

COMPARING FOREIGN POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Paper 1: Dealing with the Pressures of Globalization Across the Advanced Industrial Democracies

Monday, February 20: Your essay must be submitted by e-mail by 5pm to msetzler@highpoint.edu. A hard copy of the same document is by the start of our class on Wednesday. Failing to submit both versions of the paper on time will result in a late-paper deduction of one-half a grade each day.

Instructions:

Please respond to the prompt listed below with an essay that is at least 1750 words in length (aim for 5-7 pages), excluding a title section/page and the required bibliography.

Before beginning your essay, you should review carefully the handouts on the course website addressing citation requirements and paper grading criteria. The paper's citations and bibliography should carefully follow one three formats most used in the social sciences: University of Chicago, the APA, or the APSA. For your convenience, my website provides a handout with many formatting examples using the APSA style. If you have any doubts at all on when to cite or how to cite electronic sources, please read my handout on this or see your instructor before you turn in your paper.

The primary purpose of this assignment is to assess your understanding of and ability to apply the course's assigned materials, especially the non-textbook readings.

As such, your essay should center exclusively on the reading materials covered in this course unit. Please do not use any outside readings or sources unless you specifically have cleared doing so with me (i.e., you may not use the internet, unassigned authors, or any other student's work, to help you write the paper). If you do not use, engage, and analyze the assigned readings, it will not be clear that you have closely read them. Without exception, instances of plagiarism (cases where a student attempts to gain academic credit by submitting an essay in which a significant portion of the writing has been copied, paraphrased without citation, or patch-written from any other author, the internet, or another student) will be reported and punished according to university policy.

Finally, your essay should be double-spaced, have numbered pages, use standard page margins and fonts, and include page-specific and properly formatted citation. Your title page/section should list the paper's word count. The hard copy that you are turning in should have its pages secured with a staple or a paperclip. Before you turn in the paper, please double-check to make sure that you meet each of the just-stated requirements.

Essay Topic:

What is globalization, and how is its intensification impacting economic and political life in the advanced industrial democracies? Thinking about the way that democracy differently works in Britain and Germany, is one country better situated to deal with the challenges and opportunities posed by globalization?

Your response should carefully consider the readings on the challenges facing the advanced industrial countries as a whole, and not just the country-specific readings. If you would like (or not), you may use the U.S. system as a point of comparison, but please focus almost all of your analysis on examples from Germany and the UK.