Research paper topic ideas

1. Marxism/socialism
2. Democracy and related values like equality, freedom, justice
3. Philosophers views of human nature; are people good or bad and whether government must be limited, like constitutional democracies or authoritarian. Utopia and distopia analyzed?
4. Compare democracies, like the Nordic or European versions, that are more socialistic in principle with the U.S. Are more generous welfare state nations creating a higher standard of living and happiness.
5. What should the major functions and/or goals of government be? Safety, security, opportunity, equality? How involved should government policy be in one's personal life; in business?
6. Economic conditions of the U.S., examining poverty and its ill effects. Poverty and crime, poverty and education, poverty and civilized life.
7. Media socialization and behavior. Trends that show correlations between violent media and aggressive behavior and sexual media and sexual behavior.
8. Trends of capitalism in the United States; unionization trends, wage trends and the growing gap between rich and poor.
9. Effects of centralized business models like Walmart/big box stores on wages.
10. Productivity and work. Compare working conditions for U.S. workers with other workers in developed capitalist nations as well as developing nations. Do Americans work too hard?
11. Education trends and problems for the United States. The relationship between income and education for parents and how that affects the education of the children.
12. Politics and trust. Why don't people trust elected officials as much these decades? How is this affecting political participation? Are voting levels declining? Are citizens less politically engaged? Is civic education on the decline?
13. How objective is the media? Is quality journalism on the decline? What is the evolving role of non traditional media, like instant, online electronic media becoming sources for journalism.
14. National debt, deficit spending issues and its problems for the future.
15. Red state, blue state comparisons on things like crime, education, morality, wealth, and in general, a variety of policy issues.
16. Civil rights development in the 20th century leading to more equality
17. Health and physical fitness trends. Suggestions for reform?
18. Marriage trends and causes for high divorce rates.
19. Parenting trends. Are parents having a harder time raising children well these decades? What might be contributing to parenting issues?