**Sexism in Modern America Research Paper Rubric**

**Purpose:** Identify and analyze one issue related to sexism. Can be something we have

covered or will cover in class, a specific case, or an outside issue, as long as it relates to

sexism or gender. Find an example of sexism in the world. Get creative, pick something

that speaks to you. Provide a detailed profile of the issue and an assessment of its

consequences on society. Students should also suggest a solution or plan of action to

resolve or reduce the issue's effect on the greater society.

**Format:** Papers are expected to be 3-5 pages, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman, one inch

margins, and written in APA. You will need at least three reliable sources, one of which

must be a peer reviewed journal. Students are expected to provide a reference page, and a

title page, which is not counted towards page count. Topic must be submitted for

approval by **Monday 2/11 by 11:59 PM.** Please upload to appropriate drop box at

canvas.ou.edu. **Final drafts of papers are to be uploaded by Monday 4/29 by 11:59**

**PM. No late papers will be accepted unless emergency.**

**Criteria for Evaluation:**

**Introduction: 15 points**

* **5-** Identify the Issue and its connection to sexism and/or gender
* **5-** Thesis statement (main argument for or against)
* **5-** Preview main points of the paper

**Body: 45 points**

* **10-** Detailed profile of the issue or case
* **10-** Who is this issue affecting? How?
* **5-** How does this issue affect the greater society?
* **10-** Critique an already proposed solution or plan of action -**OR**- Discuss a possible solution or plan of action.
* **10-** Are sound arguments and reasoning made based on credible facts/statistics?

**Conclusion: 15 points**

* **5-** Summarize the main discussion
* **5-** Provide closing thoughts on sexism issue
* **5-** The only place where use of I is accepted (last 2-3 paragraphs)

**Formatting:** **20 points**

* **11-** Do readability factors (e.g., grammar, structure, punctuation, word choice, etc.) make the author’s meaning unclear?
* **3-** All references cited in-text correctly in APA.
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* **3-** Page length, formatting, font, 1 in margins, double spaced.

Total: 5 points for topic submission, 95 points for paper for a total of 100 points possible.