

American National Government

POL 140

Sections 3-6

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Syllabus

- ▶ My contact intro
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Current Events

- ▶ Everyday I like to start off with a few minutes of current events. It would behoove you to come prepared to discuss the important comings and goings of the world and especially the U.S..
- ▶ What's going on in the world (besides Justin Beiber's latest scandal or album)?

What is Politics?

- ▶ “The authoritative allocation of values for a society” (David Easton).
- ▶ “Politics is who gets what, when, and how” (Harold Lasswell).
- ▶ Aristotle called political science the master science. What did he mean by this?
- ▶ Politics is all around us. In what ways have you interacted with politics recently?

3 Minute Paper

- ▶ What does it mean to be an American?
- ▶ Note: You will be reading an article on this topic. Think about how what you think it means to be an american is different from the author of the article and why you believe the way you do?

Next Time..

- ▶ Foundations and important concepts.