Research Paper Outline Assignment

Each student in this course is responsible for writing a 10-11 page PRO-CON paper on a topic relating to American national politics. You have already completed the first step (choosing a topic and stating the purpose of your paper). Your next step is to complete a rough outline of your paper.

Outlines MUST be typed, printed out, and submitted IN CLASS.

Keep it simple student (KISS): just provide me a rough blueprint of your paper’s basic organization. Make sure to include your original/reworked statement of purpose. Failure to turn this in on time WILL result in a ONE-HALF letter grade deduction on your final paper grade.

Example Outline: “An Evaluation of pros and cons of legalizing prostitution in America”
I. Introduction (PLEASE include your original/reworked statement of purpose, thesis & research question(s))
II. Body
   A. The history of Prostitution (brief...2-3 pages MAX)
      1. Oldest profession in the world-origins
      2. Evolution
      3. Reasons for its rise and spread
      4. Prostitution in America (1789-present)
   B. Pro Prostitution Arguments (best I can find...3 pages. Expert opinion/analysis)
      1. Victimless crime/business contract b/n consenting adults
      2. Freedom to work in a profession of their choosing
      3. Not immoral. Just work. Adults get to make this decision NOT government
      4. If it is legal and regulated can better control violence, trafficking, HIV/AIDS etc
      5. Legis business
      6. etc
   C. Con Prostitution Arguments (best I can find...3 pages. Expert opinion/analysis)
      1. Not victimless-many children, trafficked women, etc ARE victims
      2. Not free bc of trafficking, pimps, criminal gangs/syndicates etc really control this industry
      3. etc
      4. etc
      5. etc
      6. etc
      7. etc
   D. Substantive Analysis of pros and cons of legalizing prostitution (about 2-3 pages). This is the section of the paper where you conduct your substantive analysis & assessment of your subject (the good, the bad, & the ugly).
III. Conclusion (discussion of findings, summary of findings)