Extra Credit
PS 111 US Government

You have the opportunity to do up to 5 of the 7 extra credit possibilities below. These are found under “Quizzes” and then “Extra Credit” in D2L. For each extra credit simulation you successfully complete, you will receive 15% added to your quiz scores. Anything over 100% will go towards your exam grades. All of these extra credit options have been taken from the wwnorton website.

The wwnorton is very helpful and interesting website. I would recommend doing some simulations at: http://www.wwnorton.com/college/polisci/wtp7e/essentials/welcome.aspx . (The links for “What government does”; “Get involved” and “Video Exercises” are of particular interest.)

You have from Monday, April 6th until Friday, April 30th to complete the extra credit.

If you have any questions regarding your grade, the extra credit or want to make an appointment, please contact the TA for this class, Kate Olson at kateolson@mnsu.edu.

Choose up to 5 of the following for extra credit:

1. “Chapter 1 political ideology” To survey your political ideology, take the Pew Research Center’s Political Typology test at: http://typology.people-press.org/typology. After taking the test, answer the questions on D2L.

2. “Chapter 3 demographic information” Go to the Census Bureau website: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/ and use the census data to answer the questions on D2L.

3. “Chapter 4 First Amendment” Go to: http://www.teachfirstamendment.org/quiz.html and test your current understanding of the First Amendment. Answer the questions on D2L.

4. “Chapter 5 public opinion” Go to the website: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/demo/selectatest.html. Choose one of Project Implicit’s demonstration projects to get a feel for public-opinion and answer the questions on D2L. This is an example of web-based survey research. This project measures how Americans think and feel about different topics by asking them to participate in on-line surveys. Answer the questions on D2L.


6. “Chapter 9 representatives” Go to Project Vote Smart at: http://www.votesmart.org/. Enter your zip code to search for your representative in the House and Senate. Answer the questions on D2L.

7. “Chapter 11 what government does” President Bush created the Office of Homeland Security in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, to develop strategies to deal with the threat of terrorism inside the United States. At the end of 2002, Homeland Security was made a cabinet-level department. Go to the Department of Homeland Security website at: www.whitehouse.gov/homeland and answer the questions on D2L.