

College Park High School – U.S. Government  
Spring 2023 Research Project Two

“Government in the Future”

**Final Due Date: Friday, May 19, 2023** (this is a drop-dead date. No late papers accepted).

**Question:** Critically examine Noam Chomsky’s famous talk from 1970 on the various future possibilities for the United States government. What is the basic matrix for political economy that the author lays out, and how does it relate to the more recent analogue – the Political Compass? Using his description of “libertarian socialism,” discuss whether such a political economy is possible, and if so, what is the likelihood we would see the U.S. move in this direction from its current “state capitalist” model?

Sample Outline

(But feel free to design your outline any way you wish)

**I. Introduction / Thesis Statement** – a brief statement outlining your position or something relevant about this issue. (approximately 1 page).

**II. Body** – the bulk of the paper is here, in excerpts from the text, and your analysis and evaluation of it. (approximately 4 pages).

- a. Classical Liberalism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- b. Libertarian Socialism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- c. State Socialism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?
- d. State Capitalism – What is this philosophy? Your critique?

**III. Conclusion** – Ultimately, what are the possibilities for libertarian socialism as the next great (r)evolution for US democracy (and maybe the world!)? What are the negatives and positives and for whom? (approximately 1 page).

Extras:

1. All papers will be completed in APA style format. Make sure to include a citation *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research*. Using other’s work without providing proper citation is plagiarism and grounds for immediate failure on this essay.

2. This paper will not be turned in separately. Include it as the second chapter of your final thesis project. This paper will NOT be printed out but instead will be uploaded to Turnitin.

3. An “A” paper will be: a) *fully* documented and cited; b) a **minimum of 6 pages of text analysis** (DO NOT include separate title and abstract pages; c) research *beyond* authors provided; and d) turned in *on time* (May 19, 2023).