**AP Government and Politics Current Event**

For each unit in the course you will submit a current event and an analysis of the current event. You will also discuss your current event with the class after the test. You should locate a current events article or controversy from a newspaper, news magazine, online news source, or book. The article must be a minimum of 300 words and the entire article must be attached/submitted to receive credit. The article must be from no more than 4 weeks prior to the due date for the article to count as current.

**Instructions**:

1. Choose a current event (topics revolve around topics covered each unit)
2. Go through the analysis on a separate sheet of paper, typed, double spaced.
3. No points will be given to current events with an article less than 300 words, the full article not being attached, if the article is over 4 weeks old, or if the article is off topic.
4. This is NOT an essay; this is a current event analysis. Use the following format, answer in complete sentences, and number your answers.

**Format:**

1. General summary: What is the basic overview of the article? Is there an argument the author is trying to make? If so, what is it? (5 points)
2. Constructing support: What are three pieces of evidence that develop the thesis of the article or support the author’s opinion? (10 points)
3. Abstracting: How does this article relate to our unit of study? Use specifics in explaining the connection to the unit and develop. ( 5 points)
4. Analyzing perspective: What do you think about this issue/information? What bias does the author have in presenting the information? (5 points)
5. Discussion: Be present in class and give an overview of your article. DO NOT READ the article itself or read your written response. Be knowledgeable about your article and simply discuss it. (10 points)