

POLI 101
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Mesa College
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Second Writing Assignment (Due July 26th in class)

Question: "Which do you think is more important for a functioning democracy, the design of its government institutions or the culture of its people?"

You are asked to write a 4-5 page paper where you take an argumentative position on this question. In your answer, you will want to consult the textbook, lectures, and the additional assigned readings. You will want to think about the importance of constitutions, corruption, parties, elections, civil society and the building of trust, and additional relevant topics. Keep in mind that in your answer, you should discuss why both institutions and culture are important, even if you argue that one or the other of them is more important. Feel free to consult your professor for assistance.

You are also asked to read and cite 3 articles that contribute to your discussion of this topic. All the readings can be found at the course website:
<http://allenbolar.wordpress.com/mesa-poli-101-introduction-to-political-science/>