Banning Soda

Gostin, Lawrence. “Banning Large Sodas is Legal and Smart.” CNN. Web. 13 Mar 2013.

Keller, Karen. “NY Mayor Fumes As Judge Blocks Ban on Mega Sodas.” ABC News. Web. 11 Mar 2013.

Each article has the pros and cons of banning soda in New York, however does the government really have the authority of controlling what citizens consume? In the second article from ABC News, Judge Milton Tingling disagrees with this ruling and states, “[the law] would not only violate the separation of powers doctrine, it would eviscerate it. Such an evisceration has the potential to be more troubling than a sugar sweetened beverages.’” That means not only is it an outrageous proposal, it is also taking peoples’ rights away from them.

These particular sources came from news articles such as CNN and ABC News. Both of these sources are very reliable because they come from facts, and they also support my point of view. However these articles also have pros and cons coming from different people. For example, Bloomberg, the Mayor of New York, has support from his view point and how soda pop should be limited to the public. Also each article states the cons of the view point from Judge Milton Tingling. The goals of these sources are to sway the people into agreeing with their opinions as well.

 In the book *1984* they try controlling Winston and telling him what he can and can’t do. Just like in NY, Bloomberg is trying to control what people consume. The first article says, “The overall health of citizens is something that should be taken seriously, but it is not Bloomberg’s place to dictate what people choose to put in their bodies.” Bloomberg isn’t letting the people make their own choices and neither is Big Brother in *1984.*

Gay Rights

Darryl, Bush. “Same-sex Marriage Supporters Protest the Passage of Proposition 8 in front of San Francisco City Hall.” AP News Gallery. [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org). 15 Nov 2008.

 For many years people have discriminated on gay rights and their choices to marry their partners. However, no one has the right to tell someone what they can and cannot do, or in this case, who they can and cannot love. Throughout history people have become more and more in favor of gay marriage across the country. In 2011 53 percent were in favor of gay marriage in the nation; the highest it has ever been. Also President Obama said “to stop defending DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), the federal law that defines marriage as a legal union between a man and women, over concerns that it violates the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment.” The government has no control over the peoples’ freedoms.

 This source came from the AP News Gallery. This source is full of facts and how gay marriage has progressed over the years. It is more informatory than persuasive, unlike the rest of the articles in this bibliography. However it is very useful and it shows how controlling the government can be. This source is also bias unlike the other sources; it only shows one side of gay marriage, however it was very helpful. The goal is to persuade the reader that gay marriage should be legal.

 This article supports same sex marriage, however in the book *1984*, Winston and Julia weren’t allowed to have sex because if they did it would rebel against Big Brother. Winston and Julia however, didn’t care because they wanted to show their hatred towards Big Brother. Some people would think same-sex marriage is unlawful, same as Big Brother controlling the public. However you cannot control someone else’s actions and what they can and cannot do.

Legalizing Marijuana

# Klein, Joe. “Why Legalizing Marijuana Makes Sense.” TIME Magazine. Web. 02 Apr 2009. Armentano, Paul. “Marijuana Should Be Legalized and Regulated.” US News. Web. 9 July 2012

# These articles explain why marijuana should be legal, hence the names of them. It also talks about President Obama and his view of legalizing marijuana. However it also talks about how some of the government is in favor of legalizing it and how some of them are banning it because it’s a “gateway” drug. The first article states that marijuana can be used medically for elderly people, however the government cannot control if it is used properly or not. Also in the second article it states how selling marijuana and taxing it could help out the economy and not cause “war on drugs.”

# These articles were very helpful for my topic and it helped me compare it to the book 1984 and find examples from today to similar situations to Winston and Big Brother. I found these articles in both reliable websites, US News and TIME Magazine; both very popular. Each of these articles are persuasive and are bias because they don’t have the pros and cons, they only have the pros. It’s a one way article and doesn’t show both sides of the topic. It was very useful for me however and it helped me get my point across. The goal of the writer is to convince the reader that Marijuana should be legal.

# Big Brother is all about control and taking away things that people enjoy or need. Marijuana is used to treat cancer and take pain away from the people who are suffering, yet the government takes that away from people. Just like Big Brother is taking away Winston’s freedom of writing. In the beginning of the book, Winston was writing in his journal and he said doing so helped him save his thoughts and made him feel better; however it was illegal and unsafe. The government shouldn’t be able to control what we do in our own homes and if smoking marijuana relieves pain or stress, let them do it. If writing in a journal helps Winston, let him do it. Big brother nor the government should have no right to tell us what we can and cannot do.