

Instructions for Lecture Eight

Here we go!

It is now time to leave the placid, quiet, and serene nature of living in democracy, and take a look at when things go south, so to speak. Breakdown resulting from anger and polarization sometimes take political systems beyond the normal back and forth we see in politically stable societies. So “contentious politics” is political activity that goes beyond institutional bounds. How do countries sometimes fall prey to terrorism, civil war, and revolution? Let’s dig in...and not assume the United States is immune from such realities.

Lecture 8. Contentious Politics: Social Movements, Political Violence, and Revolution

Task 1: Read these instructions! (aahhgain....).

Task 2: Read Chapter 7 in the Orvis/Drogus text (pp. 218 – 250)

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on “Contentious Politics.”

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.

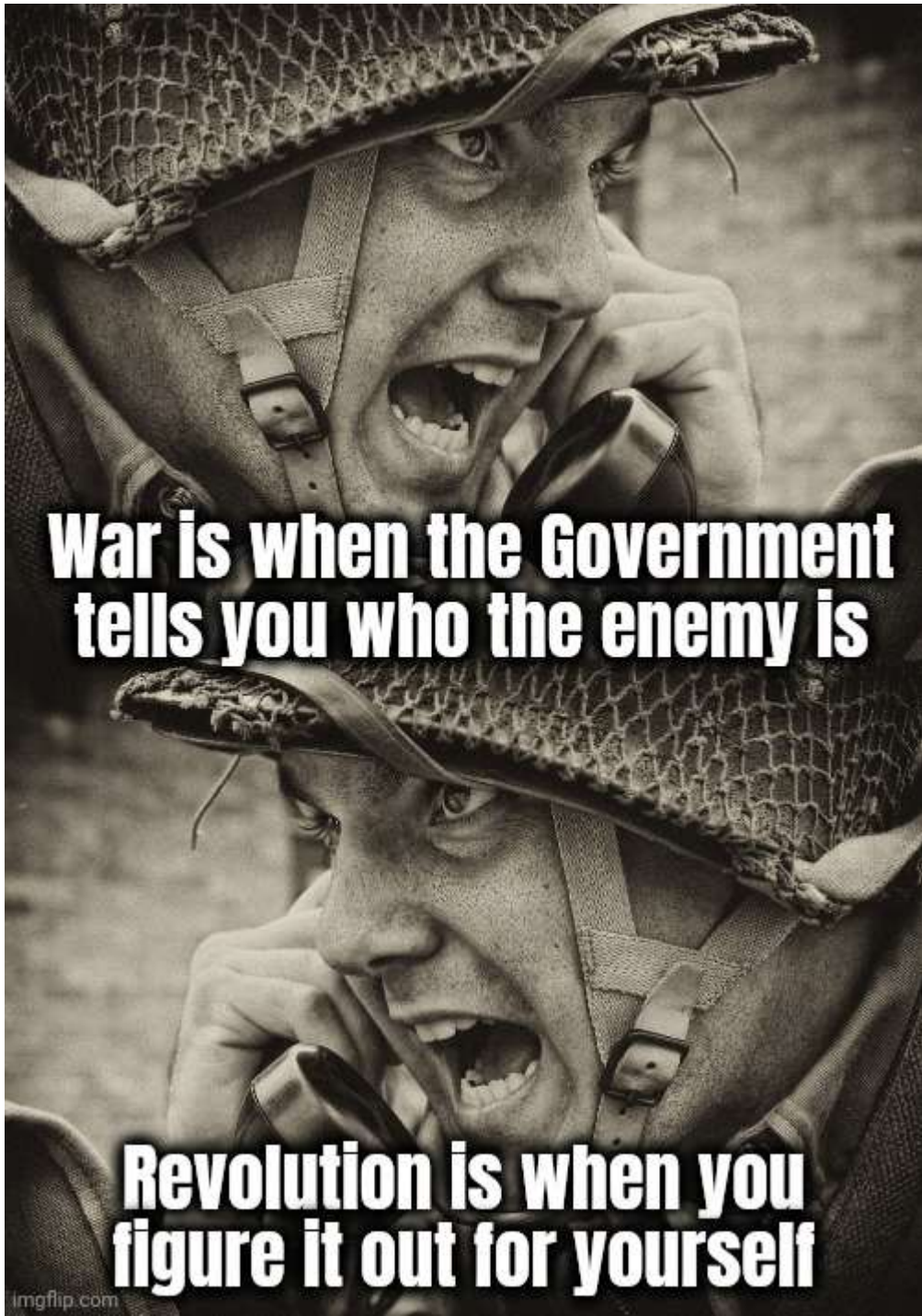
Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch.

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....

So once a country begins this collapse of legitimate authority, what does it look like when things go full authoritarian? That’s for next week. Just a heads-up, we’re about one month out from the research paper being due. In the next few weeks we’ll need to start getting things ready.

Have a great week,

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**War is when the Government
tells you who the enemy is**

**Revolution is when you
figure it out for yourself**