**APCOGO/Spring 2017**

**Unit 3 – Russia Study Guide for Unit 3: The LEAST You Need to Know!**

*In addition to the outline below, be sure to know all of the vocabulary for this unit…whether we “covered” it or not.* ☺

**\*\*\*Also, be prepared for comparisons with the UK!!!\*\*\***

**Part 1: The Making of the Modern Russian State**

* What is unique about Russian geography?
* Describe Marxism and explain how Marxism-Leninism (Soviet-style communism) is different, including the role of vanguardism and democratic centralism.
* Explain the role of the Communist Party starting with Stalin, including nomenklatura, the Central Committee, the Politburo and the General Secretary.
* Describe the role of collectivization and 5 year plans in the Soviet Union.
* Describe Stalinism and identify attempts to “de-Stalinize.”
* Explain goals of Gorbachev’s policies, including glasnost and perestroika and evaluate their success/failure.
* Describe the events that led to the end of the USSR and the creation of the Russian Federation.
* Explain the policies of Yeltsin, including Shock Therapy, and describe the effects of these policies.

**Part 2: Institutions**

* Analyze the Russian Constitution of 1993. Are there any parts of the constitution that have not been “upheld” under Putin?
* Explain why Russia is considered to be an illiberal democracy.
* Explain how Asymmetric Federalism differs from Federalism and why Russia has this form of federalism.
* Describe how Putin has weakened regional authority and has centralized power.
* Define Presidential/Parliamentary system (Semi-Presidential).
  + What features does it have in common with a presidential system? A parliamentary system?
* Identify the current head of state and head of government in Russia. What are their titles?
* How is the president elected? What is 2nd round voting? How many years is a president’s term? Term limits?
* Describe the powers of the president in Russia. Identify any checks on the president’s power.
* Explain the changes Putin has made to further strengthen the power of the president.
* How is the prime minister chosen? What are the PM’s powers? Identify any checks on the PM’s powers (including vote of no confidence).
* Identify the type of legislature found in Russia.
  + Identify the upper house. How are members selected? What is its role?
  + Identify the lower house. How are members selected? What is its role?
  + What is the legislature’s relationship to the other branches?
* Describe the role of the Judiciary.
  + What is the difference between the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court
  + What is the Judiciary’s relationship to the other branches?
* Evaluate the extent of rule of law in Russia. What role does corruption play?
* Describe the status of the military in Russia.
* Describe elections in Russia.
  + What type of electoral system is used in Russia for the State Duma. How has it changed in recent years?
  + How is referenda initiated? How has referenda been used historically in Russia?
* Explain why political parties have been unstable in Russia.
* Identify the current type of party system in Russia.
* Describe the role of each of the following: United Russia, Communist Party of the Russian Federation, Liberal Democratic, A Just Russia
* Define state corporatism. Explain why Russian interest groups are corporatist.
* Describe the role of oligarchs, mafia, and the media in Russia.

**Part 3: Citizens, Society, and the State:**

* Identify social cleavages in Russia. Classify them as coinciding or cross-cutting.
* Explain key components of Russian political culture. What role has history played in shaping this culture?
* Analyze the ability of civil society to flourish in Russia. Identify obstacles.
* Analyze the role of Russian youth groups. Why were they created? What do critics say?

**Part 4: Public Policy**

* Describe current major public policy issues in Russia today.
  + How do they reflect either fragmentation or integration/globalization?
  + What impact do they have on the economic development of Russia?
* How does Russia compare to other countries in the AP6 in terms of GDP, Gini, Freedom House, CPI?
* Explain the difference between civil liberties and political rights.
  + Describe how both have declined under Putin – give specific examples.
  + Based on the above, what type of regime does Russia currently have?

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**AP COGO – Unit 3 Concepts/People**

***Use your book, class powerpoints, and assigned readings/handouts to define the following concepts/people and prepare for quizzes and the unit test. Some of the terms may be repetitive from prior units…You are STILL responsible for knowing them!***

1. A Just Russia
2. Asymmetric federalism
3. Bolsheviks
4. Clientelistic networks
5. Collectivization
6. Communism
7. Constitution of 1993
8. Constitutional Court vs. Supreme Court
9. CPRF
10. Decrees
11. Democratic centralism
12. Dominant party system
13. Duma
14. Federation Council
15. Five Year Plans
16. Glasnost
17. Gorbachev, Mikhail
18. Head of Govt/Head of State
19. Lenin, V.I.
20. Liberal Democrat Party of Russia (LDPR)
21. Mafia
22. Marxism-Leninism
23. Medvedev, Dmitri
24. Nashi
25. Nomenklatura
26. Oligarchs
27. Perestroika
28. Power vertical
29. Presidential-parliamentary systems (Semi-Presidential system)
30. Privatization
31. Putin, Vladimir
32. Russian Orthodox Church
33. Shock Therapy
34. Slavophile vs. Westerner
35. Soft authoritarianism
36. Stalinism
37. State corporatism
38. Totalitarianism
39. United Russia Party
40. Yelstin, Boris