

# The World of Politics

KCB 202 Week 8

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# Agenda

- General Question Time
- 1 on 1 Feedback with Krystina
- Debate
- Wiki Time



# What to do:

While you are waiting for your 1 on 1 time:

- Write your Case Study Topic Selection outline
- Prepare for our Debate: New Media improves the Practice of Democracy
- Work on Wiki Contributions
- Write out any questions about Feedback – during 1 on 1 time
- Catch up on Readings

# Case Study Topic Proposals

- 300 words outlining your topic
- Must include:
  - 1 research question (in one sentence)
  - Key areas of concern (perhaps your headings for your report)
  - *how you understand the issue is likely to develop* using the theories on new media covered in the course of the unit and the results of your own research

## Questions to ask yourself:

What course readings may help flesh out my ideas?

What lecture materials can I include?

What am I saying about the future of my topic area?



# Debate:

## New Media improves the Practice of Democracy

- Have a read:  
[Election 2010: Day 14 \(or waste and mismanagement – the media\)](#)
- Choose your side: For or Against
- Research on the net
- Write up some debating points
- Consider: How can history help you develop an understanding of how new media may have an influence on the practice of democracy?

# Wiki Contributions

- Week 10 is the last week for contributing for marks
- Add, remove, and edit up until that point, at which time I begin marking
- Nothing after week 10 is included in the assignment mark
- You can continue to make posts use the wiki however
- In feedback I have suggested to many of you to focus on the who, what, where, when, why, how, to help you make sure you have fully fleshed out the topic of your post. Try to apply that to your existing posts



# Week 8 Readings

- (1) Hyperpolitics, American Style
- Mark Pesce, Personal Democracy Forum, New York, 24 June 2008.
- <http://blog.futurestreetconsulting.com/?p=62>, 25 mins, 39 Secs
- Also available as transcript at:  
<http://blog.futurestreetconsulting.com/?p=61>
- (2) The Cell Phone and the Crowd: Messianic Politics in the Contemporary Philippines
- Public Culture, Volume 15, Number 3, Fall 2003, pp. 399-425.  
Available online at:  
<http://publicculture.dukejournals.org/cgi/reprint/15/3/39>

# Let's Debate

- With reference to the article and other related areas which you are familiar with, argue that new media improves or does not improve democracy.
- For
- Against