

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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Agenda

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

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/EU studies/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

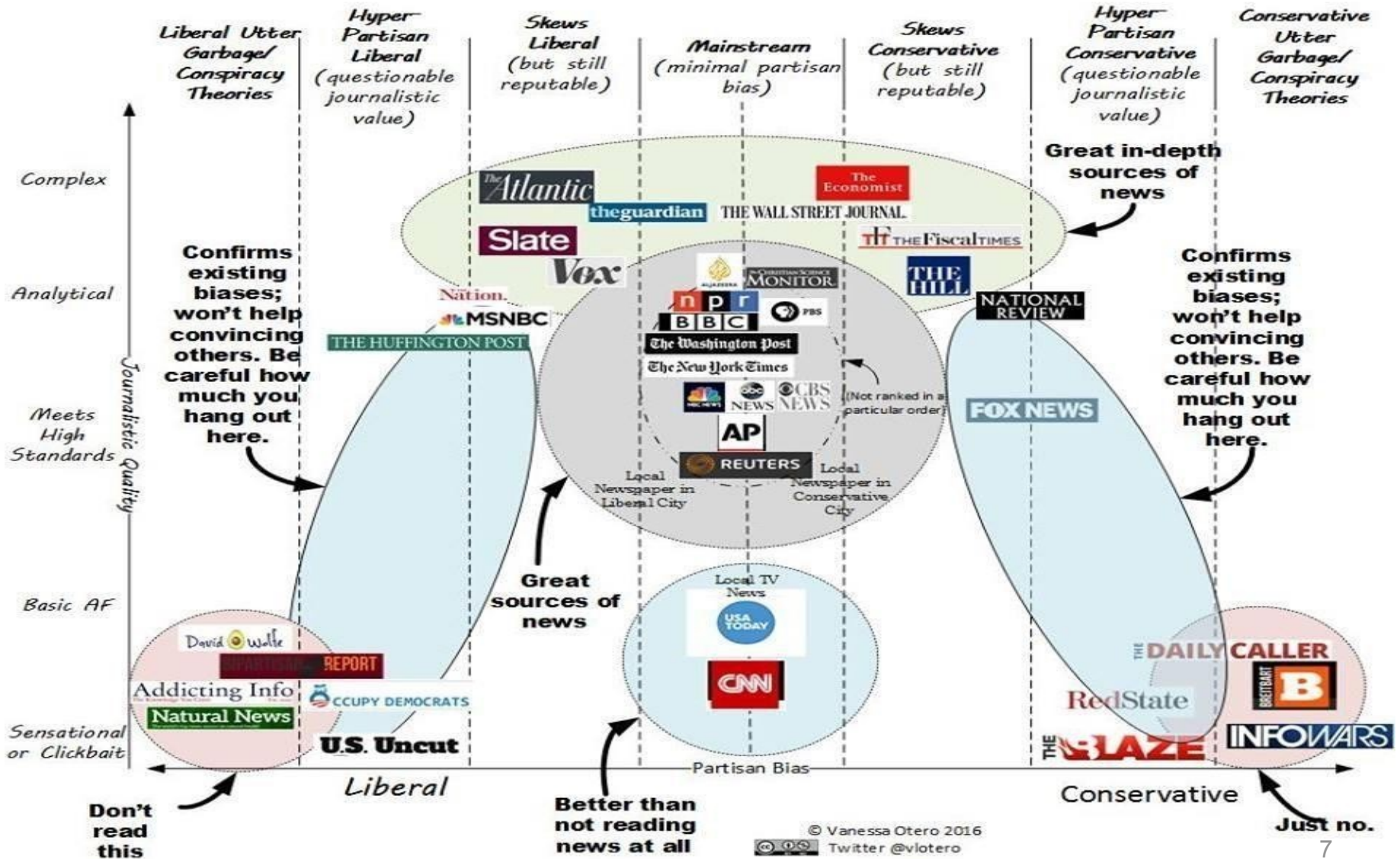
- Regular attendance (max. 2 unexcused absences)

- 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.

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Pop quiz

(no internet allowed)



Question 1

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

De facto: existing or holding a specified position in fact but not necessarily by legal right

De jure: existing or holding a specified position by legal right

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- 73 (10% = 63-80)





Question 2

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57.8 %





Question 3

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Chris Hipkins

Labour Party





Question 4

Name the two congressional bodies of the United States government for half a point each.

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



Question 6

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

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

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- House of Commons, House of Lords

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- Conservative Party (Rishi Sunak)
- Labour Party (Keir Starmer)



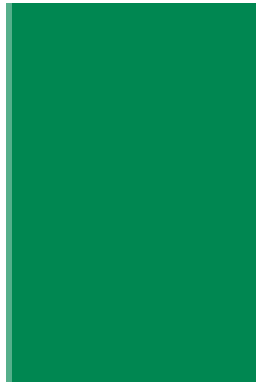
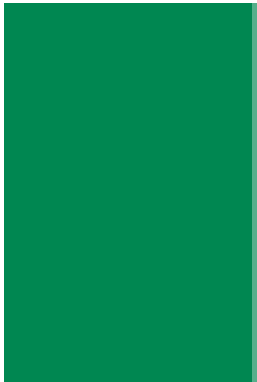
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- Nigeria



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?