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HOMEWORK: DISCUSSION PREP- 4 THEORIES OF POWER

*Often for homework you will be asked to prepare for the following day’s topic of discussion by reading a piece of material and then writing about it in an assignment. Both the reading and writing can take many forms. This is your first assignment.*

**Required: As you learned in the syllabus, the main theme of this political science class is power. Read the section entitled “How is Political Power Distributed?” starting partway through p. 9 and ending partway through p. 11 in your textbook, which describes the 4 political theories of power. Then, in one full page, answer the prompt below:**

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| The theme of this class is all about political power- who has it and how they use it to affect public policy and, therefore, our daily lives.  In your opinion, how is political power distributed in America today? Which power theory is closest to your beliefs? In your claim, state which power theory or theories you most align with. Then, explain and develop your answer using specific examples. Be prepared to defend your position (in other words, why are the other theories not as accurate in America today?) |

**Your 1-pager should answer the prompt, using examples from the reading, your own political and world knowledge, and personal experience. It should be a full page! You will begin to earn participation points by coming to class prepared with this assignment. You may not be invited to participate in the discussion if you do not have it!**