

Comparing Governments

COMPARING GOVERNMENTS

Freedom House

Analyzes degrees of freedom throughout the world based on political rights and civil liberties.

Debunking Statistical Myths

Swedish researcher Hans Rosling demonstrates the truths behind statistics that help us understand regions and their unique needs.
Immigration

Darfur

A video documentary produced by the Washington Post that tells the story of those ravaged by the violence in Darfur.

Comparing Maps

An introduction to using maps to compare country data and trends.

Comparing Facts

Using the CIA World Factbook, this assignment is an overview of comparison based on statistics.

BRITAIN

London Mosque

With plans for Europe's largest mosque to be built in London, racial controversy is stirred up.

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FRANCE

Immigration

As Paris celebrates its history of immigration with a new museum, a strict immigration bill makes its way through parliament.

Economic development

A documentary on the generation of young people in France who are shut out of jobs because of old legislation meant to protect workers' benefits.

Voicing their Dissent

In the projects of France, many have lost hope, but some musicians have come together to promote change. This documentary tells their story.

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GERMANY

The Church of Scientology

A short video story that describes the German government's concerns about the Church of Scientology.

Post-WWII Inflation

A brief documentary explaining economic issues in Germany resulting from the Second World War.

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JAPAN

Naming the Siege

The Chinese call Japan's 1937 siege on Nanjing a massacre, but recently Japan has named it "an incident" in their text books, and relegated it to the margin of a single page. The Chinese are outraged. Documentary told in two parts, one from the Chinese, and the second from the Japanese.

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INDIA

India's Growing Pains

With an abundance of technology jobs available to India's college educated, what could be bad about modernization in India? These stories reveal the shortcomings.

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THE UNITED STATES

Fighting for the Environment

American politicians are caught between the huge costs of implementing pollution restrictions, and constituents' desire for air and water quality.

Whistleblower Uses YouTube

A disgruntled employee tapes himself and posts the video on YouTube to make his complaints public. Is this a uniquely American way of being heard?

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NIGERIA

Lagos

Short documentary on the development of Lagos, Nigeria.

Nigeria's Oil

Documentary on the paradox of a land blessed with abundant supplies of oil, but stricken with such poverty and corruption that the oil can't sustain the local economy.

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BRAZIL

Land Occupation

Documentary on land reforms in Brazil, where income distribution is highly uneven.

Jewel of the Amazon

After diamonds are discovered in Brazil, a black market develops, followed by political corruption. A documentary by reporter Mariana Von Zeller.

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MEXICO

NAFTA's Effect on Mexico

Has the North American Trade Agreement been good for Mexico? How have Mexico-U.S. relations been affected by the changes NAFTA has brought?

Maquiladoras

Along the north border of Mexico, electronics assembly plants provide jobs for some Mexicans. Workers tell their stories.

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RUSSIA

Democracy in Russia

Though Russia has officially become a democracy, its leader manages to have more than the typical democratic share of power.

Russia Economics

Some city dwellers have struck it rich since the collapse of communism in Russia, while many rural residents have suffered poverty. How has democracy changed Russia's economy?

Russia's Growing Economy

Stories on the effect of Russia's oil reserves on foreign policy and the environmental concerns raised by oil mining.

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IRAN

Iran's Nuclear Program

Amidst great controversy over Iran's nuclear holdings, the country insists its nuclear centrifuges are necessary. Why is it all right for some countries to have nuclear weapons, but not Iran?

Ahmadinejad's Perspectives

Why does the world distrust Iranian president Ahmadinejad?

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CHINA

Civil Rights and Liberties in China

As China seeks to become more globally integrated, its policies on civil liberties have come under scrutiny.

Environment

A short documentary on the environmental effects of coal mines on nearby villages.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Post-Apartheid Apartheid

If black Africans don't trust each other, is there any chance for blacks to rise to power in South Africa?

Transforming Politics and Society

Can South Africa pursue economic justice and political justice at the same time, or do these two goals contradict each other?

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EUROPEAN UNION

Citizenship in Slovenia

Slovenia, once part of the former Yugoslavia, is one of the smaller members of the European Union. How do issues in Slovenia affect the European Union?

The Role of the EU

A fisherman is served by having access to international waters, and so votes in favor of a European Constitution that would provide him that privilege. But many others in Europe don't want a European Constitution.

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