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Lecture Nine – Public Opinion and the Mass Media

Instructions for the Week of October 18 to 22

Whas up Home Boys and Girls?

The mass media....pffft! Don't get me started! CNN, MSDNC, Faux News. Let's face it – corporate news stinks! We need a press for the 99%! But we should probably go back to the beginning. The founders had the right idea by demanding a free press (that's why it's in the First Amendment of the Constitution). But did their vision pan out? This lecture's a big one so might go into overtime to examine it. Here's your studently duties:

Task 1: Click “Text Reading and Text Assignments” to see the text work for this lecture. After finishing the text assignment, you can upload your work to the Google Classroom page.

Task 2: Click “Lecture Presentation” to watch the lecture *asynchronously* (meaning you can watch it when you want to, not at any specific time). If you have any specific questions about the lecture, you can ask during our Zoom meetings.

Task 3: Click “Article Reading for Journal Response.” Each lecture will be accompanied by an article which will correspond to that lecture's theme. After reading the article, you will write a one-page, double-spaced response which you will upload onto Google Classroom. Remember, the response should be an *analysis* of the article, *not a summary*. In other words, tell me what you *think* about the article, do not tell be what the article is about (I've already read it). Analysis can include agreements or disagreements with the author, bias in the writing, questions or comments about the subject or facts presented, or other thoughts you might want to add.

Task 4: Click “Video Presentation for Lecture Nine” and watch the documentary on the Youtube link. The videos are approximately one to two hours for each lecture. You can watch at your convenience but do try to absorb the entire film.

Task 5: Click “Google Classroom Discussion Board Response.” Once there, I would like you to write a short, one-paragraph comment about the film. After that, please respond to two other student's responses. Please keep your responses to other students respectful – we don't need to agree, but let's be polite and mature in how we talk with each other.

Well, that's enough for this week. Visit me on Zoom. I'm very lonely....
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