

Instructions for the April 13, 2021 Lecture

All right People,

Time to give a nod to pluralist theory by examining the concept of interest groups. My experience has been that most, if not all government textbooks (whether for high school or college students) will typically have an entire chapter devoted to interest groups. I've always wondered why that was. No chapters on money in politics, or how capitalism might affect politics, just interest groups all fighting to get their interests on the government's agenda. Let's explore why that might be. Here's your schedule for the week:

Lecture 11. Interest Groups

Task 1: Read these instructions.

Task 2: Read Chapter 7 in the Heineman text (pp. 132-149)

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Interest Groups." They certainly exist...but are some more important or powerful than others?

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response. You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on the assignments page to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch.

Task 6: Go to our Canvas page and click the link titled "Discussion Board for Lecture Eleven" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one to two-paragraphs. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on the Canvas assignments page. Don't be late....

So we're in pretty close now. Paper's due next week! Time to get serious....Next lectures will move us into the realm of policy. Very important stuff coming...

I will see you all then...

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