



AP Comparative Government

Country Profile

Leveled Assessment: ____/4

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Score: ____/5

Directions: Choose one of the countries we will be studying this semester and write a one page paper (single spaced, 11pt, Calibri font) profiling the country's relative political and social freedoms using empirical and normative data.

Directions: Students will be required to write an essay that describes the methodology and analysis they used as well as the conclusions they reached as to the types, and amount, of political and social freedoms citizens of the particular country

Empirical Data - Empirical statements contain factual or objective statements

Objective - not influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts

Normative Data - Normative statements contain subjective or value-related judgments

Subjective - Based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions

Simplified Question: What types of personal and political freedoms do the citizens of the country have?

- Support your claims and reasoning with empirical and normative data

Country Profile Essay Grading Rubric					
	4	3	2	1	0
Argument	Essay clearly presents argument on amount of personal and political freedoms	Argument for both political and personal freedoms is made, but not fully or explicitly for one or both	Arguments are formed, but errors make argument not clear or one argument is missing	Arguments attempted, but confusing or unclear	No Argument presents
Empirical Data	Both arguments present clear empirical data to explain reasoning	Empirical data is present, but needs more explanation of connections	Empirical data presented, but not explained or connected to argument	Attempted to provide empirical data but is unconnected or unclear	No empirical data used
Normative Data	Both arguments present clear Normative data to support reasoning	Normative data is present, but needs more explanation of connections	Normative data presented, but not explained or connected to argument	Attempted to provide normative data but is unconnected or unclear	No normative data used
Mechanics	No major spelling or grammatical errors, essay meets minimum length requirement	Minor errors in spelling, grammar, or does not meet length requirement	Errors make essay difficult at times to comprehend. Essay less than ½ of required length	Essay attempted but not completed	No essay handed in