

POLS 404
Interest Group Politics
Fall 2002

Case Study Outlines

For each of the 4 case studies covered in class (see below), you are required to submit a Case Study Outline, due in class on the day the case is discussed.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Case</u>
Monday, 9/9	Prohibition
Monday, 10/7	Cigarette Excise Tax
Monday, 11/25	Japanese-American Redress
Monday, 12/9	Capital Punishment

The purpose of Case Study Outlines is to prepare you for productive discussion of the cases in class. Each Case Study Outline should include the following information in the following form:

Issue (short paragraph)

What is being debated in this case? What is the issue about? What are the different sides to the policy debate?

Participants (list)

Who are the *major* participants in the debate? These might include members of Congress, the administration, or other governmental figures, interest groups, political parties, experts, and so on. Your list should include the participant and his/her/its side (broadly speaking).

Chronology (list)

What are the *major* events in this case? These might include acts of Congress or other governmental actors, external events, publications, decisions or acts of interest groups, scientific developments, and so on. Your list should include a date or time period, and the event itself.

Case Study Outlines should be typed (1 inch margins and 12-point, Times New Roman font). Most Outlines will not need to exceed 2 pages. A good Outline will show an ability to determine and describe the principal issue being debated, identify the central participants, and ascertain the important events. The goal is to show that you've digested the case and have a grasp of what is going on and who is involved. Recall that the Notre Dame Honesty Code Case requires you to submit your own work, and not that copied, cribbed, or based on that from another student. If you have any questions about this, please come see me. Outlines will be graded for accuracy and discernment (i.e., ability to distinguish between important and less important).