

Homework: Paper 2 outline

Instructions: Make a copy of this document, send me the link with suggestion permissions, and create an **outline** of what a full-fledged response would look like.

Question: “The most significant cause of human rights violations in global politics is structural violence.” Discuss this view.

Please note that I am *not* asking you to write a complete essay. You probably don’t have the time, and it’s no use if it isn’t done within an exam setting. You *can* write an essay in your own spare time – feel free to send it to me in DMs for feedback – but that’s not the objective of this assignment.

Feel free to use the template below; you may use your own if you’d prefer. I’d also recommend using the body paragraph format [PEEPEL] for an actual paper 2, since it’s short enough to remember and includes everything you need to have.

Introduction

Unpacking the prompt – what is the question asking?

- insert thoughts/ideas here

Relevant key concepts and political theories

- insert key concept – you can list these in one sentence and briefly explain what they are [maximum of 2 **in the intro alone** – you will definitely use more than two key concepts, but these two should be the main ones!]
- insert **one** political theory – *note:* I recommend only briefly explaining one (1) political theory here for the sake of time and space, and heavily discourage you from explaining more than one [read: don’t do it!!].

Thesis – overarching structure of your essay [**add more claims/counterclaims as needed! I can assure you, you definitely won’t get a 4 or 5 with just two points – one point = one paragraph**]

- insert point/claim here
- insert counterclaim here
- xyz claim is true to a limited/moderate/significant extent, because [reason 1] and [reason 2], although [counterclaim 1].

Body Paragraphs – copy and paste this template for each paragraph you’ll have [same as the thesis. don’t expect to pass if you only have one paragraph!]

Point – should be same as outlined in thesis

- insert point here

Example - should be within your lifetime [definitely no more than the past 20 years]

- insert **simplified** summary of example here

Explanation - how does your example relate to the point? [probably 2-3 sentences **in a real essay, not this outline**, depends on your level of depth]

- insert explanation here

Political theory - what political theory is relevant in this situation?

- insert description of theory here
- insert explanation of theory's relevance here

Evaluation - are there other perspectives or factors to consider in this political issue? **How strong of a claim/counterclaim is your argument?** [max 2 well-developed sentences]

- insert evaluation here

Link - finish off your paragraph by paraphrasing the point again [use this as a place to build coherence - the examiner should read your last sentence and think, "ah, that makes sense"]

- insert link to point here

Conclusion - your introduction, but inverted and slightly different

Thesis - restate your thesis [it *can* be verbatim/what you said in your intro word for word]

- insert thesis here

Implications - your point stands [hopefully], so what? **How does this affect politics in real life?** [at most 2-4 well-developed sentences]

- insert implications here
- insert final **sentence** here

PEEPEL for future reference - I recommend you save this somewhere and memorize it, if you haven't already

P - point

E - example

- ex: "this phenomenon was observed in [some case study], where [some action happened]."

E - explanation

- ex: "[in the case study], [xyz] state was in conflict with [other state], and [some consequence] happened."

P - political theory

E - **evaluation** of point

L - **link** back to initial point