Global Politics
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Unit 2 – Global Economic Inequalities

Summative Assessment – Policy Statement and Speech* (100 points)
**DUE: November 8 (Block 4); November 4 (Block 8)**
Sources Check – October 27 (for both classes) – make sure your NoodleTools project lists the 4-6 sources you will be using.

You will have ONE class period to work on your policy statement and speech.
*Speech will not be marked as part of your summative assessment

Throughout the course of this unit we have been discussing the issue of poverty and development. For the end of unit summative assessment, you will apply your understanding of poverty, development and the challenges and debates surrounding the contested meanings of development, tools to measure development and ways to solve this global challenge. You will write a research based policy statement from the perspective of your stakeholder and present your findings in response to the question:

*To what extent is poverty a geo-political challenge?*

You are required to submit a policy statement (hard copy) and works cited (hard copy), in addition to preparing a 2 minute oral speech that you will give at our End of Unit Summit (held the same day as the summative assessment is due). Following the presentation of speeches, you will debate the aforementioned question from the perspective of your stakeholder.

**Requirements:**

**I. Policy Statement** (3-4 pages, typed, double spaced)


Approach the issue from the perspective of your stakeholder; offer an analysis of how and why poverty constitutes a geo-political, global challenge.

Include:

- What does poverty look like in your country? How does your institution combat poverty? What solutions has your expert proposed?
- Country Stakeholders: Quantitative data - Statistics, indicators (HDI, HPI, GNI, GII); What does this data tell us about the state of inequalities in your country?
- Experts/Institutions: Discuss the mission and goals of your stakeholder with reference to addressing inequalities and the issue of poverty.
- What constitutes a geo-political challenge and why is the issue of poverty a global challenge of this magnitude? How has poverty and widening inequalities negatively impacted your country and the world?
b. **Sustainable Development Goals (2 paragraphs)**
   Discussion of your stakeholder’s position on the SDGs in general.
   Include:
   - Overview of your country/expert/institutions’ position towards the SDGs
   - Describe the role of your stakeholder in implementing or carrying out the SDGs.

c. **Examination and evaluation of action on two of the SDGs (2 paragraphs – one per SDG)**
   Examine and evaluate your stakeholder’s position on two of the SDGs (you may choose the goals most relevant to your stakeholder and/or what you deem to be most central and important to eradicating poverty).
   Include:
   - Significance of that particular goal to your stakeholder
   - Discussion and evaluation of what has been achieved thus far.
   - Offer ideas about what could be done – moving forward towards achieving these two goals.

d. **Looking Ahead to 2030 (2-3 paragraphs)**
   Based on your previous discussion, pull your points together and offer a forward moving plan of what your stakeholder should/will focus on in terms of meeting the goals of the SDGs.
   Highlight areas of concern and areas of success in terms of reducing inequalities.
   Connect back to your point in Section A about how poverty is a geo-political challenge.

**Note about Organization of Policy Statement**
Please organize your policy statement with headings (use the assignment requirements as guidance) and page numbers.

**II. Works Cited and Resources**
You are expected to use 4-6 academic sources in your policy statement. Include a full works cited (use Noodle Tools). Share your bibliography in the folder on Noodle tools.

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**Use the Global Politics Libguide for your research**
Use your stakeholder research document with the links included to build upon your research.

**III. Speech**
You will give an opening speech at the Summit which should address the question: To what extent is poverty a geo-political challenge?
Include:
- Stakeholder background info
- Explanation of why poverty is a geo-political challenge and your proposed solution (with respect to the SDGs)
(2 minute – timed in length, you will be marked down if over 2:00)