

Short Paper 2

Due: on or before **11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016.**

You should submit your paper (either as a Word document or a PDF) by uploading it to the Sakai course webpage assignments tab.

Your response paper should be based on the New York Times article:

“The High Costs of Not Offering Paid Sick Leave” published October 31, 2016.

You can find the article in your additional readings folder, or follow the link here:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/01/upshot/the-high-costs-of-not-offering-paid-sick-leave.html?
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Your goal in this paper is to critically analyze whether the US should offer paid sick leave.

This paper should meet the following criteria:

- 2 full pages doubled spaced
- 12 point font (preferably Times New Roman)
- Include an economic model detailing the labor market

Your paper should adhere to the following outline:

1. In the first paragraph provide a general summary of the article. Include the author’s arguments on the importance of policies aimed at improving the well-being of workers (which includes, but is not limited to, paid sick leave). Include in your summary at least one reason the US does not currently offer universal paid sick leave.
2. In a second paragraph make the claim that employees who work while ill exhibit a negative externality on society (and/or the workplace). Generate a model that shows the labor market with the negative externality. Explain the model fully.
3. In a third paragraph provide an analysis of how paid sick leave could correct the externality in the labor market. You must include a graph of the market with paid sick leave. Be sure to explain how paid sick leave pushes the equilibrium towards the socially optimal allocation. In addition, discuss the limitations of this analysis.
4. In a fourth paragraph act as a policy advisor and tell me whether you think the US should have a universal paid sick leave policy. There is no correct answer; I want your opinion. But make sure your opinion is based on facts and/or theory.