

**Ancient Chinese Philosophy**

**Possible Claims**

Debatable Issue

**The debatable issue for this project is:**

**By which ancient Chinese philosophy should people today be more influenced, Confucianism or Daoism?**

The possible claims below are all exemplars and they are all viable. They are not the only argumentative claims possible, certainly.

Possible Claims for Confucianism

 **Confucianism believes that leaders should be fair and just to their people.**

 **Confucianism believes in the importance of filial piety and respecting their parents.**

 **Confucianism believes in reverence for one’s ancestors.**

**Confucianism believes that it is as important for people to recognize what they don’t know as it is for them to learn more.**

**Confucianism believes in the primary importance of wisdom.**

**Confucianism believes that people should be cautious and always well-prepared for changes in life.**

**Confucianism believes that people should think more about others than themselves.**

Possible Claims for Daoism

 **Daoism believes in non-violence and rejects the use of weapons against other human beings.**

 **Daoism believes in modesty and humility, especially in leaders.**

**Daoism believes that in a society everyone has a proper and a happy place that they will find if they let it happen naturally.**

**Daoism believes that all opposites are inter-connected, and that there is always some good in what is evil, some pain in what is pleasurable, and so on.**

**Daoism believes in a government that keeps its interference in the lives of its citizens to a minimum.**

**Daoism believes that desire should be abandoned and that without desire and wanting things people will be much more content and happy.**

**Daoism believes in the mystery of life and the spirit and believes that it is essential to embrace that mystery.**