POS2041 American National Government

Our textbook:

<https://openstax.org/details/books/american-government-2e>

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**The Presidency**

**News Journal Written Assignment:**

News Journals require you to relate current events to the topics covered within POS 2041, American National Government. For this Journal you will select your own article. The article you select will determine your success on this Journal.  The article must be about The President, and illustrate a concept discussed in your textbook. The news article you select must itself be at least 4 paragraphs in length and come from a major, national news source.

For a list of sources and search possibilities please go to the Media tab, on the [POS 2041 Lib page](http://spcollege.libguides.com/c.php?g=384349). Create your Journal meeting the criteria we have been using and addressing each of the elements below.

* 1. **Summary** - Summarize in paragraph form the facts and issues presented in the article. Document the source of your information with a parenthetical reference, **i.e. (Sanger and Broad 2019, para. 4).**
  2. **Application** - Apply **three or more concepts** from the **assigned chapter** to the main ideas in the news article. Specifically explain how the material in your textbook is illustrated in the article you are examining. This can be accomplished by using examples from the article and terms or concepts found in the textbook. **You must clearly define the concepts and provide in-text citations in the APA format, including the page numbers, i.e. (Krutz 2019, p. 15) for our textbook.**
  3. **Analysis** - Conclude with an analysis and reflection of the issue that includes reasoning related to concepts within POS 2041 an analysis of the article perspective. Does the article present the issue in a way that influences as well as informs. Lastly, include your own observations of the issue, the actions of those involved or an anticipated outcome related to your understanding of the concepts covered within the course.

**In order to receive credit, you are also required to:**

* 1. **Evenly divide**your essay into sections by number and title. **(i.e. 1. Summary; 2. Application; 3. Analysis)**
     + 1. Summary
     + 2. Application
     + 3. Analysis
     + Penalties for not following this requirement will range from 5 to 10 points.
  2. **Provide**comprehensive analysis by using the textbook and other course materials as the primary source of information.
     + Penalties for not following this requirement will range from 5 to 15 points.
  3. **Submit** your essay **in at least 500 words**.
     + Penalties for not following the length requirement will range from 5 to 40 points.
  4. **Submit**the essay within the due date.
     + No late submission will be allowed or graded unless documented emergency or accommodation is provided by the student.
  5. **Avoid**copy-and-paste and unnecessary quotations.
     + **Use paraphrasing instead of quoting.**
       - You should use a quote only when the same idea cannot be stated differently or when doing so would diminish its academic value. The latter is not applicable in our case and the former is rarely required at this level.
       - Penalties for not complying will range from 5 to 20 points.
  6. **Provide, even when paraphrasing,** in-text citations and references in the APA writing format.  
     + **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.** A failing grade for the assignment and/or the course will be awarded pursuant to the *SPC Academic Integrity Policy*. <https://go.spcollege.edu/AcademicHonesty/>
     + See the following links for specific information on how to provide in-text citations, references, and paraphrasing.
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLlLIYxeGls> (in-text citations)
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiL4H09v0gU> (quoting v. paraphrasing)
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO9ABVfaLGE> (Web citation)
       - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8qGZkgnxSk> (Article citation)
     + Penalties for not providing in-text citations and/or references will range from 10 to 40 points.
  7. Your essay **Turnitin originality report should not be higher than 30%.**
     + Check the *Turnitin* report to make sure that there are no problematic sections.
       - Use the following link to learn how to check the report. [Retrieving Turnitin Originality Reports in MyCourses Student Tutorial](https://mycourses.spcollege.edu/d2l/lor/viewer/view.d2l?ou=61227&loIdentId=2264)
     + Revise and resubmit your essay within the due date if it is necessary.
       - Use proper paraphrasing to fix the issues.
     + Penalties for not complying with this requirement will range from 5 to 40 points.
* **Research Decision Matrix**
* **Do you need research from a(n):**

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| **Federal report (for narrative,visual)** | [Congressional Research Service Reports](http://digital.library.unt.edu/explore/collections/CRSR/)                                               See Research Project -- Letter to Congress Tab |
| **Congressional bill (official, non-official)** | [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/), [GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us/), [National Journal](http://www.nationaljournal.com/), [PopVox](https://www.popvox.com/" \t "_blank)                         See Research Project -- Letter to Congress Tab |
| **Time-sensitive information view** | Major newspapers (e.g. New York Times, Washington Post)                See Written Assignment -- Media Resources Tab |
| **Easily searchable, time-sensitive view** | [Google News](http://news.google.com/), News Magazines                                                             See Written Assignment -- Media Resources Tab |
| **Local interest perspective** | Tampa Bay Times/TBO.com.                                                                 See Written Assignment -- Media Resources Tab |
| **Complex scientific/expert’s view** | SPC’s Science/Medical databases (scholarly) See Databases by Subject (from MyCourses or with Student # and Last four digits of Social Security number) |
| **Lobbying or special interest point of view** | Professional organizations: e.g. [National Rifle Association](https://home.nra.org/), [Coalition to Stop Gun Violence](http://csgv.org/), etc. |
| **Statistical perspective** | [FedStats](http://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/),[Statistical Abstract of the U.S.](https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2011/compendia/statab/131ed.html) (2012, latest available online) |
| **International statistical perspective** | [CIA World Factbook](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/), [Country Reports](http://www.countryreports.org/countries/World.htm) |
| **Contemporary or pop culture view** | [Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/), [Drudge Report](http://www.drudgereport.com/).                                                            See Written Assignment -- Media Resources Tab |