

ANALYTICAL PAPER

In Chapters Twelve, Thirteen, and Fourteen of *Inferring and Explaining* I make a sustained argument that capital punishment, as it is now administered in our country, violates the Constitution. My argument depends on evidence for an interpretation of the Constitution, evidence provided in a detailed statistical analysis of the death penalty (the Baldus study), and on a causal explanation of that statistical data. Your task is to assess the quality of the evidence that I marshal in defense of my thesis. You will need to **utilize the tools of inference to the best explanation** for an assessment of my evidence for the constitutional interpretation, as well as the inference from a sample to a population, and the inference from a correlation to a cause.

Your paper should no longer than 2500 words (double spaced). There is no minimum length, but it's hard for me to imagine that an adequate job on this assignment could come in at less than 1000 words.