Paper Assignment

The paper is optional (not extra credit). Optional means you have a choice. You may choose not to write it, and if you so choose, your grade will be determined by the exams and quizzes. If you choose to write the paper, it will constitute an additional component for your grade, approximately one-fourth. I would write it if you feel confident that the grade you receive on the paper will improve your overall course grade, or if you are worried about passing the course. The paper must be at least four full pages in length, type 12 font, references from Bacevich in quotes (21). No references other than Bacevich and no opinions. Paper is due April 30, 2015.

Prompt

Explain what Bacevich means by the "new American militarism" and how it has emerged as a dominant social and cultural phenomenon.  Also include in your paper what Bacevich argues the negative consequences will be.

Or

Explain Klein’s theory of disaster capitalism, and then explain her argument that those in power in the U.S. have used the shock of 9-11and the “war on terror” to transform the U.S. into a corporatist state. You must use examples from Chapters 14 “Shock Therapy in the USA: The Homeland Security Bubble” and Chapter 15 “A Corporatist State: Removing the Revolving Door, Putting in an Archway

Grading criteria:

Demonstrate that you have read the material, understand it, and understand what Bacevich argues are the consequences for American society.