

Summer Assignment

Welcome to Comparative Government. In this class we will be studying international politics and governments from around the world. We will be analyzing the world beyond the US and how globalization affects all nations. Much of this class focuses on current events and contemporary public policy challenges facing 6 specific nations. The 6 countries we will be focusing on are:

- 1) Iran
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) Mexico
- 6) Great Britain

Task:

- Research three different current events articles on three different nations listed above

Requirements:

- You must choose 3 different countries to research. Your 3 articles can't be about the same country. Each article must be based on a different country from the list above.
- What is the title of the article, author, publication, and date the article was written?
- Write an article review for each article (at least two paragraphs)
 - Summary of the article (in your own words).
 - Why is this public policy issue important? What effects can it have on the country the article is based on? Positive or negative? What effects can it have on the global community? What does it tell us about this country?
 - Personal reflection. How do you feel about this issue? I really want to hear your voice in this section of the article review. Most important part of the review.
- These articles must come from a reputable magazine or newspaper.

Examples:

New York Times
Washington Post
Economist
BBC
Reuters
Associated Press
Time

Wall Street Journal
Christian Science Monitor
Politico
Bloomberg news
Foreign Affairs
The New Yorker

Comparative Government & Politics Key Terms

	Term	Definition	Significance/ Relationship to U.S.
1.	Adversarial Court System		
2.	Autocracy		
3.	Bureaucracy		
4.	Civil Liberties		

5.

Civil Rights

6.

Civil Society

7.

Code Law

8.

Common Law

9.

**Social Cleavage
(as it relates to Political Science!)**

10.

Confederation

11.

Consolidated Democracy

12.

Democratization

13.

Devolution*
(We will talk about this mostly
in relation to UK)

14.

Executive

15.

Federalism

16.

Head of Government

17.

Head of State

18.

**Illiberal Democracy
(Also known as Hybrid Regime,
Procedural Democracy)**

19.

Inquisitorial Court System

20.

Judicial Review

21.

Legitimacy

22.

Liberal Democracy

23.

Nation

24.

Nationalism

25.

Nationalization

26.

Nation-state

27.

**Non-Governmental
Organization (NGO)**

28.

Oligarchy

29.

Parliamentary System

30.

Patronage

31.

Pluralism

32.

Plurality Electoral System

33.

Political Culture

34.

Political Efficacy

35.

Political Elites

36.

Political Ideology

37.

Political Recruitment

38.

Political Socialization

39.

Presidential System

40.

Privatization

41.

Proportional Representation

42.

Referendum

43.

Regime

44.

Republic

45.

Rule of Law

46.

Separation of Powers

47.

Single-Member District

48.

Sovereignty

49.

State

50.

Theocracy

51.

Transparency (as it relates to government)

52.

Unicameral