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12:30-2:20 M/W

Required Texts: *The Irony of Democracy: An Uncommon Introduction to American Politics.* Dye, Zeigler and Schubert. ISBN 978-0-495-80270-9

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory.

Essays: Papers are due on the dates set in the calendar below. Be aware that the calendar may change. I reserve the right to change due dates, etc. Please take the time to get the phone number of another student in class, or call or e-mail me when you miss to make sure that you are consistently meeting the demands of the class.

All papers must be typed with standard margins and font. Please use the title of the essay on the top of your paper to identify your essay. Each essay must also include the name of the author on each page. Hand in all relevant papers at the time the essay is due. Each essay is 1-3 full pages in length, typed and double spaced. Please do not submit longer papers. Short papers will also not be accepted.

Essays are to be typed in 10 or 12 point, Times New Roman or a comparable font.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student caught plagiarizing will receive a failing grade and their paper will be turned over to the appropriate authorities. The college subscribes to plagiarism web sites. Students may not use papers written for other courses. Each paper should be unique for this course. Any student who is unclear on plagiarism or the instructors and division policies regarding plagiarism should consult the student handbook, Social Science Division policies and the writing lab web site at Bellevue Community College.

Grading:

Discussion/ Participation 10 %

Current Events Response Papers 10% (4 papers)

Simulation Response Paper 10%

Paper 1 10 %

Paper 2 10 %
 Paper 3 10 %
 Midterm 20%
 Final 20 %

Weekly Schedule	Monday	Wednesday
Week 1 September 23-26	Readings: Chapter: Chapter 1 Topic: Political Culture The Irony of Democracy	
Week 2 30- October 4	Chapter: 2, 3 Topic: Foundations of our Ideology	Current Events Response Paper 1
Week 3 October 7-10	Readings: Chapter: 6, 7 Topic: Elections, Parties and Politics.	Paper 1 Due Paper Topic: What values does our political culture support? How are those demonstrated?
Week 4 October 14-17	Readings: Chapter: 4, 5 Topic: The masses and mass communication.	Current Events Response Paper 2
Week 5 October 21-24		Paper 2 Due Paper Topic: Does Democracy value the common person?
Week 6 October 28-31		Midterm Current Events Response Paper 3
Week 7 November 4-7	Readings: Chapter: 8 Topic: Congress	
Week 8 November 11-14	Readings: Chapter: 9, 11 Topic: The Presidency and the Bureaucracy.	Current Events Response Paper 4
Week 9 November 12-16	Readings: Chapter: 10 Topic: The Courts Simulation	Simulation
Week 10 November 18-21	Readings: Chapter: 13 Topic:	Paper 3 Due Paper Topic: Are Civil Liberties still relevant? Please use a contemporary example.

	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights	
Week 11 November 25-27		Simulation Paper Due
Week 12 December 2-4	Readings: 14 Topic: Foreign Policy	Final Exams