

**Paper Assignment #2: Initial Submission (First Draft). Due Wednesday April 1.**

- (a) Develop your research topic from Paper Assignment #1 into the first draft of an essay of no less than 10 pages and no more than 15 pages (not including title page and bibliography). Your paper should be typed, 12-point, double-spaced and spell-checked. Please submit your first draft to the link in the Brightspace Assignments folder.
- (b) Your first draft should conform to the Paper Guidelines available at [research.engineering.nyu.edu/~jbain/entropy](http://research.engineering.nyu.edu/~jbain/entropy). Make Absolutely Certain that you have read and understood these guidelines before you attempt to begin writing your essay. If you do not follow these guidelines, the grade for your essay may suffer!
- (c) All papers must include a bibliography with at least 5 entries (at least three of these should be from the list of required class readings). Your essay must use this bibliography as a source to cite for all claims and quotes you attribute to authors. If you do not include a bibliography that you cite for claims and quotes, the grade for your essay may suffer! Lecture notes should NOT be listed or referred to in your essay. Lecture notes merely summarize topics in the texts and related material. Similarly, online lecture notes from other sources should not be listed or referred to. Be extremely careful of other types of online sources that have not been vetted by me. If you are in doubt as to the reliability of an online source please check with me before using it.
- (d) Please make use of Tandon's Writing Center if you have trouble with spelling or grammar. If your essay contains so many spelling/grammatical errors that a reader cannot understand what your claims are, then your grade may suffer. Information about Tandon's Writing Center can be found at <https://cas.nyu.edu/ewp/writing-center.html>.
- (e) *Late paper policy:* If circumstances prevent you from submitting your first draft by the due date, it will be accepted but will be given a penalty of a third of a grade point for every period of 7 days after the due date. *Example:* An A paper turned in 1-7 days late will receive an A-. An A paper turned in 8-14 days late will receive a B+. An A paper turned in 15-21 days late will receive a B, etc. *The absolute deadline for a first draft is Weds April 23. If you miss this deadline, your first draft cannot be graded and returned to you in time for you to be able to submit a revised draft by its due date on Weds April 30.*
- (f) *Submission format:* The preferred file type is .pdf. Please label the file you submit using the following format:  
First\_Draft\_<last name>\_<first initial>.<file type>