GOVT 2305 Current Event Assignment 50 Points

This assignment consists of accessing a news article pertaining to the **U.S.federal government** and making connections to class material.Suggested articles are included on page two of this assignment.You can use an article you select from the list on page 2 or you can select an article on our own. You need to analyze the article and make specific and direct connections to two (2) concepts that we have covered in class. The source must be less then 60 days old from the date of submission. Acceptable sources are: 1) The Texas Tribune <https://www.texastribune.org/>or 2) The New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/>. If you would like to use an article from another source, please email the article url to me for approval.

The purposes of this assignment are:

1. to increase your ability to research current events in government,
2. to increase your understanding of a particular area of government,
3. to connect concepts you are learning in class material with real-world issues.

You are to include the following in your assignment:

1. Article title and source – 5 points

a. Using the MLA style of citation, where did you get the article?

b. For this assignment, you must include the url in your citation.

2. Summary - 5 points

Briefly and in your own words, summarize the content of the article.

3. Connection 1 - 15 points

Connect the article to a concept we have covered in class.

a. **Define** the concept that you state the article connects to.

b. Describe how the article illustrates the concept.

4. Connection 2 - 15 points

Connect the article to one or more concepts we have covered in class.

a. **Define** the concept that you state the article connects to.

b. Describe how the article illustrates the concept.

5. Reaction – 10 points

Take a position on the issue contained in the article.

a. What ideas, positions, or assumptions do you want to challenge?

b. What do you agree with and why?

Write your paper in paragraph form using good sentence structure with proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Write the paper in your own words. If you need to use a short quote, cite properly. The paper should be approximately two pages in length, double-spaced, one-inch margins, and 12-point font.

Possible articles:

Judges Strike Several Blows to Trump Immigration Policies

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/11/us/immigration-public-charge-injunction.html?searchResultPosition=42>

Harvard Won a Key Affirmative Action Battle. But the War’s Not Over.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/02/us/harvard-admissions-lawsuit.html?searchResultPosition=1>

How Pending Decision on Obamacare Could Upend 2020 Campaign

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/18/health/health-care-2020-election.html?searchResultPosition=2>

A Divided House Endorses Impeachment Inquiry into Trump

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/31/us/politics/house-impeachment-vote.html>

Congressional Democrats Return fromRecess Vowing to Prioritize Gun Legislation

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/congressional-democrats-return-from-recess-vowing-to-prioritize-gun-legislation>

No refugees allowed? Trump’s plan to give states and cities a veto prompts an outcry.

<https://www.texastribune.org/2019/10/12/texas-gov-greg-abbott-veto-power-allowing-refugees-trump-plan/>

Two years after Trump announced an end to DACA, "Dreamers" look ahead with hope and anxiety

<https://www.texastribune.org/2019/09/06/dreamers-filled-hope-anxiety-two-years-after-trump-tried-end-daca/>