**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 (?)”