

ASEM 2420  
**The Cultured Ape**  
Winter 2020

**Assignment #3: Women and War**

Our discussion of evolved differences in human sexual psychology and human predispositions for both war and peace naturally culminates in the debate about Women in War. This assignment asks you to write an op-ed piece of 900-1000 words that ranges over this contested territory and stakes out a position in the debate.

Use all of the readings at your disposal to construct your op-ed. You are expected to reference in your piece the competing *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* op-eds by Kalinowski, Pulley, Fazio, and McDonald. Call attention to strengths and weaknesses in the arguments of each, as well as any significant blind spots, in light of what you have learned about the evolved Cultured Ape. Do all of this in a way that is accessible to the newspaper reading public. In other words, write for the “person on the street” and not a professional audience.

**NOTE: The length of this essay should be no less than 900 and no more than 1000 words!**

**Double-space your pages with 1 inch margins all around. Your essay should be typed using a 12 point font. Please number your manuscript pages!!**

**This assignment is DUE IN CLASS on Friday, February 21.**