

POLI 135: COMPARATIVE LGBT POLITICS WINTER 2019: FINAL EXAMINATION

Overview: Throughout this quarter, we examined how LGBT movements mobilize supporters, exploit political opportunities, construct identities, and frame appeals in ways which resonate within their respective cultures. We also noted that, while many LGBT movements use similar tactics, some are more successful than others in achieving their political goals. Explaining success across two state level LGBT movements will form the basis of your final examination.

Prompt: The LGBT movement is often referred to as a global movement whereby individual state level movements share information, adopt frames, and utilize tactics adopted by other state level LGBT movements. Although many state level movements have arguably been shaped by the experience of the US LGBT movement, it should be pointed out that some non-US movements have been more politically successful than the US movement in terms of adopting their desired policy goals, while other state level movements have been less politically successful in achieving their desired policy goals. Using your knowledge of social movements, compare the US LGBT movement with ONE state level movement included in *The Lesbian and Gay Movement and the State* and/or *The Politics of Gay Marriage in Latin America* (both are available on electronic reserve), highlighting which movement is "more successful" and which is "less successful". Which factors BEST EXPLAIN the difference in political success between the US and your selected movement?

To address this question, your paper must do the following:

- 1) Briefly detail the "successes" or "failures" of the LGBT movement on the seven key issues in your selected case (i.e., hate crimes, sodomy laws, adoption, military service, same sex marriage, employment anti-discrimination laws, and gender identity protections) and in the US movement (i.e., Which issues have been resolved and which have not?)
- 2) Compare and contrast the failure/success of the LGBT movement in your case with the LGBT movement in the United States (i.e., Identify which movement is 'more successful').
- 3) Utilize course readings to explain why the LGBT movement in your selected case has been more (or less) than in the United States (i.e., Poor resource mobilization? Lack of political opportunities? Postmaterialism/framing issues? Low visibility? Something else?).
- 4) Use course readings to support a well organized argument about which factors BEST EXPLAIN the difference in political success across the two movements.

NOTE: Reading the chapter on your selected case in the texts listed above will be particularly relevant for section one and the Wikipedia link on LGBT success in your selected case (which can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/2ToITvn>) should be particularly important for section two. Sections three and four can draw on all relevant concepts covered this quarter, so use material covered during the first half of the course as needed. **While you should not neglect sections one and two, the focus of the paper should be focused on the analysis in sections three and four.**

Requirements: The paper should provide a well-organized argument to the prompt, using course materials to substantiate your argument. There is a handout on the course which can assist with the appropriate formatting of a social science paper. Please keep in mind that **papers which do not 1) have an identifiable thesis statement and/or 2) show no familiarity with course readings will be penalized.** While you may use any reputable news sources that you desire to address this question, you do not need to use additional outside materials (either current events or theoretical) to complete this assignment. Please be advised that **your paper should not merely summarize the readings or rely completely on course lecture slides**, but should use these materials to substantiate your own cohesive argument. The paper should be **6-8 pages in**

length (typed, double-spaced, with one inch margins), and should contain a bibliography. You may use either MLA or APA format to cite sources within your paper.

Due Date: An electronic copy of your midterm must be submitted to turnitin.com via TritonEd no later than 5:59pm on 18 March 2019. We will grade whatever you have submitted at the time of the deadline, so please make sure you have uploaded the correct copy of your final because once the deadline hits, we cannot clear the submission. Barring a documented emergency, no late papers will be accepted, and we will not entertain ANY late requests which we are not made aware on the day the paper is due. You are strongly encouraged to retain your Turnitin.com receipt and to take a screenshot of your Turnitin.com submission to keep for your records. **Please be advised that barring notification of a Turnitin.com outage verified by ACMS, an inability to submit the paper before the due date due to failing to hit submit, slow internet connection/upload, failure to recognize that the upload did not go through, inability to access electronic resources via ROGER, etc., is not considered an emergency under university protocol, so please plan accordingly.**

Good Luck!