



Final Paper

Introduction to American Government and Politics
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Format

- Why? -> to make it easier for me to grade. This will not impact how long your paper is but makes me happy.
- Times new Roman, 14pt, double spaced
- Length Requirement = 2000 words. Dont worry about this too much. A well written paper will easily reach this goal

Submissions

- Papers will be submitted via canvas and subject to a plagiarism check. Do not plagiarize. Papers exceeding a certain threshold will summarily receive a zero. I want to know what you think not what you can copy and paste.
- Papers will be due no later than midnight on the last day of class. Late papers will not be submitted absent extraordinary circumstances and advance approval.

Topic

- Congratulations!!! You are the newly appointed chief advisor to the President of the United States. In your role as the primary advisor to POTUS, you are called upon to advise on a great many things.
- This paper will be your internal brief to POTUS regarding what he should do related to the crisis in Ukraine. In advising the president, you will need to consider all possible factors that POTUS should consider and the various motivations that he may have.

Things to Consider

- Humanitarian
- Other Countries
- Avoidance of War
- Re-election
- Health of the party
- The Economy
- And so much more...

We don't know what will happen...

- Many times we can not say for sure what will happen. If we provide tanks to Ukraine, what will Russia do, for example. That said, we can hypothesize what will happen by drawing an analogy to things that have already happened.
- This should comprise the major block of your research.
 - If you advise that POTUS should invade Russia you may want to look at if this sort of thing has happened before and what the results were.

Stylistic Notes

- As the advisor your job is to advise, not to advocate. This means that you may recommend a course of action but it is on you to
 - Ensure the POTUS has all relevant information
 - When appropriate, a recommendation of the best course of action
 - Connect this information to those things that will be motivating considerations to POTUS

How will I grade

- 20% -> did you comply with the assignment (did you meet length, were you responsive, did you do research.
- 20% -> Research -> is your paper well researched and sufficiently cited.
- 20% -> Msc. -> Grammar, Spelling, ect.
- 40% -> Content