

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

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**TAKE-HOME ESSAY SET #13 (4%)**  
**Due Monday, 7 May at the beginning of class**

**REMINDERS:**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Each essay will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement.
- 3) 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 in an essay, I will assign a cut of up to 5 points for that essay.*
- 4) *If an essay is not of the required length, I will assign a cut of up to 5 of points for that essay.*

**You may not collaborate on this task.**

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**WED 25 APR**

*Topic:* An Aspect of the Third Core National Interest – Human Rights

*Focus:* Theory

My website: UN, “Human Rights”

1. (20) **In a ½-page essay**, describe human rights from the perspective of the UN.

My website: *The Economist*, “Righting Wrongs.”

My website: *The Economist*, “The Politics of Human Rights”

2. (50) **In a one-page essay**, what do you believe should be included among human rights? In your essay, consider three criteria, which you must define:
  - A. the right to life
  - B. universal or relative rights
  - C. positive and negative rights

*Focus:* Policy

My website: *Foreign Service Institute*, Roberta Cohen, “Integrating Human Rights in US Foreign Policy: the History, the Challenges, and the Criteria for an Effective Policy,” 2008

4. (30) **In a ½-page essay**, discuss the role human rights should play in American foreign policy.