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This American Politics course looks at the American state at its inception, and through contemporary national politics, by reviewing some of the ideology that has influenced America. International relations will also be analyzed, as will the Americanization of a global population, and the results of this global economy. The American state as it shows up in the American playground/war machine “hidden in plain sight” in Hawai‘i is further considered.

The readings for this class consist of novels, historical accounts, and articles. Grading is based on class participation, daily and weekly papers, group presentations, as well as the midterm and final paper and presentation. No late papers. Daily attendance is suggested. More than 2 absences drop your grade by one letter grade. Please be on time.

BOOKS:

Ferguson and Turnbull, *Oh, Say, Can You See?*

Kent, *Hawaii: Islands Under the Influence*

Schlosser, *Fast Food Nation*

Zinn, *A People’s History of the United States*

Week 1

Introductions

Gramsci, Americanism & Fordism

Foucault, Power/Discourse

Sections from Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism, Democracy*

Week 2

Zinn, *A People’s History of the United States*

The UN, NGOs, IGOs and Trade

Week 3

Schlosser, *Fast Food Nation*

Movie-Life and Debt

Week 4

Kent, *Hawai‘i: Islands Under the Influence*

Sections from Urry, *The Tourist Gaze*

Week 5

Ferguson and Turnbull, *Oh, Say, Can You See?*

Iaukea, “Narration Through Photography in Hawai‘i”

Week 6  
Visit to Ft. DeRussy  
Final Papers