

# Funded NSSP Projects Topics As of 5 September

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# NSSP Research Paper



## Things/Factors For Consideration

- What is the purpose? Intelligence Estimate or Policy Recommendation
- Who is the audience? - WHO
- What can you assume (vice what do you need to explain)
- What is the basic question – WHAT
  - Are there sub questions?
- Interpretative (vice “data dump”) – WHY
  - Facts & Logical
  - Narrative
  - Creative Process
- Conclusion/Judgment – SO WHAT
  - Thesis Validated or Disproved
- Implications – NOW WHAT
  - Follow on

# NSSP RESEARCH PROJECT/FUNDED

## How does it work?

BLUF: Initial project cannot be linked to any other UNM Course. However subsequently modified versions may be revised and used in other courses

- Phase I: Crafting of Research Proposal Basic factors (Real & implied) - \$500
  - Project Description & Tentative Outline
  - Approved at NSSP level by Project Director
- Phase II: Conduct of Research/Drafting of draft Outline approved before writing draft(s)/ 1<sup>ST</sup> Draft - \$500
  - 8 to 10 pages/double spaced
  - Sources/references/bibliography/end or footnotes
  - Minimum of 2 “working” drafts reviewed by ASC
- Phase III: Completion of Research Project - \$750
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>/final draft & Final Paper
  - 3-4 Minute Oral Briefing (if possible & for extra credit)
- Phase IV: Acceptance by NSSP Director \$250
  - Posted on NSSP Global & National Security Research Series

# Working Nssp Funded Research Projects

## As of 5 September 2017



- McKenna Johnson – “Afghanistan: A History & Analysis of Current US Policy in the Nation-State”
- Delaney Grimes: “Impact of migration upon international drug trade, human trafficking, and the security of Central America and the United States”
- David Conway: “Research on how economics influences war and how it can be used in future conflict prediction”
- Julisa Rodriguez: *Unassigned*
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- Tucker Berry, “Direct Action – Special Operation Raids or Unmanned Drones – Policy recommendation.” Deferred pending Nssp decision

TOPIC APPROVED BY Nssp Project Director  
Objective is publication on Nssp Website