**Alternate topics**

This a list of alternate topics as developed in MGT 462 classes from recent semesters. If your team would like to present on one of the topics listed below—or any other topic--let me know.

Added Fall 2019

* Immigration
  + Impact on businesses
  + Impact on (many other things)
* Gun laws
  + Second amendment to the Constitution
  + “ghost guns”
* Increasing cost of college
* “free education for all”
* “medicare for all”
* Homelessness
* Climate change
  + incl. Brazil/Amazon wildfires
* Emergency response / responsiveness
  + Whose job is this?
* Opioid addiction
  + Corporate responsibility / liability
  + Incl. Johnson & Johns ($17 billion lawsuit filed by state of Oklahoma, which a judge was to decide on during the day on our first day of class – J&J ordered to pay $572 million)

Added Spring 2019

* Government / political systems and their effects
  + Totalitarian
  + Communist
  + Socialist
  + Democratic
  + China / Communist party (incl. how it co-exists with capitalist economy)
* Sports as a business
* Professional sports leagues
  + How they are governed
  + Treatment under U.S. Antitrust laws/policies
* Transportation systems and how they are changing
  + Electric vehicles (or hybrid vehicles)
  + Autonomous vehicles
  + Public transportation systems
* Coal industry: economics and regulation
* Renewable energy
* E-commerce
* Data privacy – rules & regulations
  + European Union
  + United States
  + China
  + Other countries
* Data privacy
  + policies & practices of various companies (Facebook, Google, Apple, Amazon, others)

Added Fall 2018

* Has job market for college graduates changed over the past few years?
  + If yes, how & why?
* Effects of changing NAFTA
* Effects of shifting tariffs
* “gig economy”
  + UBER
  + Other
* For-profit colleges / universities
  + And, online vs. physical campus
* Hyperloop
* Medical innovations & their effects
  + Robotics & surgery (“Da Vinci” / Netflix documentary)
  + Theranos
* Use of social media in advertising

Added Spring 2018

* Net neutrality
* Causes/consequences of market corrections
* North Korea
* Effects/impact of 2018 tax reform
* Derivatives; bundling of securities
* Effects/impact of repeal & replace of ACA/Obamacare
* Structure of health care industry
  + Economics
  + Too highly concentrated?
* Homelessness in Los Angeles and elsewhere
  + Who is affected, and how?
* Recreational marijuana
  + Growing
  + Retail sales
  + Marketing
  + Effects on society
  + Effects on economy
  + Etc.
* Blockchain
  + Incl. cryptocurrencies
* Opiod epidemic
  + Effects/impact
  + Causes / who is to blame & why?
  + Solutions
* Immigration policy
  + impact on businesses
  + impact on society

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* Housing process & related government policies
* Health insurance / Obamacare / Trumpcare
* Equal pay / gender discrimination
* Food industry (including government regulations)
* Taxation (government rules & regulations)
* Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
* NAFTA
* Government-media relations / U.S. government communications with the American people / “fake news” / “alternative facts”
* Inflation
* Incarceration; recidivism
* government funding for businesses
* getting started in a career
* black markets
  + including Russia, China, the U.S., and various other places
  + human trafficking?
  + Drug trafficking?
  + Dark Web?
* carbon footprint
* children and their use of technology
* e-cigarettes
* minimum wage
* marijuana (legalization of)
* manufacturing in the U.S. vs. overseas / outsourcing
* child labor / foreign countries (a.k.a. who made your phone and the clothes you are wearing)
* hazardous waste disposal
* Venmo and the financial services industry
* Bitcoins and the financial services industry
* Immigration policy and practice
* Global warming
* Uber / ride-sharing
* Airbnb
* Political landscape
* Law enforcement
  + Effects of policies, practices, tactics
* Drones (commercial uses; laws/regulations)
* Tattoos in the workplace
* Pharmaceuticals and their pricing (a.k.a. “the Martin Shkreli experiment,” plus “EpiPen”)
* Requirements/experience expected of a candidate for U.S. President (a.k.a. “the Donald Trump experiment”)
* Virtual reality / augmented reality and their uses
* Political correctness, free speech (“the Colin Kaepernick experiment (?)”