Study Guide

1. Military-Industrial-Intelligence-Security-Complex

a. What is the function of the MIISC complex within the constellation of power?

Terms: Posse Comitatus, space dominance, strategic interests.

b. What are the means used by the MIISC to achieve its goals?

Terms: military intervention, covert intervention, “favorite” dictators, SOA, JCET.

c. What is the cost and composition of the MIISCcomplex?

Terms: black budgets, CINC, weapons contractors, NSA, NRO, DIA, CIA, Defense Export Loan Guarantee Fund, PMCs, trade groups, think tanks

d. What are some of the problems that have arisen as a result of the increased power and cost of the MIISC complex?

Terms: MDS, TDS, blowback, MAD.

2. American Empire (Sorrows of Empire)

a. Definition of empire, the goals of empire and examples. The American Empire is more like which empire (British or Roman) and why?

Terms: dictatorship, colonial governance, crown colonies, genocide, concentration camps.

b. American empire: emergence and roots.

Terms: Monroe Doctrine, Platt Amendment, Treaty of Paris, Guantanamo Bay, Treaty of Versailles, Fourteen Points, Cold War, NATO, Project for a New American Century, manifest destiny, Bayonet Constit2ution, permanent war economy, cold war.

c. Know the form that Johnson says that the American Empire has taken, i.e., the definition and characteristics of militarism and imperialism.

Terms: militarism, military, empire of bases, imperialism, obsequious corporate media.

d. Know both the Bush Doctrine and the Nuclear Posture Review and how they relate to the American Empire according to Johnson.

Terms: MAD, imminent threat, preemptive war

3. American Empire and War in the Middle East (Sorrows of Empire)

a. Before the American Empire took shape, Johnson argues the U.S had interests there. What were they and what was early U.S. strategy in the Middle East?

Terms: Sha of Iran, Ba’ath Party, Saddam Hussein, Iran-Iraq war, blowback.

b. Johnson argues that the U.S. invasion of Iraq was an imperial venture. What evidence does he offer to support this?

Terms: Project for a New American Century, Cheney Energy Report, “no exit” strategy, Strategic Assessment.

c. Know the “sorrows of war.”

Terms: ex parte Milligan, Bill of Rights, sovereign immunity, enemy combatants, Article 1 Sec 8, Great Writ, USA Patriot Act, FISA Court, NSA, “lying world,” Committee for the Liberation of Iraq, Nemesis.

4. Global Power Arrangements.

a. Know the global power structure and how each level in the hierarchy of the structure functions to support the goals of the Multi National Corporations.

Terms: MNCs, NAFTA, GATT, WTO, Third World Elite, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, free trade, financial liberalization.

b. Neo-Colonialism: goals, ideology and means.

Terms: intellectual property rights, privatization, free market capitalism, “developmental” loans, infrastructure, structural adjustment plans, export crops, subsidies, price controls, tariffs, non-tariff barriers, user fees, OSHA, mal-development.

c. According to your professor, Latin American countries are resisting neo-colonialism. What were the examples that he gave.