

**Political Science121 - 1193
Introduction to United States Government
Book Review – Summer 2009**

Question: Find a book on United States government or US governmental policy at your local corporate or independent book store, or the DVC or local public library. Using roughly the outline provided below, write your own critique / evaluation of the text.

Sample Outline

(But feel free to design your outline any way you wish)

I. Introduction / Thesis Statement – a brief explanation for why this specific book appealed to you and/or why you chose this author to examine.

II. Body – the bulk of the paper is here, in excerpts from the chosen text, and your analysis and evaluation of it.

- a. A brief biography of the author with your thoughts on why this person can be considered an “expert” in this field.**
- b. Theoretical position of the author, including statements on scope of the study and methodology.**
- c. Various data and evidence presented, with your own analysis.**
- d. Counterfactuals? (from other researchers and theories).**

III. Conclusion – Ultimately, why *you* chose this book and why *you* think it best explains whatever political position the author has taken.

Extras:

1. Make sure to include a citation (preferably APA) *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings I have provided, or that you have found in your own independent research.* You do not need to cite the author you are analyzing, just other work that you may decide to include.

2. In order to earn an “A” on this paper, it should be: a) fully documented and cited; b) a *minimum* of 6 – 8 pages in length; and c) turned in *on time* (Thursday, July 23, 2009).