

## Instructions for Lecture Seven

OK folks,

Hope everyone is doing well. We have one more discussion on democracy this week before we move into looking at political systems that are in crisis. This week we'll examine various institutions that inhabit democratic systems. What type of systems provide the best representation for average citizens? Why do people join various political parties or engage in political activity? Since we're doing "comparative" politics, we'll spend some time comparing the U.S. "democracy" (should that be in air quotes?) and other democracies around the world.

### **Lecture 7. Institutions of Participation and Representation in Democracies**

**Task 1:** Read these instructions! (yeah, it's repetitive...).

**Task 2:** Read Chapter 6 in the Orvis/Drogus text (pp. 174 – 216)

**Task 3:** Watch the lecture presentation on "Institutions of Participation and Representation in Democracies."

**Task 4:** Read the article for your journal response. 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.

**Task 6:** Go to our Canvas page and click the link titled "Discussion Board for Lecture One" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one to two-paragraphs. 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....

After two weeks of examining "normal" democracies, next week we'll begin looking at democracies or other political systems as they collapse into various crises, becoming more authoritarian and less functional. See you next time...

Peace out,

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