Sex Reproduction and the Law
2023
Grade Sheet and Rubrics

Attendance: 10 points possible

Class/Case Discussion: 35 points possible
1. Students assigned in pairs to present discussion of a case or of a discussion question. (Except four students are assigned to the abortion discussion)
2. Length 20-30 ish minutes
3. Power point required (submit in hard copy)
4. Students relate relevant cases to the discussion.
5. Case discussions may include:
   a. Facts
   b. Was standing an issue? If so, how was it resolved? Has standing been used or misused to duck or decide the issue? Why?
   c. Main question/s for court and/or society
   d. Influence of policy considerations including
      i. demographics
      ii. political or financial cost factors in decision
      iii. influence of time in history – ie. wars, depression, popularism etc.
      iv. state, national, and/or international comparisons
6. how does the class view the court’s decision or the discussion question vis a vis human right/s
7. how analysis might influence sexual, reproductive, or parental behavior
8. how does social media factor in this case/discussion if at all (prize here to student/s who stun the class with a discovery. 2022 students discovered Facebook’s Sperm Kings which was definitely stunning.)

Paper Grading: 55 points possible
1. submit in a word file by email
2. submit in hard copy to 203
3. This is not a sociology paper; it has to have a legal theory and sufficient legal gravitas
4. Length 13-15 pages including references
5. Font – no smaller than 13 (be kind to my old eyes)
6. PAGINATE the paper!
7. Thesis statement necessary even if a casenote – in introduction & conclusion
8. Theme logically developed with introduction, background, analysis, reasoning, and conclusion
9. Organization adequate to expose topic
10. Style (formal and scholarly so no 1st or 2nd person)
11. Transition in every paragraph
12. Grammar (sentence structure, paragraphing, word usage)
   a. No passive tense
   b. Do not start sentences with ‘there’
   c. Double check that all sentences are complete
13. References adequate in number and scope – probably 25ish
   a. 5-10+ cases discussed even if somewhat tangential (See Curmundgion’s guide to case discussion)
      i. federal
      ii. state
   b. 4+ popular media – credible newspapers or blogs
   c. 4+ statistics – from reputable credible source
   d. 5+ relevant law review articles
14. Footnoting style consistent and proper
   a. Watch references to previous footnotes; it’s easy to misnumber; best to type out entire reference every time
   b. Use “ID” appropriately
15. Paper’s overall appearance
16. Adequate conclusion
   a. policy,
   b. cost considerations,
   c. related to thesis
17. Adequate Details
18. No typographical errors