**Grad Project Topics--Social Issues**

**Animals**

* Unethical treatment of farm/food animals
* Unethical treatment of animals held in captivity
* Overpopulation
* Unethical treatment of animals for research
* Dwindling wildlife habitat
* Endangered species
* Invasive species of animals
* Animal breeding
* Keeping undomesticated animals as pets

**Arts**

* Arts education funding
* Intellectual Rights/Piracy

**Bullying**

* Domestic violence
* Cultural oppression
* Racial violence
* Identity / sexual orientation violence

**Economics**

* Small business funding
* Equitable access to goods/services
* Taxes
* Salary Equity
* Minimum Wage
* Job Opportunities
* Education Costs
* Housing Loans
* Cost of Living
* Credit rate/Saving rate
* Micro financing
* Workforce training

**Education**

* Equity in educational opportunities
* Single gender classrooms
* Arts funding in education
* Standardized testing
* Standards-based curriculum
* Career/Technical educational opportunities
* Character education
* College Tuition/Loans
* Technology in the classroom
* Scholarship opportunities
* Individualized education plans
* Teacher recruitment/training/compensation
* Bullying in schools
* Early childhood educational opportunities
* Public v. private education
* Alternative education
* Charter schools
* Vouchers
* Discipline

**Environmental**

* Air quality
* Water quality / availability
* Human Impact--land use, pollution, overpopulation, etc
* Landfills
* Industrial Pollution
* Severe weather—flooding, drought, heat, cold, hurricanes, tornadoes
* Invasive species of plants
* Climate change
* Conservation
* Sustainability
* Energy conservation/ renewable resources
* Genetic engineering
* Recycling
* Food supply

**Health**

* Nutrition
* Fitness
* Aging
* Developmental concerns
* Access to quality health care
* Access to affordable insurance
* Mental Health
* Infant Mortality
* Stress
* Access to affordable medication
* Preventative health care
* Preventable Diseases
* Genetic Diseases
* Environmental Diseases
* Physician training

**Homelessness**

* Adequate shelters
* Safety for the homeless
* Funding shelters
* Schooling homeless children
* Job training
* Begging
* Domestic violence
* Health Care
* Economic security
* Reintegrating into society
* Subsidized housing
* Substance abuse

**Human Rights**

* Racial equity
* Religious freedom
* Women’s rights
* Children’s rights
* Legal rights
* Rights of indigenous peoples
* Surveillance
* Speech
* Internet
* Media
* Education
* Censorship
* Justice
* Economic rights
* Protection (Military, Police, Arms)
* Immigrant rights

**Hunger**

* Poverty
* Availability of healthy food
* “Food Desert”
* Land use
* Famine
* Drought
* Ineffective farming methods
* Over-fishing
* Pollution
* Pests
* Agricultural practices
* Poor soil maintenance
* Citizenship and governance
* Globalization
* Consumerism
* Ethical trade
* Renewable energy
* Recycling
* Food production
* Eating locally grown food
* Over population
* Import /export of food

**Identity**

* Eating disorders
* Cultural identity
* Cultural values
* Regional identity bias
* Bullying
* Victimization
* Objectification
* Profiling
* Age bias
* Social norming
* Media stereotyping
* Religious preference
* Racial inequity
* Racial bias
* Gender bias
* Sexual orientation

**Military Service and Veterans**

* Affordable housing
* Gender / Racial equity
* Health care
* Family support for active-duty personnel
* Children of absentee family members
* Job retraining
* Downsizing military
* Frequent relocation
* Educational parity due to relocation
* JROTC program funding
* Economic impact of state military bases
* Economics of building / upkeep of ships and planes
* Weapon disposal
* Demobilization

**Poverty**

* Public transportation
* Affordable housing
* Availability of healthy, affordable food
* Segregation
* Job training
* Crime
* Educational opportunities
* Health care
* Welfare programs
* Infant mortality
* Disability
* Hunger
* Affordable energy resources
* Minimum wage
* Taxes
* Breaking the cycle of
* Substance abuse / trafficking
* Human trafficking / exploitation
* Aging and poverty
* Rural poverty
* Urban poverty

**Sustainability**

* Urban regeneration
* Community development
* Cultural diversity
* Energy and water
* Transportation
* Ecology
* Ecosystems and biodiversity
* Pollution and waste management
* Climate change
* Resource efficiency
* Carbon footprint
* Workforce development
* Social justice and equality
* Citizenship and governance
* Globalization
* Consumerism
* Ethical trade
* Renewable energy
* Recycling
* Food production
* Eating locally grown food

**Technology**

* Cybersecurity and Internet policy
* Patents/ Intellectual Property
* Bringing technology from “Lab to Market”
* 21st Century Digital Infrastructure
* Education/ Learning Technologies
* Advanced Manufacturing
* Robotics
* Open Data Initiatives
* Health care/ Bioethics
* Access equity
* Children and the internet
* Ethics/ Human Rights
* Regulations
* The Digital Divide

***Possible Project Ideas***

Advocacy Campaigns

Awareness Campaigns

Building/ Designing Affordable Housing

Cleaning and Refurbishing Public Spaces

Participate in National Day of Action

Moderate a Discussion Forum

Internship

Peer Education

Organize/Staff a Cultural Awareness Event

Public Speaking

Develop a network to address issues

Tutor/Mentor

Distribute Health Kits

Theater Role Play

Create and Distribute Education Materials

Setup/ Staff a Telecenter

Food/Clothes Drive

Summer Camp

Plant Trees

Organize/ Staff Summit or Festival

Create/ Organize Games

Improve Water Management Systems

Promote Volunteerism

Create Webinars

Organize/ Staff Youth Forums or Councils

Create Youth Media focused on your issue

Create/ Distribute Petitions