COURSE NAME
LAB 5: Document Analysis
DATE

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1. What is your research question?

2. What type of documents are you analyzing? To what part of the final project will they contribute?

3. Determine a major issue/topic that will benefit your project and is discussed in the documents you've brought. Produce a brief outline that includes relevant actors involved in the issue, their opinions, or events that constitute this issue/topic. Push yourself to think of all possible criteria/objects active in this issue whether they are covered in the document or not.

4. Go back to your document(s) and look for themes. These themes might be outcomes, definitions, or accounts that illustrate the situated understanding or constructed meaning associated with the criteria/objects outlined

above. In other words, what specific evidence can you find in your documents to illustrate connections between criteria/objects and your major issue/topic?

5. Present your findings in the typology provided. In the top row, state your issue or topic. In row two, you can present the theme(s) uncovered in your analysis of the document(s). In column one, consider including the criteria/objects of interest. This will look a little different for everyone but keep in mind that the central cells will always be direct quotes/evidence from your document(s).

6. On a separate sheet of paper, briefly summarize your typology. Discuss the interactions you've found and what it says about your larger issue/topic of interest

7. You may have some difficulty filling in every field from the documents you have. What extra information would be required to complete the typology? Where could you obtain this information?