

“Unit 5 Current Events Challenge”

Introduction: One of the most important components of any introductory political science course is relating what you learn to current political topics and debates. The “Current Events Challenge” is a rewarding experience where you will look for current events articles in major newspapers and political publications to see if you can relate what you have learned in the past unit to what is happening in American politics today. You will be amazed at how much of the past continues to influence the political world of the present.

Instructions: Choose one of the suggested links below to major publications in the political world. All five will provide in-depth coverage of the current political situation. Your challenge is to choose and read 2-3 articles and see if you can relate it to content that you learned in Unit 5. Think about the major topics we covered in Unit 5 (i.e. the federal budget, economic policy, taxes, etc.), and see if you can see how these topics still influence American politics today. After finding an article, answer the questions below.

Suggested Links:

[Washington Post: Politics](#)

[The New York Times: Politics](#)

[Roll Call](#)

[The Washington Times: Politics](#)

[CNN Politics](#)

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Questions:

1. What core concept from Unit 5 is present in this article?
2. Does this article teach you anything new about American politics that you did not understand before? If so, explain.
3. Do you believe that your understanding of this concept helped you make better sense of the political situation explained in this article? If so, how?

