

Political Science 403W: The U.S. in World Affairs

**TAKE-HOME TASK FOR EXAM II (50% of the exam grade)
Due 6 April 2017, at the beginning of class.**

I expect, and will grade accordingly, that you will comply with the following:

- 1) I suggest you review **WRITING IN POLT 403**.
- 2) The essays will be single-spaced with normal default spacing, 1" margins, and of required length or the handwritten equivalent. You will use a font with a size of 11 or 12 and a face such as Times New Roman or the equivalent. Examples of faces you will not use are `courier new` and `O C R`. *Failure to follow the above can cost a 2.0 cut for the take-home task.*
- 3) The essays will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. *Failure to do this will cost 0.5 for each essay..*
- 4) When you draw from a reading or another source, credit the reading or source with a note in the form – (Bressler, p. 180). *If I find inadequate sourcing, I will assign a cut of up to 1.0 for the essay.*
- 5) *Essays that are not the required length will lose 0.5 each.*
- 6) Please type your essays.

You may collaborate only on tasks 5 & 6.
(Check the syllabus for collaboration rules.)

THERE ARE SEVEN ESSAYS IN THIS TAKE-HOME TASK.

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Topic: The Government Instrument of Power (I)

Focus: The Process of Making U.S. Foreign Policy (I)

My website, Jordan, Chapter 4, “Presidential Leadership and the Executive Branch”

1. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, describe how the Executive and Congress share power, according to the Constitution, and how over time presidential prerogatives have increased.

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Topic: The Government Instrument of Power (II)

Focus: The Process of Making U.S. Foreign Policy (IV)

Sub-Focus: The U.S. Department of State and the Role of Embassies

My website: The State Department

My website, Jordan, Chapter 4, “Presidential Leadership and the Executive Branch,” pp. 86-91

2. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, describe:
 - a. Ingram’s view regarding the purposes of the Department of State as a diplomatic

instrument of power. (Remember: 14 February – My website: Ingram, vu-graph, “The Functions of Diplomacy”)

- b. the roles of the Department of State in creating and implementing foreign policy
- c. what embassies do to support the diplomacy of United States

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Topic: The Government Instrument of Power (III)

Focus: The Process of Making U.S. Foreign Policy (VI)

Sub-Focus: Intelligence

My website, Jordan, Chapter 4, “Presidential Leadership and the Executive Branch,” 93-95

My website, Jordan, Chapter 7, “Intelligence and National Security”

3. (6) **In a 3/4-page essay:**
 - a. *describe* the intelligence cycle and its components
 - b. *describe* the potential political problems of the producer-consumer interface,
 - c. *explain* why the user’s/policy-maker’s role is probably the most critical to the effectiveness of the cycle,
 - d. *explain* how any intelligence system ensures that the outcome of developing national security strategy and policy will not be fully rational.

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Topic: The Government Instrument of Power (IV)

Focus: The Process of Making U.S. Foreign Policy (VIII)

Sub-focus: the NSC

My website, Jordan, Chapter 4, “Presidential Leadership and the Executive Branch,” pp. 81-86

My website: Jordan, Chapter 10, “Putting the Pieces Together,” pp. 214-217 and 225-227

4. (6) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the NSC and its role, including the National Security Advisor and staff.

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Topic: Critical Issue (I)

Sub-Topic: The Nuclear World in 2017

My website: *Arms Control Association*, “Nuclear Weapons Who Has Then at a Glance,” Jan 2017

My website: *The Economist*, March 7th-13th 2015, “Briefing: Nuclear Weapons,” pp. 23-26

Wikipedia, “Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The Economist, “What you need to know about Iran’s landmark nuclear deal”

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/economist-explains/2015/07/economist-explains-11>

5. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe* the nuclear world of 2017.

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Topic: Security

My website: Caldwell, Chapter 1, “The Meaning of Security Today”

6. ♦ (8) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe*: a) Caldwell’s concept of human security and b) how it includes my view of the core national interest of national security and how it differs from my view.

Topic: Cyberwar

My website: *The Economist*: “War in the fifth dimension”

My website: *Military and Strategic Affairs*, Menashri and Baram, “Critical Infrastructures and their Interdependence in a Cyber Attack – The Case of the U.S.,” March 2015

7. (8) **In a 3/4-page essay**, *describe* the cyberwar threat and the difficulties in responding to it.