

Instructions for the September 29, 2020 Lecture

Hello People,

Today we will check out the next branch of government (the executive) and discuss its role in lawmaking. We covered the legislative last week, they were the branch that made the laws; now we'll look at the branch that "enforces" those laws (I have it in quotes because it is interesting to see which laws it chooses to "enforce"). The executive has accrued a lot of power in the 20th and 21st centuries, a whole lot more than the founders would probably be comfortable with. So let's dig in...at the top of this branch is a person who could literally end the world with one press of a button. Got your attention now?

Lecture 6. The Executive Branch (President)

Task 1: Read these instructions (easy, they're the same).

Task 2: Read Chapter 9 in the Heineman text (pp. 183-203)

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "The Executive Branch." Still convinced they run the show? Let's see....

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (The Limits on Presidential Power by Michael Genovese). 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 *The Corporate Coup d'Etat* with Chris Hedges. Pretty dark stuff, but a must watch to see how the executive might be infected....oops...I mean *affected* by corporations.

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....

See! Not so bad. They say "time flies when you're having fun," so.....there it is!

So long, farewell my friends,

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