

POL 240 Article Analysis Template

Name:

1. Bibliographic citation (copy from syllabus; do not include word “Red” or “Green”)

2. Main Thesis

Thesis statement (quote article):

Where thesis first appears (page and location):

3. Variables

Independent variable(s):

Dependent variable:

4. Quality of Article

A strength:

A weakness:

These words often indicate the location of the information needed to answer the questions 2-4:

- Main, primary, only
- Not, cannot, no, never, seldom, rarely
- None, neither, nor
- All, any, entire, most, each
- Must, always, often, will, should
- But (especially if combined with “only” or “must”)
- In contrast to, contrary to, instead, unless, despite
- Discuss, present, survey, analyze
- False, incorrect, contradict, fail
- True, correct
- Claim, argue, contend
- Proof, prove, evidence, empirical
- Assumes, assumption
- In fact, thus, therefore, of course, thereby, similarly
- Cause, effect, reason, depends, because, imply, tend
- Conclude, conclusion, result