**Politics of Hong Kong**

“The idea of one country, two systems was proclaimed in which Hong Kong was to govern itself for fifty years, during which it was allowed to issue its own currency, provide its on police and administrative apparatus, continue its separate and independent judiciary, and operate a free and market-based economy (Veeck 373).”

“Demonstrations and confrontation erupted between local people, who sought a greater voice in running local affairs through democratic procedures, and the Hong Kong authorities, who looked to Beijing for guidance (Veeck 373).”

“More demonstrations followed in which local democratic parties demanded a greater voice in selecting candidates for office and a broader suffrage that would enable local people to vote for candidates of their choice (Veeck 375).”

“Complete withdrawal of the extradition bill from the legislative process (Politics of Hong Kong).”

**Civil War**

“Its goal was to secure independence from the North and to establish an independent nation free from Northern political oppression and the repression of slavery (Civil War).”

“Its initial goal was to reconcile the Union, while its mid-war goal became to reunite states under a Union in which slavery was not tolerated. The war from beginning to end would be a noble crusade for democracy for all people, not just in America, but throughout the world (Civil War).”

“The decision to free the slaves on paper via the 13th Amendment did nothing to give them real access to political, economic, or social freedom - thus setting into motion 100 years of Jim Crow laws and racial violence across the nation (Civil War).”

“To Northerners, in contrast, the motivation was primarily to preserve the Union, not to abolish slavery (American Civil War).”

“Lincoln was not a military dictator, and could continue to fight the war only as long as the American public supported a continuation of the war (American Civil War).”

“The Union victory energized popular democratic forces. A Confederate victory, on the other hand, would have meant a new birth of slavery, not freedom (American Civil War).”

**Gun Rights**

“More than 22,000 armed gun-rights activists peacefully filled the streets around Virginia’s capitol building on Monday to protest gun-control legislation making its way through the newly Democratic-controlled state legislature (Armed US Gun Rights).”

“‘What’s going on here, if not stopped, will spread to other states,’ said Teri Horne, who had traveled to Virginia from her home in Texas with her Smith & Wesson rifle and .40-caliber handgun (Armed US Gun Rights).”

“‘Some of these bills being proposed are just unconstitutional and we will not enforce them,’ Vaughan said. ‘As a sheriff I am the last line of defense between law-abiding gun owners and the politicians who want to take away their rights.’ (Armed US Gun Rights).”