

PROPOSAL FOR PROCEDURAL OR POLITICAL REFORM (Second Paper Assignment)

You have read for and attended the Combined Lecture. You have also been participating in the legislative process in New York State now for two months. You have witnessed firsthand the procedures under which the Assembly operates.

In a 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 page paper, drawing on the readings, but also buttressed by your own experience, recommend a procedural reform in the legislative process. Your reform may involve a wide variety of issues including, but not limited to, facilitating the legislative process, making procedures more equitable, changing procedural and political inefficiencies, making the process more transparent and democratic, etc. The paper must be double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, and properly cited using APA style .

In your paper, you should:

- 1) Discuss what problem your reform addresses and why it is a problem
- 2) Present and defend your recommended reform, indicating how it will address the problem
- 3) Discuss any progress that has been made in recent years, if any
- 4) Suggest several substantive and political objections to your reform, including possible unintended consequences
- 5) Analyze the political feasibility of implementing your recommendations
- 6) If you use any sources, including the class readings, you must cite it and include a reference page (not included in the page count)
- 7) Regarding your reform, be sure to offer an argument (deductive and/or empirical) and not a mere opinion

If you believe that the current legislative system is working well in New York State and think that it should be continued without change, defend that position by countering the arguments in the readings that support the more commonly suggested reforms.

Please upload your paper onto Moodle by 11:59 PM, Thursday, March 2, 2023. Moodle will accept only doc, docx, and pdf files.

Be sure to include:

- Your first name and last name on your paper and
- Title your uploaded file with your LastnameFirstnamePaper2
for example "NishiyamaWeselyPaper2."