

Political Science 560: International Politics

TAKE-HOME QUIZ 5 (5%)

Due 2 May 2017, at the beginning of class

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

- 1) 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 use an appropriate font can cost a 0.5 cut on each essay. Excessively short essays can cost a 0.5 cut for each such essay.*
- 2) If the requirement is for a "short essay," such an essay will closer in length to a ½ page than not.
- 3) Each essay will begin with a topic sentence or a thesis statement. *Failure to do this will cost 0.25 each essay.*
- 4) Remember the need to give credit where credit is due. Look again at the syllabus section on citing sources and plagiarism. 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 generally inadequate sourcing, I will assign a cut of up to full grade. If there is inadequate sourcing in an essay, I will assign a cut of 0.5 to that essay.*

You may not collaborate on this task.

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Topic: Human Development

Global Politics, Chapter 9, "Poverty, Development and Hunger," pp. 327-343

1. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, describe the orthodox approach to development, the critical alternative approach, and the response of the orthodox approach to its critics.

My website: Zoellick, "Fragile States: Securing Development" Sep 2008

2. (10) Zoellick states that "Our appreciation of how best to secure development – to synthesise security, governance and economics to be most effective – is still modest." **In a 3/4-page essay**, describe what you believe are the four most critical priorities to be considered when trying to help a fragile state and explain your choices.

My website: UN, "Human Development Indicators"

3. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, describe:
 - a. the human development index,
 - b. the three dimensions of human development used in the index
 - c. its limitations.

- My Website: UN: *Human Development Report, 2013, Summary (complete)*
4. (5) **In a short essay**, describe the principal finding of the report and what the report says are causing that finding.

Topic: Poverty

Global Politics, Chapter 9, “Poverty, Development and Hunger,” pp. 326-327

Wikipedia, “Poverty”

My website: *The Economist*, 1 September 2012, “The geography of poverty”

5. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**:
- define poverty (Besides the first sentence of the Wikipedia article, look at definitions.),
 - define absolute poverty,
 - describe the trends regarding poverty,
 - describe the characteristics (effects) of poverty, and
 - describe the conclusions in *The Economist* article.

Topic: Hunger

Global Politics, Chapter 9, “Poverty, Development and Hunger,” pp. 343-351

6. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, compare the orthodox explanations for hunger with the alternative explanations.

NYT, “UN Says World Faces Largest Humanitarian Crisis Since 1945,” 10 Mar 2017

7. (5) **In a short essay**, describe what this article believes to be the cause of this crisis.

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Topic: Human Rights

Global Politics, Chapter 7, “Human Rights and Human Security,” pp.253-262 & 271-277

UN, “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”

My website: *The Danish Institute for Human Rights*, “Are Human Rights Universal” (undated)

My website: *Human Rights Quarterly*, Donnelly, “The Relative Universality of Human Rights,” May 2007, especially pp. 282-284 & 298-306

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

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

8. (8) **In a 1/2-page essay**, describe your view of what should be included among human rights. If your view is focused on liberal human rights, explain why. If your view includes the broad UN view of human rights, explain why.
9. (10) **In a 3/4-page essay**, discuss your views regarding universal and relative human rights.
10. (5) **In a short essay**, describe how human rights are effectively protected within states and internationally and explain why human rights are “potent challenges to the central logic of the system of sovereign states.”

Topic: Human Security

Global Politics, Chapter 7, “Human Rights and Human Security,” pp. 262-270 & 274-287

11. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, *describe*:
- a. human security
 - b. how poverty and human rights are part of human security.

Sub-Topic: Responsibility to Protect

My website: UN Regional Information Centre, Western Europe, “The responsibility to protect – on a case by case basis,” 30 Oct 2016

My website: Office of The Special Adviser on The Prevention of Genocide, “The Responsibility to Protect,” Sep 2014

12. (8) **In a ½-page essay**, *define* and *discuss* the concept of responsibility to protect.
13. (3) **In a paragraph**, *describe* how the concept fits into Hoffman’s view on interventions.