-Thesis: your view on the issue

Paragraph 2: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason and explain

Paragraph 3: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason and explain

Paragraph 4: Body Paragraph

-Give one supporting reason and explain

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

-Summarize your main points and thesis

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| Formatting | -Paper is significantly shorter than required  -Paper has significant “typo issues” and shows little evidence of proofreading  \*0 points | -Paper is shorter or longer than required  -Paper has some “typo issues” and shows some evidence of proofreading  \*1 to 10 points | -Paper is required length  -Paper has no or few “typo issues” and shows evidence of proofreading  \*11 to 15 points |
| Thesis/Argument | -Paper lacks a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*0 points | -Paper attempts to develop a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*1 to 24 points | -Paper has a clear and meaningful thesis/ argument  \*25 points |
| Organization/Focus | -Paper lacks focus on the thesis  -Paper’s organization distracts from the purpose  -Paper fails to develop thoughts and ideas  \*1-9 points | -Paper occasionally lacks focus on the thesis  -Paper’s organization occasionally distracts from the purpose  -Paper sometimes fails to fully develop thoughts and ideas  \*10-25 points | -Paper rarely or never lacks focus on the thesis  - Paper’s organization rarely or never distracts from the purpose  -Paper rarely or never fails to fully develop thought and ideas  \*25-30 points |
| Persuasiveness  (be sure to use your sources as evidence for your thesis!!!) | -Paper largely fails to provide logical arguments as support  -Paper largely fails to grab a reader’s attention  -Paper largely fails to clarify the issue for the reader  \*1-9 points | -Paper sometimes fails to provide logical arguments as support  -Paper sometimes fails to grab a reader’s attention  -Paper sometimes fails to clarify the issue for the reader  \*10-25 points | -Paper mostly or always provides logical arguments as support  -Paper mostly or always grabs the reader’s attention  -Paper mostly or always clarifies the issue for the reader  \*25-30 points |

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/100 points

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