

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

TAKE-HOME ESSAY SET #15 (4%)

Due on the day of the final exam at noon in my office, Room 213, Horton

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.

Focus: The UN's Approach to Human Development

My website: UN, "Human Development Indicators"

My website: UN, "Human Development Report, 2013," *Summary (complete)*

1. (30) **In a ½-page essay, describe:**
 - a. the human development index,
 - b. the three dimensions of human development used in the index
 - c. the limitations of the index.
 - d. the principal finding of the *Human Development Report, 2013* and what the report says are causing that finding.

Focus: Poverty

Wikipedia, "Poverty"

3. (40) **In a ¾-page essay:**
 - a. *define* poverty (Besides the first sentence of the Wikipedia article, look at definitions.),
 - b. *define* absolute poverty,
 - c. *describe* the trends regarding poverty,
 - d. *describe* the characteristics (effects) of poverty.
 - e. *state* what two regions of the world is poverty most prevalent in the world.
5. (30) **In a ½-page essay, discuss** poverty as a detrimental element of human development, using what you said in the essays above.