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### PSC 355.01: Theories of Civil Violence

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Political Science 355  
Theories of Civil Violence

Autumn 2006  
Office Hours: 10:00-11:00 MWF  
Or by appointment  
Office: LA 349

Texts: Horgan, *The Psychology of Terrorism*  
Goldstone, *Revolutions*

Requirements:

This course is intended to (A) identify the various forms of civil violence and (B) explore different theories, interpretations, and perspectives that have been offered to explain why and under what conditions civil violence occurs. This review will result in the development of a model making it possible to describe conditions conducive to civil violence, predict when it is likely to occur, and identify who is likely to participate.

Course assessment will be based on three exams and one research paper. Of these, two exams (including the final) are required. The second exam and the research paper are optional. These are not for extra credit but rather provide an opportunity to earn a better grade. The first exam will be on September 29 and the second on November 3. A comprehensive final exam is scheduled for December 12, 8:00-10:00. NO EARLY FINALS WILL BE GIVEN. Exams will consist of identification, short answer and/or essay questions. (BLUEBOOKS REQUIRED) The research paper should be a minimum of ten pages and should be based on no fewer than three sources, not including the textbooks.

**Optional Paper:** The paper should be ten pages minimum or 2500 words. The bibliography should consist only of works consulted but not referenced in footnotes. Footnotes and bibliography entries should be in the Turabian style. The first step is to write a short statement indicating the nature of the project. This should be done in the first two or three weeks of the semester.

In order to make the experience of this course as congenial as possible for all concerned, you are asked to observe the following rules. Do not come to class late or depart early. Do not use class time to read, write letters, chat with your neighbors or engage in other activities not related to the course.

TOPIC OUTLINE:

READING ASSIGNMENT

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Concepts and Terms | Goldstone, Introduction |
| 2. The Classical View | Goldstone, Ch. 1        |
| 3. Modernization      | Goldstone, Ch. 2        |
| 4. Social Factors     | Goldstone, Ch. 3        |

5. Civil Violence - Results

Goldstone, Ch. 4

First Exam—September 29

6. Civil Violence in Pre-modern Contexts

Goldstone, Ch. 5

7. Marxism and Civil Violence

Goldstone, Ch. 6, 8

8. Guerrilla and Ethnic Revolts

Goldstone, Ch. 9

9. Terrorism Defined

Horgan, Foreward, Preface, Ch. 1

10. Understanding Terrorism

Horgan, Ch. 2

Second Exam--November 3

11. Who Participates?

Horgan, Ch. 4, 5

12. Disengaging

Horgan, Ch. 6

13. Counter Measures

Horgan, Ch. 7

14. The "War on Terror"

15. Conclusions

Final Exam December 12 (08:00-10:00)

Note: October 11 is the last day to drop classes or change grading option.