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V: What Do You Care About? Due March 03

Choose one issue being discussed in the campaign. Write paper about the issue. Then choose the candidate who most closely matches your opinion on the issue and explain the candidates stand.

These issues are very important, and despite what many people claim it is not always easy to decide on the right stand to take. Your paper must do the following.

- 1) Define the issue clearly in one paragraph. You are telling the reader what the issue is about. Pretend you are explaining it to someone who has never heard of the issue. For example, if you were discussing the war in Iraq, you would also bring in the REASONS for the war. You would tell WHERE Iraq is and WHY Iraq was of interest to the U.S.
- 2) There is always disagreement on the issues. In at least TWO PARAGRAPHS, give a brief synopsis of DIFFERENT VIEWS of the issue. In other words, if you are discussing the war you need to give the reasons WHY a person would support the war AND reasons why others would oppose the war. These paragraphs give INFORMATION.
- 3) Explain how YOU feel about the issue and WHY you feel that way. This will be different from the previous paragraphs because you are giving your own PERSONAL reasons. Write this part as an essay to convince someone to agree with you.
- 4) Explain how the candidate that agrees with you stands on the issue. BE IN DEPTH. Don't just say "Dennis Kucinich is against the war, just like me" or "John McCain believes that we have to win this war,

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