

# TUFTSCOPE COMMENTARY GUIDELINES



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## I. Guidelines for Commentaries

1. **Commentaries:** Commentaries are defined as short pieces regarding a single issue or topic. Commentaries should be 1500 – 2000 words in length. Commentaries do not require an abstract. Commentaries must have a title *page* with the title of the commentary, the names of all authors, the affiliations of all authors (university or institution, year of study or position, major or degrees, supporting professors), and an email address email address at which the author or authors may be readily contacted.
2. **Citations:** All major academic reference styles are accepted for submitted commentaries. It is the author’s responsibility to ensure that references are accurate and up to date. The Editorial Board reviews and investigates the sources for all submissions. Papers must be referenced and cited using a numerical style of citation, with each reference bearing a numeral corresponding to first appearance within the paper and using the same numerical citation for each use of the reference thereafter. *Please use in-text citations and not the built in word processor citation system.* For example: “...we can say that according to X... (1) The theories of Y, however, prove. (2)” The Editorial Board reviews and investigates the sources for all submissions.
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