THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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PPIA Trade Policy Seminar

PAPER Assignment: NAFTA

Due Monday, July 21, 9:30 AM

Your assignment for this paper to write a 3-5 page memo identifying and discussing briefly the major issues that divide those who favor the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and those who oppose it. Your paper should indicate all of the groups within the economies of the United States, Mexico, and the rest of the world who would be expected to be the major gainers and losers from the NAFTA, or who feel strongly about particular issues for which the NAFTA matters. Be sure to explain why you see them as gaining or losing, using simple economic reasoning where possible or just common sense. You do not need to quantify any of these gains or losses, but to the extent possible, you should suggest which of these gains and losses you think are likely to be most important.

Address your memo to President Bush, under the assumption that he has asked you to provide objective information about the effects of the NAFTA. You may date your memo either 1993, before NAFTA was approved and base it only on information that would have been available then, or you may date it today and take into account more recent information. Be sure to organize what you say to make it easy to comprehend.

Format:

1. The paper should be typed (word-processed) on one side only of from three to five 8½ by 11 sheets of plain paper.

2. An additional cover sheet should include the name of the assignment, your name, and the date.

3. Use a font no smaller than 11-point (this is 11 point) and no larger than 13-point (this is 13 point).

4. Double space, with margins at least 1 inch.

5. Number all pages except the cover sheet.

6. Attach pages with a single staple in the upper left-hand corner. Do not use a binder or other kind of cover.

7. You do **not** need to provide a list of references or sources for the information that you provide, but if you quote somebody directly you should give their name.

8. Do **not** use any tables or figures in this paper.