

Political Science 4211
Voting and Elections in America
Essay (25%)

Due: Wednesday, November 14 (Week 12)

A hard copy must be submitted at the start of class. **No late papers will be accepted.**

Write an original paper that provides an answer to the following question:

Given the state of elections and voting in the United States, does a lack of a politically knowledgeable electorate threaten the status of US democracy, especially in the next 20 years?

Guidelines:

1. The essay should have an argumentative thesis statement.
2. The essay should consider all parts of the question.
3. The essay is required to have *at least* FOUR readings as supporting evidence, in addition to whatever material in the course you find helpful.
4. You may NOT draw on sources other than the readings assigned in this class and the lectures.
5. Bibliography: MLA format, both in-text and works cited
6. Length: Minimum 7 pages, maximum 10 pages.
7. Spacing: Double-spaced.
8. Margins: 1" margins.
9. Font: 12-point, Times New Roman font.
10. Be sure to review rules and principles of plagiarism, even if you have no intention to cheat. Occasionally students are unaware of their obligations when submitting papers and inadvertently find themselves in trouble.
 - Students who are caught cheating will be failed on this portion of the grade and referred for further disciplinary action to the Office of Student Conduct & Integrity.