

Diablo Valley College – San Ramon Valley Campus
POLSC 240 – 9082: Spring Research Project 2024

“Government in the Future”

Question: Critically examine Noam Chomsky’s famous talk from 1970 on the various future possibilities for the United States government. What is the basic matrix for political economy that the author lays out, and how does it relate to the more recent analogue – the Political Compass? Using his description of “libertarian socialism,” discuss whether such a political economy is possible, and if so, what is the likelihood we would see the U.S. move in this direction from its current “state capitalist” model?

Sample Outline

(But feel free to design your outline any way you wish)

I. Introduction / Thesis Statement – a brief statement outlining your position or something relevant about this issue.

II. Body – the bulk of the paper is here, in excerpts from the text, and your analysis and evaluation of it.

- a. Classical Liberalism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- b. Libertarian Socialism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- c. State Socialism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- d. State Capitalism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?

III. Conclusion – Ultimately, what are the possibilities for libertarian socialism as the next great (r)evolution for US democracy (and maybe the world!)? What are the negatives and positives and for whom?

Extras:

1. Make sure to use the APA style of citation *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings I have provided, or that you have found in your own independent research.* You do not need to cite Chomsky’s *Government in the Future*, just other work that you may decide to include.

2. In order to earn an “A” on this paper, it should be:

- a. *fully* documented and cited (when using authors other than Chomsky);
- b. a *minimum* of 15 pages (including title, abstract, and reference page, meaning **12 full pages of text analysis**);
- c. research *beyond* the authors provided;
- d. turned in *on time* (April 15, 2024)