SHORT ESSAY

You can write an essay on an politically-related topic of your choice. In your essay, you will identify an issue, explain why or how it is relevant to comparative politics, and outline why raising the issue in a course is important. You need to make your case in 750 words. Links and images can be used as illustrations for the points you make, but do not count toward your word total nor enhance your grade on their own. Your evaluation is focused on your expressed understanding of the readings, word count and writing style. The essay should include three (3) questions for thought or reflection that are raised by the issue you identify.

The ability to communicate in writing is essential for success in this assignment. To succeed, your written work must display the following characteristics of clarity and conciseness:

• writing should be consistent with the rules of English grammar;

• spelling and punctuation must be correct;

• appropriate vocabulary;

• correct sentence structure;

• your main points should be supported with reference to specific and relevant examples and reasons;

• your work needs to flow logically by means of supporting statements and/or paragraphs;

• your work should be presented in an appropriate and correct format (i.e., essays); and,

• the layout should be attractively displayed.