Section 348 Syllabus
Political Science 104 with Professor Coleman
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Class Goals and Expectations:
This discussion section is entirely for your benefit. It will be dedicated to discussing the reading (particularly from *The Enduring Debate*), reviewing information from lecture, preparing for the exams, and answering any questions you may have related to the course material.
Because of that, it is imperative that you come to discussion *every week*. Equally important, you should come to class each week having completed the appropriate readings and any assignments that are due, and fully ready to actively participate in the discussion.
Participation has a direct impact on your grade, and will also increase your familiarity with and understanding of the course material.

Grades:
Your section grade accounts for 25% of your course grade.
10% - Short Paper
15% - Long Paper
Information regarding these two papers (which together will constitute less than 10 pages of writing) will be forthcoming. Additionally, your section grade will be adjusted on a sliding scale (-5 to 5), dependant on three things:
(1) Class attendance
(2) Class participation
(3) Completion of assignments, including web activities

Some additional points on grading:
- Timeliness – Any assignment is due at the *beginning* of class. Unless prior arrangements have been made, any late work will be penalized one grade, and an additional grade for every 48 hours it is late (A → AB, etc). This does not mean you should not turn in a late assignment. You are expected and *required* to complete all assignments in this course.
- Web Assignments – Web assignments will be graded with a J (completed according to our expectations, basically an A), J+ (exceeds expectations, goes above and beyond, A+), or a J- (shows little effort, fails to meet expectations, basically a BC).
- You will be required to rewrite any assignments that are done too poorly. Late penalties will still apply.
- Any questions about grades should be directed to me privately, in office hours.

**COME SEE ME.** If you have a problem, concern, or something you’re just not getting, come to office hours. We’ll find a way to work it out.
Schedule:

September 13  Section organization, Political Culture
   *Web Activity Due*
September 20  Constitution
September 27  Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
   *Web Activity Due*
October 4   Political Parties
October 11  Catch up, review
**October 12**  Exam 1
October 18  Elections and Voting
   *Web Activity Due*
October 25  Public Opinion and the Media
November 1  Interest Groups
   *Web Activity Due*
November 8  Catch up, review
**November 14**  Exam 2
November 15  Congress
   *Web Activity Due*
November 22  NO MEETINGS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 29  Bureaucracy and Presidency
December 6  Courts
December 13  Public Policy
**December 22**  Exam 3, 10:05 am