

Introduction to International Relations

Homework Assignment #2e: The Realisms Ole J. Forsberg, Ph.D. *University of Tennessee*

There are at least three purposes to this assignment. The first is to encourage you to write better and more coherently. The second is to expose you to more explanations of this topic (realism), and from other points of view. The third is to allow me to better determine your level of understanding of this topic. The first purpose was achieved when you discovered that your paper would be undergoing peer review. The second and third purposes will be achieved here.

To Do

Read each of the three papers assigned to you. All three will be from the other Introduction to International Relations class, thus you will not be evaluating people in this class. Print out and fill in the evaluation form for each paper. Additionally, you are to attach a (typed) summary of the evaluation, focusing on the strengths of the paper.

The five evaluation categories are: Insufficient, Poor, Fair, Good, and Perfect. A score of *Perfect* indicates that there are no errors in that category. A score of *Good* indicates that there are some errors in that category, but they are few. A score of *Fair* indicates that there are many errors in that category, but they do not significantly affect the readability of the thoughts. A score of *Poor* indicates that the number of errors is so great that the readability is affected. A score of *Insufficient* indicates that there is reasonable doubt in the evaluator's mind that the author knows what he or she is doing. This includes structural (headings are missing, sections are out of order, proper spelling is infrequent, commas seem placed randomly) and conceptual (it is not clear what each theory means, it is not clear what the differences are, it is clear that the author does not know).

To Hand In

On the due date, you will hand in the forms with the summary evaluations attached to each. All six pages will be attached together with a single staple. You should not put your name on these evaluations. I will be able to tell who did and who did not turn in the evaluations because each group of three papers is unique.

You should evaluate the papers fairly and thoughtfully, otherwise *you* will not get the full benefit from this exercise. Having you evaluate a paper allows me to see more clearly what *you*, the evaluator, do and do not understand. As such, *your* evaluation will also be graded for correct understanding of the theories, the format, and the reference list.

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