

# CJVA454: English for Political Science



The English Major  
@Audenary



Foucault: Schools serve the same  
social function as prisons and mental  
institutions

Foucault's mum: You're still going

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# Let me introduce myself...

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- New Orleans, LA, USA
- Master's graduate from FSS MUNI in Energy Security
- PhD candidate, English teacher, translator, researcher
- Interested in international relations, sustainable development, energy transitions and energy justice



# Agenda

- Course introduction
  - Objectives, requirements, expectations
- Narrowing of the topic & negotiation of the syllabus
- Video and discussion



# But first...

...let's get warmed up.

## Get to know a classmate:

Name

Area of study + year

Expectations for the course

Topic of interest/passion

Something interesting

# Course objectives

- Primary aim: to provide students with the opportunity to use English in relation to their field of study (i.e. Political science/International relations/Security studies)
- Secondary aim: to improve students' English through practical application
- Course focus:
  - Reading and watching videos about and discussing major issues related to political science from around the world

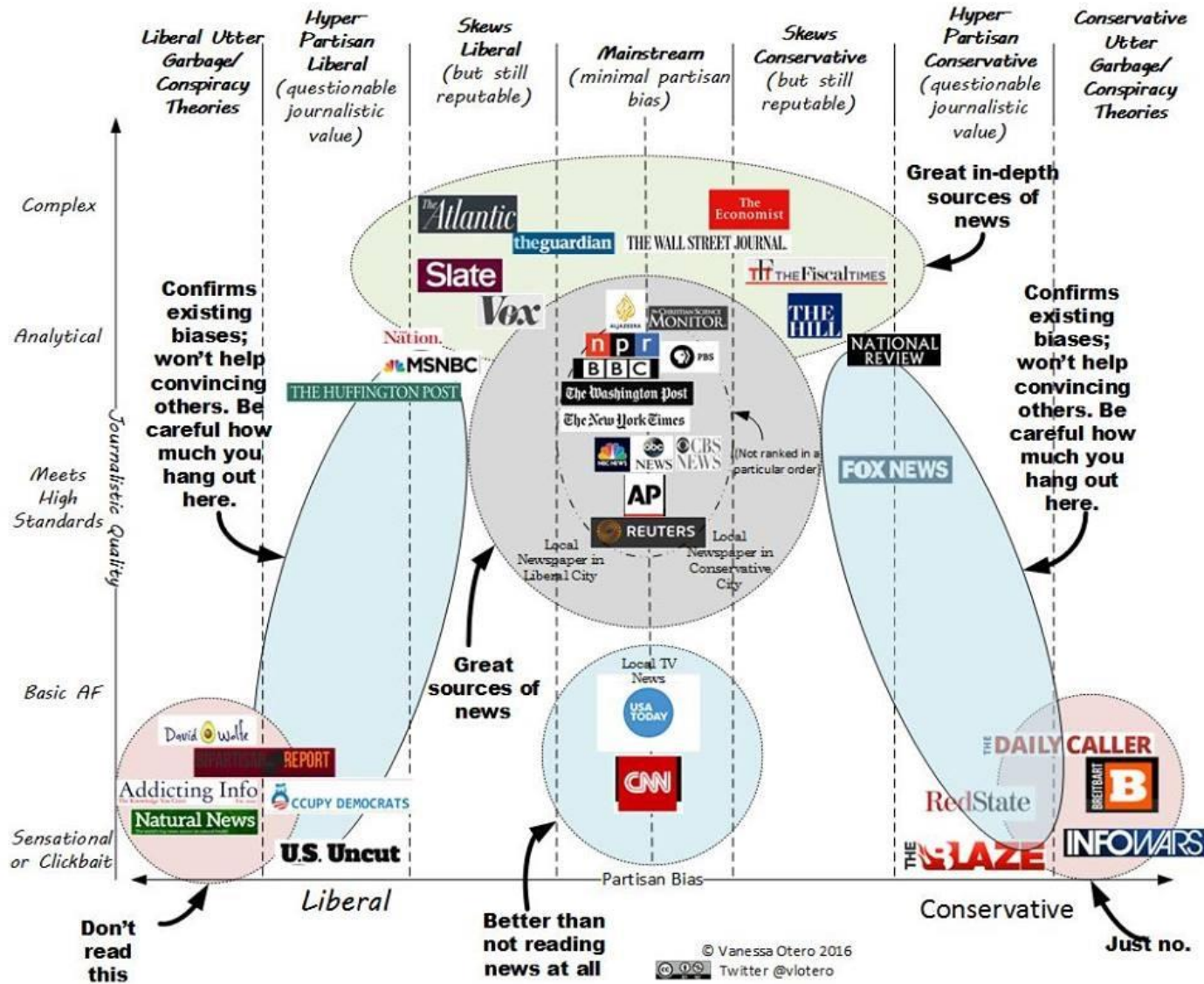
# Course requirements

- Regular attendance (max. 2 unexcused absences)
  
- Continuous assessment:
  - ✓ Active participation
  - ✓ Delivering a presentation on a relevant topic
  - ✓ Giving leads on current issues
  - ✓ Writing an argumentative essay/position paper

# Other expectations

- “Stay woke”, i.e. be prepared for class.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions (you can even bring specific questions to class).
- Do additional work on your own outside of class and beyond the course requirements.
- Be open minded and respectful; maintain a positive attitude!

# Other expectations







# Pop quiz

*(no internet allowed)*



# Question 1

How many sovereign countries have English as an official (*de facto* or *de jure*) language? ( $\pm 10\%$ )



# Question 2

Who are the current president and prime minister of the Czech Republic? Who were the president and prime minister of the first Czechoslovak Republic?



# Question 3

For half a point each, name the current Prime Minister of New Zealand and the party which he/she represents.



# Question 4

For reasons of abstentionism, 7 seats in the House of Commons of the British Parliament are “unfilled”. Name the party that holds those seats (or try to explain the situation).



# Question 5

Name the two congressional bodies of the United States government for half a point each. For an additional half a point each, give the total number of seats in each.



# Question 6

Name the two houses of UK Parliament for half a point each.



# Question 7

Name the two main parties in the United Kingdom and their current leaders (half a point each).





# Question 8

This country is the most populous in Africa as well as the continent's largest economy and has English as its official language. Name the country.

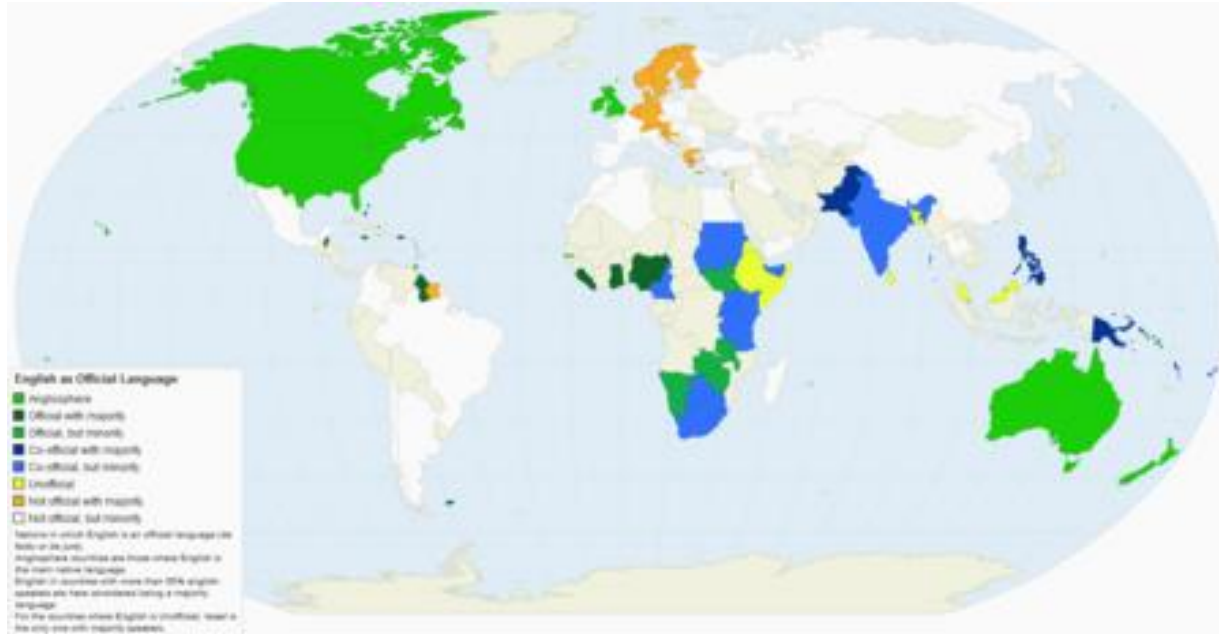


# Answers

# Question 1

How many sovereign countries have English as an official (*de facto* or *de jure*) language? ( $\pm 10\%$ )

- 73 ( $\pm 10\% = 63-80$ )



# Question 2

Who are the current president and prime minister of the Czech Republic? Who were the president and prime minister of the first Czechoslovak Republic?

Current: Milos Zeman (president)  
Andrej Babis (PM)

First: T.G. Masaryk (president)  
Karel Kramar (PM)



# Question 3

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Jacinda Ardern

Labour Party



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- House of Representatives (435), Senate (100)



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- House of Commons, House of Lords



# Question 7

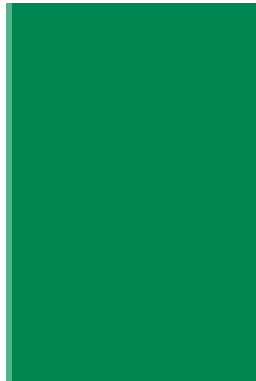
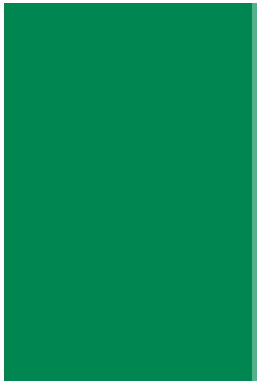
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- Conservative Party (Theresa May...still)
- Labour Party (Jeremy Corbyn)

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- Nigeria



# Narrowing the topic

- What are the major issues in political science and international relations at present?
- Which countries are you most interested in learning and reading about?
- How much do you already know about the governmental structures of those countries and the current issues?

# Syllabus negotiation

- What are the key issues at present? What topics would you most like to cover in this course?