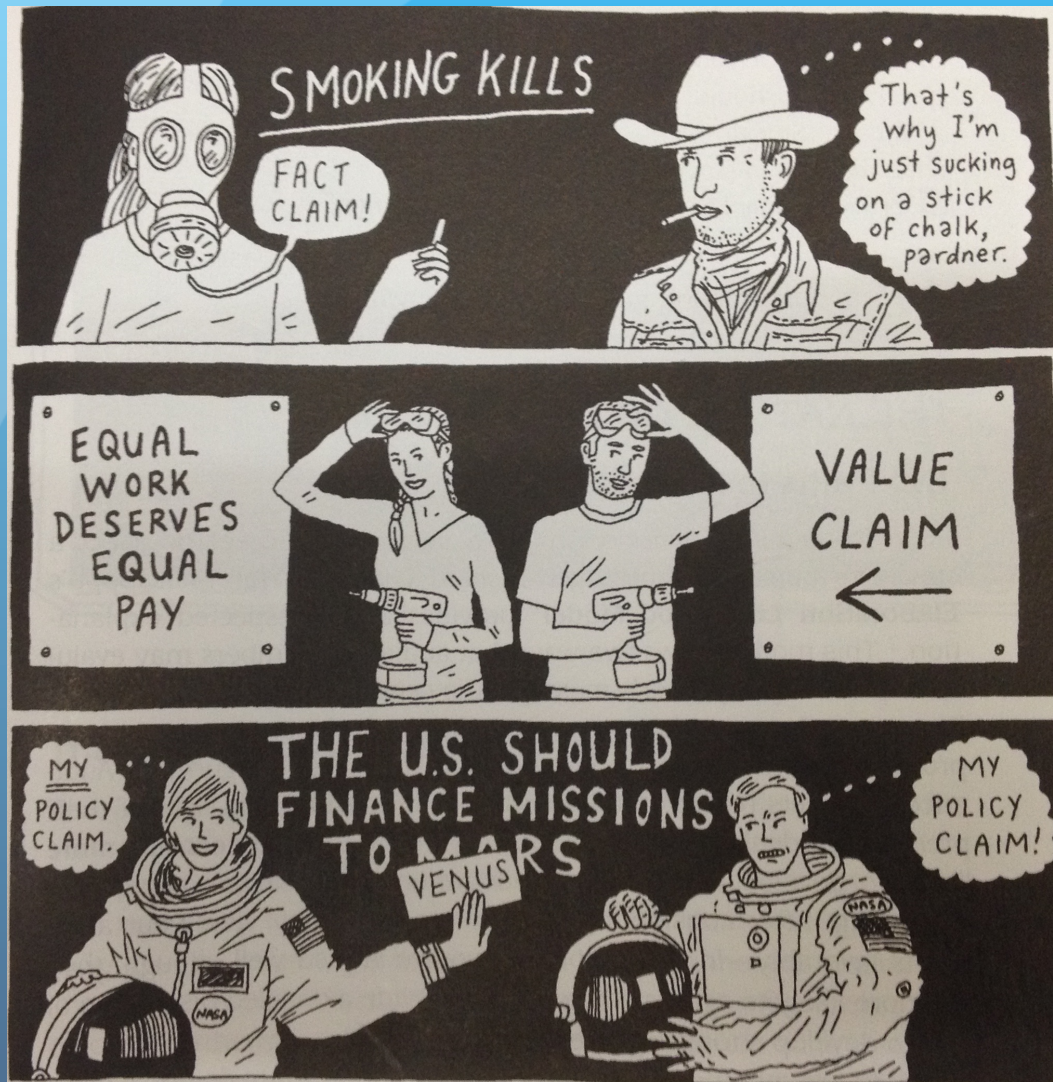


Types of Claims



Claims of Fact/Empirical Claims

Existence of something/definition or classification/facts-inferences about past present or future

Types of factual claims (generally "objective")

- Factual / historical
- Relational-causal connections
- Predictive

Claims of Value

Taste & morals / good-bad

They make value judgments

They resolve conflict between values

They are similar to policy claims (the rightness of it, relative merit)

Examples Value Claims and Questions of Value

- Fetal tissue research is wrong.
- Opera is not as entertaining as musical comedy.
- Is the harsh treatment common to military boot camps necessary?
- Is assisted suicide immoral?
- Is the low price of consumer goods worth the costs of outsourcing jobs?
- Are the environmental impacts of extracting and burning fossil fuels worth the benefits?

Claims of Policy

Action should or ought to be taken

Usually involves sub-claims of fact and value

Questions of Value

- Include three distinct questions of value in your email
- Prior to emailing me your three questions, it's important that you do a little research to ensure that your questions are real (i.e. it's happening or being debated in the world)
- Emails must be sent no later than 11:59 PM on the day indicated on the syllabus
- Consider brainstorming, browsing news sites, Google News, the opinion pages of newspapers, Wikipedia, etc.