

**POLT 403: The U.S. in World Affairs**

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**TAKE-HOME QUIZ**

Due 6 September 2017 at the beginning of the class

This quiz is worth 4% of your final course grade.

- I. Historical events since World War II. ● marks events we will cover in some detail.
- a. (1) When was the UN Charter signed?
  - b. (1) When did the Berlin Blockade begin and end?
  - c. (1) When did the USSR get a nuclear capability?
  - d. (1) When was the People's Republic of China proclaimed?
  - e. (1) ● When was the North Atlantic treaty signed?
  - f. (1) When did the Korean War start and when was the armistice signed?
  - g. (1) When was France defeated in Indo-China and North Vietnam become communist?
  - h. (1) When was the Berlin Wall started?
  - i. (1) ● When did the Cuban Missile Crisis start and when did it end?
  - j. (1) When was the Tonkin Gulf Resolution approved?
  - k. (1) ● When did the last African colony become independent?
  - l. (1) When were the Paris Peace Accords signed and by when did all U.S. forces leave Vietnam?
  - m. (1) When did South Vietnam fall to the North Vietnamese?
  - n. (1) When were the two world oil crises (oil shocks)?
  - o. (1) When did the U.S. switch its recognition from the Republic of China on Taiwan to the People's Republic of China
  - p. (1) ● When was the European Union formally established.
  - q. (1) When did Iran become an Islamic republic?
  - r. (1) ● When did Gorbachev become the leader of the USSR?
  - s. (1) When did the Berlin Wall start to come down?
  - t. (1) ● When did the USSR agree to a unified Germany inside of NATO?
  - u. (1) ● When did the USSR formally dissolve?
  - v. (1) When did Putin become the leader of Russia?
  - w. (1) When were the 9-11 attacks on the U.S.?
  - x. (1) When did the U.S. invade Afghanistan and then Iraq?
  - y. (1) When did the U.S. implement sanctions against Russia after its occupation of Crimea?
  - z. (1) When did the U.S. reopen its diplomatic mission in Cuba?





5. **Afghanistan (2 points)**

IV. Name:

1. The state with the **largest population** in Africa, include the number. (2 points)
2. **In order and with figures**, the four states with the **largest populations** in the world (2 points)
3. The currently **independent** states that were once Yugoslavia (2 points)
4. The states that are currently members of the European Union (EU) and their combined population? (2 points)
5. The states that are currently members of NATO. (2 points)

V. Miscellaneous:

1. What is the difference between longitude and latitude? (**Draw a picture**) (2 points)

2. Describe the flight path, if you were to fly the shortest distance to Moscow from Los Angeles.(2 points)
3. What is the approximate distance from China to Taiwan? (2 points)
4. The Kurdish population is spread primarily over which three countries? (2 points)
5. Describe the area, **not a single state**, where the population is predominately Islamic. (2 points)

#### VI. Essays:

*Topic:* Your Political Socialization

My website: Ingram, vu-graph, "Political Culture and Political Socialization"

6. (4) **In a ½-page essay**, *define* socialization and *discuss* 1) how your socialization affects your ability to think effectively about foreign policy and 2) your responsibility in regards to your own political socialization, within the American political culture.

*Topic:* Perception and Misperception

My website: Jervis, an outline from *Perception and Misperception in International Relations*, Chapter 4, "Cognitive Consistency and the Interaction between Theory and Data," and Chapter 6, "How Decision-Makers Learn from History," pp. 3-5"

7. (4) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe* the problems of cognitive consistency and the problems of learning from history.

*Topic:* Why Theories of Global Politics, Although Important, Are Not Stressed in This Course

My website: Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy*, Nov 2004

8. (4) **In a ½-page essay**, *explain* why Ingram does not stress theories/perspectives of global politics in this course, although they are important to understanding international politics. *I expect to see appropriate references to Snyder's article.*

*Topic:* You and Course Material

My website: Ingram, "Considering Course Material"

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/> "World Newspapers, Magazines and News Sites in English"

9. (4) **In a ½-page essay**, *discuss* how you can try to avoid the media's affect on your ability to think effectively about foreign policy.