**GOV 2060**

**Mid-term (Sample questions)**

Below are the instructions as you will see them on the exam

Sample questions are on page 2.

You have 2 hours from the time you access the exam to complete the exam.

When you are finished, upload the exam to Blackboard.

Any evidence of collaboration with any other student in the class is grounds for an F.

You MAY use your notes and readings to answer the questions, but do NOT quote the readings. You must use your own words only. Parenthetical notations (i.e., page numbers from the readings), however, are acceptable and encouraged, so as to note where your ideas are coming from. In addition, do not use outside sources (*New York Times*, Wikipedia, etc).

Type your answers in a Word file. Use 12-point Times New Roman font. Use 1 or 1.25 inch margins. Use double-spacing. Do not exceed 7 total pages.

***I will deduct points if you do not follow these basic guidelines.***

I would avoid wordy introductory paragraphs and conclusions (i.e., “In this essay, I will….”).

The exam is worth 100 points.

Answer 5 short answers from the list of 10. Answer 2 essays from the list of 4. Each short answer is worth 10 points. Each essay is worth 25 points. Short answers should be answered in 4-5 sentences.

Short Answers (Sample 5)

1. What is “racialized economics”?
2. What are “independent expenditures”?
3. Are political contributions protected free speech? Explain.
4. What is a district or state’s PVI?
5. Were endorsements important to Trump’s victory in the Republican primary in 2016? Explain.

Essays (Sample 2)

1. What campaign era are we in? Is it different than what we have seen previously in American elections, historically?
2. Clinton made many strategic “mistakes” in her 2016 campaign, according to many. Would it be accurate to say that this is the reason she lost the election? Explain.