

Instructions for the June 24, 2021 Lectures

OK folks, let's finish up week two!

Just so you know, and to give you some relief, this doubling up on theories goes only to the end of this month, June 29. So we'll double up tonight and then again on June 29th. But after that, we'll be doing one lecture at a time for the rest of the summer (with the exception of July 8th. I'll be combining two lectures on globalization). I felt it was important to get through all 9 of the theories before your paper comes in, so that you have plenty of time to focus on the one you want to use as the thesis for your research paper. You *definitely* should be working on the reading for that, along with all your other tasks. It is not something you want to be writing last minute.

All right, so we move to state level theories tonight after examining the 4 system level theories. Here's what you'll be covering tonight:

1. Political Culture Theory

Task 1: Read these instructions (boom!).

Task 2: Read Chapter 6 in the text.

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Political Culture Theory." This theory became very popular (still is in some quarters) after 9/11/2001. Let me know what you think...

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (The Clash of Civilizations by Samuel Huntington). You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the posted date to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch *The Power of Nightmares*. Adam Curtis is pretty well known for his documentaries in Britain, not as well known here, but this one really brings out the cultural misunderstandings in IR, especially between Westerners and Muslims.

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 Canvas. Don't be late....

OK, once you're all set with this theory, now move on to:

2. Decision-Making Process Theory

Task 1: Same instructions as above.

Task 2: Read Chapter 7 of the text.

Task 3: Watch the second lecture presentation on the “Decision-Making Process Theory.” Many do not consider this one so much of a theory, as a sort of blow-by-blow description of how decisions about war are ultimately made by world leaders. Still, it has its uses, and I’ve read some good papers from students who used this one.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (Same as above with Huntington). You can find the question on the link titled “Lecture / Discussion Page” highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until Sunday, June 28, at 11:59 pm to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Continue with *The Power of Nightmares*.

Task 6: Same as Task 6 above. Your thoughts on this film will constitute your June 25 Discussion Board response. Same deadline as above. Looks like you will have 3 journal responses and 3 discussion board responses to knock out before the posted deadline, so don’t get behind.

So everyone’s looking good at the end of week two. As I said earlier, things will start to ease up at the end of next week, where we’ll be doing one lecture / discussion per class. Make sure to stay rested and email me this weekend if you have any questions or concerns

See everybody next week,

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