

# Paper #1:

*Due in class Class # 8*

The readings for Class #4 suggest that some serious “deviations” from what we generally consider good, rational, decision-making can occur during times of serious national security concerns.

Write a seven to eight page essay that examines the evidence that elements of the bureaucratic politics model and group-think model are (or, are not) significantly influencing the Bush administration’s policy towards war with Iraq. Specifically, build your case around news reports and other empirical evidence.

You may find that some of the elements of one or both models are present, while others are not. But the foundation of your essay (argument) should be either that there is, or is not, a major departure from the rational actor (realist) model.

To be convincing, most of your essay should focus on (a) the things (i.e., indicators, behaviors, pathologies) that the models tell us that you should observe if they are true and (b) the evidence that these things are present or absent. Are the “pathologies” – deviations from a simple national-interest framework – highlighted by these models observable in Bush administration policy and policy-making? [What should I expect to see if this model is true and do I see it?]

Finally, your analysis should discuss the implications of your findings. What does it mean for policy towards war with Iraq compared to the rational (realist) model?

Be sure to footnote both argument and evidentiary citations. Citation form is described at the bottom of this page.

## Citation Style for Papers

Many different citation styles exist. One of the easiest and simplest is the "science journal" style, which is what I want you to use in your papers. There are a number of permutations depending on the reference type.

Rule 1: embed the reference with the form (author last name, year) in the your text.

President Bush recently stated "...these folks have to be punished...." (Gertz, 2001).

Rule 2: If the same author has more than one reference in a given year (as many journalists do) append a letter -- a,b,c, etc. -- to the year. (Gertz, 1999a; Gertz, 1992b).

Rule 3: You need a bibliography at the end of the paper that gives the full citation to each reference. The bibliography should be alphabetical by author last name. It takes the form:

for a journal article:

Author last name, first name (year) "Article Title," Journal Name

for a book:

Author last name, first name(year) Book Title (Publishing City: Publisher)

for material in an edited book:

Author last name, first name (year of edited book publication)  
"Chapter Title," in Author(s) of edited volume, ed. Title of Book  
(Publishing City: Publisher)

Examples:

Clinton, William (1997) "Advancing our Interests through Engagement and Enlargement," in Peter Hays, Brenda Vallance, and Alan Van Tassel American Defense Policy (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press), 284-297.

Gertz, William (2001) "Bush Goes to War," Washington Times (September 12), 1.

Kuconis, John (2002) Flying is Way Cool (Colorado Springs: US Air Force Academy), 200-203.