

PUP 3314 - Minorities in American Politics Analytical Essays

Directions

For this assignment, students will be presented with prompts that they have several days to complete. The essays are open note and open book, but you cannot collaborate with anyone in completing the responses. All papers must be typed in a word-processing computer program and follow specific formatting rules (12-pt. Times New Roman font, double spaced, and one inch margins on all sides). Microsoft Word .doc files are preferred. Students will be expected to avoid frequent spelling and grammatical errors when writing their papers. The student should cite all course resources used when constructing responses using citation guidelines presented in the American Political Science Association Style Manual. Every submission must be checked for academic integrity by submitting the assignment to TurnItIn's plagiarism monitor via webcourses@ucf/Canvas. *Note: there is no page length requirement, but all the aspects of the prompt questions must be answered in full detail for full credit.*

Each separate prompt should be answered in their own separate essay. An individual essay must take the form of a traditional essay, with a clear beginning, middle, and end. Essays will be graded for accuracy, clarity, appropriate usage of course materials, and adherence to stylistic guidelines. While prompts should be answered in separate essays, all of the essays should be included in a single submission (one file) to webcourses@ucf/Canvas. In order to earn maximum credit, the prompts should cite and incorporate germane information from all course materials relevant to the prompt. **Do not cite sources that are not included/listed in the course calendar; outside sources are not allowed to be cited!**

All of your essays will cite course materials, but everything should be put in your own words. You must cite all the relevant course materials pertaining to the question. Just so everyone is clear, citing lecture is necessary in the analytical essays, just like you would cite one of the course readings. Since you will likely be citing multiple lectures, you will use a lowercase letter after the year to distinguish between the different lectures. The lecture that gets cited first receives the (a) letter assignment, the second lecture that gets cited receives the (b) letter assignment, the third lecture that gets cited receives the (c) letter assignment, and so on. You should do a separate lettering order for each essay prompt. Each essay needs to have its own works cited list.

Within the text of an essay you can do the following:

The 14th Amendment established the citizenship status of Blacks in America, but Native Americans were not granted any significant rights and privileges of citizenship under the 14th Amendment (Olds 2016a). The differences in experiences between Blacks and Native Americans, as mentioned in Olds (2016b), could have made it difficult to form political alliances between these two specific groups across time.

Then, in the works cited list, you would distinguish the works by lecture title and an appropriate date:

Olds, Christopher. 2016a. L4: Historical Aspects of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. - Part Two. February 1. Lecture presented for the University of Central Florida, Orlando.

Olds, Christopher. 2016b. L11: Group Cooperation and Competition. April 11. Lecture presented for the University of Central Florida, Orlando.

Prompt One

Based on the evidence presented in the course, is there strong or weak support for the perspective that multi-racial and multi-ethnic political coalitions are currently possible? Explain your answer. Do changing demographic trends mean multi-racial and multi-ethnic political coalitions will be a consistent presence in the future? Provide persuasive justification for your answer.

Prompt Two

Are historical considerations able to explain all of the variation in attitudes about the U.S. political system exhibited across every major racial and ethnic group in the United States? Offer evidence from the course materials in your answer. Can it be said that all of the variation in attitudes about the political system logically explains all of the variation in political participation levels exhibited by the major racial and ethnic groups in the United States? Supply factual support for your answer.