

Political Science 326
Pre-Assessment (5%)

Due: Tuesday, April 3, 1:00pm – **No extensions or late assignments**

Parameters: (One full percentage deduction for every missed parameter)

- Times New Roman
- 12-point font
- Double-spaced
- Longer than 1 page, shorter than 2 pages

Directions: Your paper should address these three items.

- 1) **Criteria.** Brainstorm **three** brief criteria for what makes a **successful** president. There is no “right answer” but your criteria should be clear and distinctly different from one another. In a concise and succinct written statement, explain your criteria and your reasoning for including each individual criterion for success.
- 2) **Prior presidencies.** Select three presidents from the list below who best exemplify your criteria for a successful president.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Harry Truman
Dwight Eisenhower
John F. Kennedy
Lyndon B. Johnson

Richard Nixon
Gerald Ford
Jimmy Carter
Ronald Reagan
George H.W. Bush

Bill Clinton
George W. Bush
Barack Obama
Donald Trump

- 3) **Donald Trump.** To conclude your assignment, in a brief statement, apply your criteria in assessing Donald Trump’s first few weeks as president.

How is this graded?

- The assignment fully address all elements of prompt
- The assignment has very few minor errors of grammar, spelling, typos, etc.
- The assignment is written in a style that is clear, easy to follow, and interesting.