Suggested Outline for Group Paper

1. Introduction
   1. Introduce the topic
   2. Define why it is controversial
   3. Background (history)
   4. Thesis statement
      1. Acknowledge that there is a debate (ie. It isn’t a clear cut issue)
      2. Introduce the three or four areas of common concern you plan on addressing (forecasting statement)
   5. Example: While marijuana was made into a schedule one classified substance in the 1950s, the debate over its benefits and risks has existed for much longer. Recently, the debate has become heated with several states legalizing, taxing and regulating marijuana for recreational use. While both sides may not agree on many things, they both share common concerns with safety, money and health.
2. Body paragraph 1: topic sentence should use language that you already introduced in your forecasting statement.
   1. Make sure your topic sentence introduces comparative language
   2. Evidence for each side
      1. Use the quote sandwich method
   3. Transitionary statement or hint at what your overall paper’s conclusion (compromise will be)
3. Conclusion
   1. How do we turn common ground into compromises?
   2. What compromise could come about? (Realistic)