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Short-Answer Assignment
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Instructions: This assignment is worth 20% of your final grade. Please answer all **five questions** as fully as you can. Your assignment must be between 10-12 pages in length double-spaced, including references. Please use 1-inch margins, with 12-point Times New Roman Font. All material must be referenced accordingly using APA formatting. Your primary source must be the assigned course textbook, although outside resources may be used sparingly.

Please Answer all five questions:

1. Excluding York University's recent labour strife, identify a contemporary labour dispute in a unionized or non-unionized workplace in Canada. How would two varying perspectives on Labour-Capital Relations (Neoliberal, Managerialist, Orthodox-Pluralist, Liberal-Reformist, and Radical Perspective) understand and interpret this conflict? Which views do you find most convincing and why?
2. Compare and contrast the three major waves of trade unionism in Canada. In your view, what key moments are emblematic of these shifts? What explains the differences between private and public sector union coverage, and is this in any way related to neoliberal globalization? Explain if this has been a positive or negative development in your view.
3. With consideration as to the role of the state in capitalist societies, what do you think is the appropriate approach for the government vis-à-vis labour-relations? How do power relations differ when negotiating individually versus collectively?
4. Are public services a democratizing force in society or are they better left to the market? Explain your position with supporting evidence.
5. Compare and contrast business unionism and social movement unionism. How might they utilize different political strategies? And are there broader social and economic benefits to a highly unionized workforce? Explain your answers with supporting evidence.

*** Late assignments will be deducted 5 percent per day for a maximum of three days, after which they will no longer be accepted. Late assignments must be emailed to your tutorial leader and Professor Fanelli. Your TA will confirm receipt within 48-hours. If you do not hear back from them within this time, it is your responsibility to follow up accordingly and ensure it has been received, otherwise a grade of zero may be applied.**