

## Instructions for the August 25, 2020 Lectures

Good Evening Everyone!

So for tonight we'll have our first lecture – an introduction to the discipline and an examination of various theories of American government. You can organize these lectures to your taste (i.e. doing all the reading first, or some reading and watching of the lecture, videos, whatever's comfortable), but I do want you to complete everything associated with the August lecture. These are the steps you'll follow to successfully complete these lectures.

### Lecture 1. Introduction to American Government

**Task 1:** Read these instructions! (easy, no problem).

**Task 2:** Read Chapter 1 in the Heineman text (pp. 1-18)

**Task 3:** Watch the lecture presentation on “Politics in a Changing Society.” It stars me, as your intrepid instructor.

**Task 4:** Read the article for your journal response (Liberal Individualism and the Crisis of Citizenship by Robert Bellah). 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 *America's Great Divide (Part 1)*.

**Task 6:** Click the link titled “Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation” and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or so. 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 people at first it's gonna feel like a lot, and it is. But as we progress and get some of the lectures behind us, you'll develop a rhythm and start to see things mellow out a bit. So don't get frustrated. Just pace yourself. I'll be there either in email or Zoom when you need help.

See you on September 1<sup>st</sup> !

Peace out,

Kropf