**P 6.1 SOCRATIC SEMINAR**

**“Should the Green New Deal include nuclear energy?”**

Nuclear energy has many supporters and many critics. Some argue that it is the most realistic way of meeting our energy needs without relying on fossil fuels. Others argue that it is more dangerous and potentially worse for the environment than burning fossil fuels.

The Green New Deal originally called for “ phasing out of all existing nuclear power stations and not building new ones” but newer versions of the proposal have removed all references to nuclear energy, suggesting that there is disagreement amongst progressive politicians in the US regarding the future of nuclear energy.

What do you think?

This assignment is worth 15 points in the project category.

1. **Inform yourself**

Spend about 20 - 30 minutes watching and making notes on some of the following videos:

First, watch this video: [introduction to nuclear power](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcOFV4y5z8c)

watch these two: [nuclear power good](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pVbLlnmxIbY) and [nuclear power bad](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEYbgyL5n1g)

Then, watch a couple of clips from the excellent show Chernobyl, about the 1986 disaster in Ukraine: [Chernobyl trailer](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9APLXM9Ei8); [Chernobyl enquiry](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xulAgMNK5Jk)

Finally, read this [article](https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamesconca/2019/03/21/green-new-deal-is-dead-without-nuclear-power/#7499b36769db), which is broadly supportive of nuclear energy use.

1. **Summarise the existing arguments (and add some of your own if you like)**

You must use your own words - if two students send identical or near identical work, they will be asked to redo it.

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| **In no less than 50 and no more than 100 words, argue that “any sustainable energy policy for America must include nuclear energy”. (5 points)** |
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| **In no less than 50 and no more than 100 words, argue that “any sustainable energy policy for America must NOT include nuclear energy”. (5 points)** |
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1. **Draw a conclusion**

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| **What do you think? Should we continue to use nuclear energy? Should we build new nuclear power stations? (5 points)****Your conclusion should be no less than 50 words and no more than 100 words.** |
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