IR Current Events Journal

**Objectives**

* Keep students up to date on current events
* Get students in the habit of reading and citing legitimate news sources
* Practice professional writing and citations
* Applying class materials to everyday events in the world

**Requirements**

* On Canvas there are 12 journal entry assignments – **you need to turn at least 10**
  + **Since you have some leeway, no late entries will be accepted**
* Sources:
  + **You cannot use only online sources** – must be a mix of sources (journal articles, podcasts, actual newspapers and magazines) maybe I will give bonus points if you do all your sources offline! ☺
  + You cannot use the same source more than once (just BBC.com ten times)
  + Entries do not have to be traditional news - podcasts, movie, documentary, etc.
    - Again, not just ten documentaries though – a mix!
* Journal entries (1-2 pages, anything shorter than one full page will have points deducted):
  + Explaining how this applies to our class
  + NOT A SUMMARY – draw connections and important aspects of the current event that relates to what we are talking about in class that week – IR!
  + Cannot use the same class connection more than once (e.g. realism over and over)
* Citations of the sources:
  + You will keep a running bibliography of what sources you use
    - So for entry #1, there will only be one source in the bibliography but for entry #2 you will include the source for both #1 and #2, and so on for the rest – so you will eventually turn in a bibliography with 10 entries
  + I don’t care which type of citation style you use, just do it properly
    - I can help with this – if they are done incorrectly, I will deduct points

Rubric – each entry is worth 10 points

* Follow instructions (sources, length of entry, etc...)
* Writing (grammar, punctuation, structure, etc...)
* Connections to class (not just a summary, critical thinking and analysis, depth of explanation)
* Citations properly done (includes previous entries)