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PS3171: DEMOCRACY: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine the major international and domestic causes and consequences of democracy worldwide. The course will cover 4 major themes: (1) the social determinants of democracy (i.e., culture, religion, and protests), (2) the economic causes and consequences of democracy, (3) various international political influences on democracy (i.e., foreign aid, international organizations, electoral monitors), and (4) international and domestic wars.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADES:

Essay #1 (6-9 pages): 25%
Essay #2 (8-10 pages): 30%
Essay #3 (8-10 pages): 35%
Class Participation: 10%

Readings are available through ARES. Password: democracy.

EXPECTATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

Students are expected to come to each class having read the assignments for that day ahead of time and to participate in the class discussions. All students must submit their assignments on time. Late assignments will be graded down 1/3 point for every day late. Assignments more than 3 days late will NOT be accepted. Extensions *may* be granted but only in the case of serious unforeseen illness and/or family emergencies. Powerpoint slides will not be made available to students.

INTRODUCTION (WED. 08/28/13)

No Readings. Discussion of syllabus, course requirements and responsibilities.

I. CONCEPTS AND MEASURES (WED., 09/04/13, MON., 09/09/13)

Schmitter, Phillippe and Terry Karl. 1991. What Democracy is ... And is Not. *Journal of Democracy* 2(3): 75-88.

Zakarhia, Fareed. 1997. The Rise of Illiberal Democracy. *Foreign Affairs* (November/December): 22.

Room for Debate: “Should Voting Be Mandatory?” *New York Times*, November 7, 2011.

Questions: There are two basic types of definitions of democracy – a narrow definition of free and fair elections, and broader definition, which includes personal autonomy, economic freedoms, civil rights and so forth. How do you believe democracy should be defined? What are the trends in the incidence of democracy according to both these definitions over time?

II. ELECTIONS IN NON-DEMOCRACIES (WED., 09/11/13)

Blaydes, Lisa. 2008. Authoritarian Elections and Elite Management: Theory and Evidence from Egypt. *Unpublished Manuscript*, Stanford University, pp.48-63.

Malesky, Edmund and Paul Schuler. 2010. Nodding or Needling: Analyzing Delegate Responsiveness in an Authoritarian Parliament, *American Political Science Review*, 104 (3): 482-502.

Questions: Why do authoritarian regimes hold elections? What evidence is there to support these arguments? Is this evidence compelling? Why do citizens vote in non-democracies?

III. POLITICAL CULTURE (MON., 09/16/13; WED., 09/18/13)

Park, Chong-Min and Doh Chull Shin. 2006. Do Asian Values Deter Popular Support for Democracy in South Korea? *Asian Survey* 46 (3): 341-361.

Tessler, Mark. 2002. Islam and Democracy in the Middle East: The Impact of Religious Orientations on Attitudes toward Democracy in Four Arab Countries. *Comparative Politics* 34 (3): 337-354.

Questions: Are certain religions or philosophies, like Islam and Confucianism, incompatible with democracy? Why or why not? What problems does multi-ethnicity pose to democracy? Is a certain type of political culture necessary for democracy to take root in countries?

IV. CIVIL SOCIETY/PROTESTS (MON., 09/23/13 and WED., 09/25/13)

Berman, Sheri. 1997. Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic. *World Politics* 49 (3): 401-429.

Bermeo, Nancy. 1997. The Myths of Moderation: The Role of Radical Forces in the Transition to Democracy. *Comparative Politics* 29 (3): 305-22.

Putnam, Robert. 1995. Bowling Alone: America’s Declining Social Capital. *Journal of Democracy* 6 (1): 65-78.

Questions: What effect does a strong civil society have on democratization? What role do protests play in bringing about democracy? How does a strong civil society arise in non-democracies?

V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MON., 09/30/13, and WED., 10/02/13)

Buena de Mesquita, Bruce and George W. Downs. 2005. Democracy and Development. *Foreign Affairs* (September/October): 77-86.

Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel. 2009. How Development Leads to Democracy. *Foreign Affairs* (March/April): 33-49.

Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi. 1997. Modernization: Theory and Facts. *World Politics* 49 (2): 155-183.

Ross, Michael. 2006. Is Democracy Good for the Poor? *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 860-874.

Questions: What are the different ways in which economic development can cause democratization? What effect does democracy have on economic development?

***** PAPER ASSIGNMENT #1 (DUE 10/07/13) *****

VI. NATURAL RESOURCES/OIL (MON, 10/07/13 and WED. 10/09/13)

Dunning, Thad. 2008. *Crude Democracy: Natural Resource Wealth and Political Regimes*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 1, p.1-25.

Ross, Michael. 2001. Does Oil Hinder Democracy? *World Politics* 53 (3): 325-361.

Ross, Michael. 2011. Will Oil Drown the Arab Spring? *Foreign Affairs* 90(5): 2-7.

Questions: What are the different ways that oil can prevent democratization?

VII. TRADE AND INVESTMENT (MON., 10/14/13 and WED., 10/16/13)

Hafner-Burton, Emilie. "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression." *International Organization* 59, no. 3 (Summer 2005): 593-629.

Levy, Philip I. Sanctions on South Africa: What Did They Do? *The American Economic Review* 89 (2): Papers and Proceedings of the One Hundred Eleventh Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association (May, 1999), pp. 415-420.

Reilly, James. 2012. China's Unilateral Sanctions, *The Washington Quarterly* 35(4):121-133.

Questions: Can trade and sanctions lead countries to democratize? Through what pathways? Why or why not?

VIII. FOREIGN AID (MON., 10/21/13 and WED. 10/23/13)

Faisal Z. Ahmed. 2012. The Perils of Unearned Foreign Income: Aid, Remittances, and Government Survival. *American Political Science Review* 106(1): 146-165.

Easterly, William. Foreign Aid for Scoundrels. *The New York Review of Books*. November 25, 2010.

Finkel, Steven E., et al. 2007. The Effects of U.S. Foreign Assistance on Democracy Building, 1990–2003. *World Politics* 59 (3): 404-439.

Questions: Can foreign aid lead countries to democratize? Through what pathways? Why or why not?

IX. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (MON., 10/28/13 and WED., 10/30/13)

Black, David R. and Shona Bezanson. 2004. The Olympic Games, Human Rights and Democratisation: Lessons from Seoul and Implications for Beijing. *Third World Quarterly* 25(7): 1245-1261.

Kelley, Judith. 2004. International Actors on the Domestic Scene: Membership Conditionality and Socialization by International Institutions. *International Organization*, 58:425–457.

Pevehouse, Jon C. 2002. Democracy from the Outside In? International Organizations and Democratization. *International Organization* 56 (3): 515-549.

Optional: Sarah Mendelson and John Glenn, eds., 2002. *The Power and Limits of NGOs*. New York: Columbia University Press, chapters 1 and 9.

Questions: What are the mechanisms by which international organizations (IO) can promote democracy in other countries? What conditions must be in place for IOs to be effective in this regard? Are they? Why or why not?

X. INTERNATIONAL ELECTORAL MONITORING (MON., 11/04/13 and WED. 11/06/13)

Beaulieu, Emily and Hyde, Susan D. 2009. In the Shadow of Democracy Program: Strategic Manipulation, International Observers and Election Boycotts. *Comparative Political Studies* 42: 392-415.

Hyde, Susan D. 2007. The Observer Effect in International Politics: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *World Politics* 60 (1): 37-63

McFaul, Michael. 2007. Ukraine Imports Democracy: External Influences on the Orange Revolution. *International Security* 32 (2): 45-83.

Questions: Do electoral monitors reduce electoral fraud? Why or why not? Can monitors be counter effective?

***** PAPER ASSIGNMENT #2 DUE WED.; 11/06/13 *****

XI. INTERNATIONAL AND CIVIL WAR (MON., 11/11/13 and WED., 11/13/13)

Byman, Daniel. 2003. Constructing a Democratic Iraq: Challenges and Opportunities. *International Security* 28(1): 47-78.

Bueno de Mesquita, Bruce and George W. Downs. 2008. Intervention and Democracy. *International Organization* 60 (3): 627-649.

Fortna, Page. 2008. Peacekeeping and Democratization. *From War to Democracy*. Edited by Anna K. Jarstad and Timothy D. Sisk. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 39-79.

Questions: What are the challenges to using military force to democratize other countries? When is force, if ever, effective in this regard?

XII. INTERNATIONAL AND CIVIL PEACE (MON., 11/18/13 and WED., 11/20/13)

Byman, Daniel. 2011. Terrorism After the Revolutions, How Secular Uprisings Could Help (or Hurt) Jihadists. *Foreign Affairs*, 90 (3): p48-54.

Mansfield, Edward D. and Jack L. Snyder and 1995. Democratization and the Danger of War. *International Security* 20 (Summer): 5-38.

Hegre, Håvard, Tanja Ellingsen, Scott Gates and Peter Gleditsch. 2001. Toward a Democratic Civil Peace: Democracy, Political Change and Civil War, 1816-1992. *American Political Science Review* 95 (1): 33-48.

Questions: What effect does democracy and democratization have on the likelihood of international war, civil war, and terrorism to occur?

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DIFFUSION/CONTAGION (MON., 11/25/13)

Valerie J. Bunce and Sharon L. Wolchik. 2006. International Diffusion and Postcommunist Electoral Revolutions. *Communist and Post-communist Studies* 39:283-304.

Questions: What is the difference between diffusion and contagion effects in relation to democracy? Does democracy spread to other countries by either one of these effects?

***** THANKSGIVING BREAK NOVEMBER 27, 2013 – NO CLASS*****

XIV. CONCLUSION (MON., 12/02/13; WED., 12/04/13 (no class))

Inglehart, Ronald. 2006. Democracy and Happiness: What Causes What? Paper presented at Conference on Human Happiness, Notre Dame, October 22-24, 2006.

Questions: What effect does democracy have on art and architecture, the environment, sports, happiness and so forth?

******* PAPER ASSIGNMENT (FRI, 02/06/13) *******