Elaborated Tips, Instructions and Guidelines for Essay Using Populism Theme, POLS432
Due: April 28, class time (30% of final grade)

The purpose of this review essay is to do the following: explain to the reader the deeper roots of motivation of European political history between 1914 – 1949, as well as the role the EU has increasingly played in the lives of European citizens, that might explain why national populism may continue to undermine collective decision making in Europe on the one hand, and on the other, may still provide the fundamental foundations which sustain and nurture the European Union as a legitimate authoritative supranational governance system.

You begin with Kershaw. Here, you want to identify for the reader what three or so points Kershaw makes to help a novice (a novice – NOT ROBERTSON OR OTHER EXPERTS) understand how and why a penchant for favoring nationalist populism in Europe may impact the EU today. You select those events, changes, or concepts (such as ideology, ethnic conflict, nationalism) which Kershaw draws on in his history of Europe between 1914 and 1949 which you take from Kershaw to be the MOST important in explaining why national populism may continue to undermine collective decision making in Europe on the one hand. On the other hand, you also show the reader how and why these very same events, changes, or concepts (such as ideology, ethnic conflict, and nationalism) may still provide the fundamental foundations which sustain and nurture the European Union as a legitimate authoritative supranational governance system. You need NOT try to summarize EVERYTHING. That would not make for a review, and it would not be readable. So, after you have read over Kershaw, jot down what three events or changes were, in your mind, the most important forces influencing national populism on the one hand while also being the forces driving the EU toward unification.

However, that is half of the primary job. The other half is to explain to the same novice you imagined in your mind’s eye when reviewing Kershaw, why McNamara thinks the EU as a force in the everyday life of a European citizen is much greater than one might imagine, and how extensive this influence is in the lives of European citizens. You are to reflect on what implications this holds for explaining why national populism may continue to undermine collective decision making in Europe on the one hand, while also laying the foundations for sustaining and nurturing the European Union as a legitimate authoritative supranational governance system.
Then, having reviewed the two books, you tie them together. What implications and lessons can you offer your novice about (1) how the EU both nurtures national populism and offers antidotes to it?

**FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS**

8-10 pages, double spaced, 12 pt font, and 1” margins – DO NOT VARY FROM THIS. YOU MUST PAGINATE. A TITLE PAGE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH PROPER CITATIONS OF THE BOOKS. YOUR NAME IS TO BE INCLUDED ONLY ON THE TITLE PAGE – NO WHERE ELSE IN THE PAPER.

To organize this PROPERLY, you must:

1. Have an introduction that clearly tells the reader the major points you will explore in your review and what your conclusions will be. In this introduction, begin by helping the reader understand why the history and contemporary process of the EU is linked and important. Think about that – do not just look for that in your books —think about that in the context of what you have learned from your class lectures and what you read elsewhere. You must make sure the reader understands populism and nationalism are the target of your analysis – you are using Kershaw and McNamara to evaluate how these forces and contemporary developments in the lives of citizens have both come about and are sustained, as well as being at the same time forces motivating push back on populism and nationalism.

2. Then begin by developing the body of the paper: summarize the main argument of Kershaw and expose three events changes, or concepts (such as ideology, ethnic conflict, nationalism) which both motivate national populism, and may also be the forces motivating a redress to populism and nationalism; and with respect to McNamara summarize her main argument and then explain to the reader how her evidence you have selected also underscores the motivation for populist nationalism in everyday lives of contemporary Europe, but may also be the very forces that can deal with populism and national effectively. Once you have completed your review of Kershaw and McNamara, integrate the two books and your observations (as discussed above).

3. Then, provide a conclusion. This must clearly and coherently summarize for the reader what you have done in the body of the review, what your conclusions are and what implications these conclusions offer in terms of understanding the EU as a developing process.
Rubric for grading:

- Is the reader told clearly what the objective and purpose of this essay is?

- Does the paper clearly and coherently present a sample of evidence (at least three historical events/changes) from Kershaw to support the argument that history helped shape both national populism, on the one hand, as well as created the conditions which inspired efforts to undermine and deal with national populism?

- Does the paper explain clearly and coherently through logical reasoning why the historical evidence from Kershaw would help understand the forces shaping populism and nationalism?

- Does the paper clearly and coherently present a sample of evidence from McNamara to support the argument that a new, imagined community within the EU is laying the foundations for both national populism, on the one hand, as well as conditions which may undermine and deal with national populism?

- Does the paper explain clearly and coherently through logical reasoning why the evidence from McNamara would support the argument that a new, imagined community within the EU is laying the foundations for both national populism, on the one hand, as well as conditions which may undermine and deal with national populism?

- Does the paper clearly and coherently tie the points of Kershaw and McNamara together in such a way as to show the reader why history and contemporary processes might help the reader better understand the full context within which one must understand and evaluate the foundations for both national populism, on the one hand, as well as conditions which may undermine and deal with national populism?

- Does the paper offer a clear and coherent conclusion that summarizes sufficiently the major points raised in the paper and adequately reminds the reader of the basic objective of the paper, and shows how the paper has address this objective and purpose?
• Has the paper followed explicitly the format guidelines? **If not, paper will be marked down one letter grade.**

Failure to provide component (introduction, Kershaw, McNamara, Integration, and Conclusion) will reduce the paper up to 20% per component. Lack of clarity and coherence, and linkages between evidence and arguments for how they play a role in understanding the arguments of the authors will reduce paper by up to 50%.