

Speech Assignment: Week 1 – Friday, May 31 Interviews

Working in teams of either 2 or 3 (these do not have to be your final group), choose one of the following scenarios. One person will play the role of a newscaster. One person will play the role of the interviewee who is being interviewed on some topic that is happening now that is related to global climate change. These are not ad-libbed interviews. They must be prepared and must include content that we covered during this week, such as the science of global climate change, ethical issues raised by global climate change and/or Hawaii legislative policy on global climate change. The presentations do not need to include all 3 topics, but must substantively engage with at least one of the topics. The grades for these speeches will be 50% on content and 50% on presentation and style.

Suggested options:

1. Interview a legislator/regulator re: Hawaii laws and regulations and whether Hawaii is achieving its policy goals on mitigating global climate change;
2. Interview Pat Caldwell or other scientist regarding the most recent week-long south swell, that occurred May 16 – May 23 and the role global climate change may be having on changing surf patterns.
3. Interview Waikiki Hotel operator regarding any issues of global climate change, e.g., potential sea level rise, increased storms, or sea water air conditioning systems.
4. Interview an individual from one of the many islands that likely will sink as sea levels rise, e.g., Solomon Islands, (Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Maldives, Torres Strait, and so on).
5. You are free to come up with another scenario, but do be sure to get prior instructor approval.