

AP Comparative Government and Politics Summer Assignment

This is due the second class meeting and counted as a test grade.

SUMMER TASKS

Part I: Vocabulary Define Key Terms:

1. Authoritarianism
2. Bicameral
3. Bureaucracy
4. Checks and Balances
5. Civil Liberties
6. Civil Rights
7. Civil Society
8. Coup d'etat
9. Communism
10. Confederation
11. Democratization
12. Devolution
13. Direct Democracy
14. Executive Branch
15. Fascism
16. Federalism
17. Government
18. Head of Government
19. Head of State
20. Illiberal Democracy
21. Imperialism
22. Indirect Democracy
23. Judiciary
24. Judicial Review
25. Legislative Branch
26. Military Junta
27. Liberalization (economic)
28. Liberal Democracy
29. Nation
30. Nation-state
31. Nationalization
32. Parliamentary System
33. Patron-Client System
32. Political Culture
33. Political Efficacy
34. Politics
35. Power

36. Presidential System
37. Privatization
38. Proportional Representation
39. Referendum
40. Regime
41. Republic
42. Rule of Law
43. Socialism
44. Separation of Powers
45. Sovereignty
46. State
47. Theocracy
48. Totalitarianism
49. Unicameral
50. Unitary System

PART II: Democratization Briefing Paper Read the Democratization Briefing Paper on the AP Central website. It can be accessed at the following link: This paper will inform you about how AP approaches Comparative Government and it labels the Six Countries into one of the following:

Fully Democratized, Partially Democratized, and Non-Democratized

http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/repository/ap05_comp_govpol_demo_42252.pdf

After reading the briefing paper, answer the following questions completely:

1. List the characteristics of substantive and procedural democracies.
2. Explain why a procedural democracy is not necessarily a substantive democracy.
3. Identify the “three waves of democratization.”
4. What is the relationship between level of economic development and the international environment of democracy on the outcome of democratization?
5. Who initiates democratization when it is from above? How does this differ when the democratization comes from below?
6. What is meant by democratic consolidation from transitional democracy?
7. What is missing in an “illiberal” democracy?

Part III: News Articles (don't be overwhelmed-work on your own pace)- During the summer collect three news articles per country. (Mexico, UK, Russia, China, Nigeria, and Iran) The articles should span the duration of the summer, and not only reflect 1-2 weeks prior to the start of school. The articles should provide you with information about the political, economic, and/or foreign policy issues confronting each nation. Articles may come from newspapers, periodicals, magazines, and/or the Internet. Three articles per nation are the minimum number of articles required. Write a 1 paragraph summary for each news article. (include the links to the articles)