

POS 3931 - Race & Politics Analytical Essays One

Directions

The essays are open note and open book, but you cannot collaborate with anyone in completing the responses. All essays 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 essays. Each essay must have a clear beginning, middle, and end. The student should cite all resources used when constructing their responses using guidelines presented in the American Political Science Association Style Manual. Every submission must be checked for academic integrity by submitting the document to TurnItIn's plagiarism monitor via Canvas.

You must go to the "Assignments" link on Canvas, click on "Analytical Essays One," and submit in a single document file your responses to the two separate prompts. The assignment is due Wednesday, September 25th at 4:10 p.m. You should only be using resources assigned or discussed in class, not outside sources. These essays are not intended to be full research papers. The goal is to display your mastery of the course materials.

Each prompt is worth seven and a half points. You write a separate essay response for each prompt. Evaluate the course materials in a clear and analytical way.

Prompt One

In lecture, in Bowler and Segura (2012), and in the CQ Researcher (2013), descriptions of the changing demographics of the country were offered. Please provide a summary of the changing demographics of the country. Please assess whether the changing demographics of the country play a role in the arguments presented by Huntington (1997, 2004). Do the views expressed by Huntington (1997, 2004) differ from the views expressed by Citrin et al. (2007), Alba (2006), and Fraga and Segura (2006)? Compare and contrast the views presented in these academic works.

Prompt Two

Race has a significant social meaning, with race often used as a political cue. Within the discussion of race in the realm of politics, there have long been notions held about biologically distinct, pure races. The belief is that there are biologically distinct races that are mutually exclusive from each other. What is the reasoning behind such theories? Based on what has been discussed in lecture and in the film, "Race - The Power of an Illusion," is there persuasive evidence of biologically distinct races?