

JHU - Advanced Academic Programs

AAP Fall 2013 End of Term Course Evaluation

Course: AS.470.713.51.FA13 : Civil Resistance : The Logic of Strategic Nonviolent Conflict

Instructor: Maciej Bartkowski *

1 - I took this course:														
Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means				
Degree Candidate				(1)	8	100%				1.00 				
Provisional				(2)	0	0%								
Special				(3)	0	0%								
							0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median											
8/11 (72.73%)	1.00	0.00	1.00											

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:														
Observed the scheduled meeting times.														
Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means				
Strongly Agree				(1)	5	62.5%				1.75 				
Agree				(2)	1	12.5%								
Neutral				(3)	1	12.5%								
Disagree				(4)	1	12.5%								
Strongly Disagree				(5)	0	0%								
Not Applicable				(0)	0	0%								
							0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median											
8/11 (72.73%)	1.75	1.16	1.00											

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:														
Was knowledgeable about course materials.														
Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means				
Strongly Agree				(1)	7	87.5%				1.13 				
Agree				(2)	1	12.5%								
Neutral				(3)	0	0%								
Disagree				(4)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree				(5)	0	0%								
Not Applicable				(0)	0	0%								
							0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median											
8/11 (72.73%)	1.13	0.35	1.00											

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:														
Was well prepared for class.														
Response Option				Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses			Means				
Strongly Agree				(1)	6	75%				1.25 				
Agree				(2)	2	25%								
Neutral				(3)	0	0%								
Disagree				(4)	0	0%								
Strongly Disagree				(5)	0	0%								
Not Applicable				(0)	0	0%								
							0	25	50	75	100	Question		
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median											
8/11 (72.73%)	1.25	0.46	1.00											

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2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:										
Taught the course in an organized manner.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	4	50%					1.63		
Agree	(2)	3	37.5%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.63	0.74	1.50							

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:										
Was interesting and engaging about the course material.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	6	75%					1.38		
Agree	(2)	1	12.5%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.38	0.74	1.00							

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:										
Provided constructive feedback in a timely manner.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	3	37.5%					2.00		
Agree	(2)	3	37.5%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	1	12.5%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	2.00	1.07	2.00							

2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:										
Was accessible to students enrolled in the course.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	7	87.5%					1.13		
Agree	(2)	1	12.5%							
Neutral	(3)	0	0%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.13	0.35	1.00							

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2 - Please rate the instructor on the following:										
Encouraged and managed participation.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree	(1)	6	75%						1.38	
Agree	(2)	1	12.5%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.38	0.74	1.00							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
The syllabus clearly stated course objectives and assignments.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree	(1)	4	50%						2.00	
Agree	(2)	2	25%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	1	12.5%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	2.00	1.41	1.50							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
The assignments were effective ways to learn the material.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree	(1)	4	50%						1.50	
Agree	(2)	4	50%							
Neutral	(3)	0	0%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.50	0.53	1.50							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
This course met my expectations, in terms of workload, of a graduate level course. If you disagree, please explain in the comments section.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree	(1)	5	62.5%						1.38	
Agree	(2)	3	37.5%							
Neutral	(3)	0	0%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
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8/11 (72.73%)	1.38	0.52	1.00							

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3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
This course met my expectations, in terms of intellectual challenge, of a graduate level course. If you disagree, please explain in the comments section.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	5	62.5%					1.63		
Agree	(2)	2	25%							
Neutral	(3)	0	0%							
Disagree	(4)	1	12.5%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.63	1.06	1.00							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
The grading process was fair.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	7	87.5%					1.25		
Agree	(2)	0	0%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.25	0.71	1.00							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
I learned a great deal from this course.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	6	75%					1.38		
Agree	(2)	1	12.5%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.38	0.74	1.00							

3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
The guest lecturers, online or in class, were effective. (if applicable)										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses				Means		
Strongly Agree	(1)	4	50%					1.57		
Agree	(2)	2	25%							
Neutral	(3)	1	12.5%							
Disagree	(4)	0	0%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	1	12.5%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
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8/11 (72.73%)	1.57	0.79	1.00							

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3 - Please rate the course on the following:										
I would recommend this course to other students.										
Response Option	Weight	Frequency	Percentage	Percent Responses					Means	
Strongly Agree	(1)	6	75%						1.50	
Agree	(2)	1	12.5%							
Neutral	(3)	0	0%							
Disagree	(4)	1	12.5%							
Strongly Disagree	(5)	0	0%							
Not Applicable	(0)	0	0%							
				0	25	50	75	100	Question	
Return Rate	Mean	STD	Median							
8/11 (72.73%)	1.50	1.07	1.00							

4 - What were the strengths of the instructor?	
Return Rate	8/11 (72.73%)
<p>- Dr. Bartkowski has an in-depth knowledge of nonviolent civil resistance movements. His most important strength is his passion for educating others about nonviolent resistance.</p> <p>- Dr. Bartkowski is very passionate and knowledgeable about the subject matter. He encouraged participation in class and was available to answer questions outside of the classroom. He also required us to complete three interesting assignments that allowed us to further develop our understanding of civil resistance.</p> <p>- Enthusiastic, with a lot of interesting background information to share. Encouraged interesting discussions in class.</p> <p>- He used the E-class to prepare the students for in-class discussions. He also provides different teaching approach like "People power" game, interviewing political activists, and using visual materials to enhance the idea of civil nonviolent resistance</p> <p>- Maciej is extremely knowledgeable about nonviolent conflict. His passion inspires his students and energizes them to better understand the conflict.</p> <p>- Maciej is very knowledgeable of the subject matter. He has the experience and the expertise.</p> <p>- Passionate about the topic and well versed in the subject matter.</p> <p>- Professor Bartowski is very informed and knowledgeable about the concept and history of nonviolent resistance. His ability to explain connections between various nonviolent resistance movements was very helpful in understanding the fundamentals of these movements.</p>	

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5 - What were the weaknesses of the instructor?	
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<p>- A minor criticism is that the course seemed to go off on tangents - this slowed the progression.</p> <p>- At times the class seemed somewhat unstructured. Additionally, the writing assignments descriptions, as explained on the syllabus, were ambiguous in some respects.</p> <p>- Dr. Bartkowski encouraged participation, which made the course interactive and interesting. However, we had one student in our class that constantly dominated the discussion. It would have been helpful if Dr. Bartkowski managed classroom participation a little more, so that no one perspective directed the conversation.</p> <p>Each week we seemed a little behind and had to finish covering material from the previous week. So, the last few lectures of the semester seemed cut short because of time. I would have liked to have had more information from the last three lecture sessions.</p> <p>- hmmm I can't think of any weakness at the moment</p> <p>- None</p> <p>- there is only so much research that is done on the topic....so the scholars all seem to know each other. I think he had his favorite scholars to teach from. Which was perfectly understandable since know one else has crunched the numbers yet to provide a consenting point of view.</p> <p>- Time management...</p> <p>- Unable to keep track of class time. I had a second class on Mondays that started five minutes after this one was supposed to end. I was constantly late to my second class, because Maciej never bothered to end the class on time. He knew that a couple of us had other classes to go to, but didn't seriously adjust his teaching style to fit everything into the scheduled class time.</p> <p>I received constructive feedback on just one of the two mid-semester assignments I completed. Disappointing, as I could have improved my work based on constructive criticism on the other mid-semester assignment.</p> <p>Sometimes class was too open-ended -- we just discussed "relevant" things we had seen or read in the news that week. Without a bit of structure, the conversations often trailed off without a useful exchange of ideas.</p>	

6 - What were the content and design strengths of the course?	
Return Rate	7/11 (63.64%)
<p>- Lecture formats and presentations</p> <p>- Logically structured (each week's topic seemed to build on the previous week's topic) and with very interesting, innovative assignments.</p> <p>- The content is very interesting and delves into a very unique topic, civil resistance. I found it very beneficial to learn about this aspect of conflict and all the creative tactics that can be used in carrying out a civil resistance campaign. The interview summary exercise was very interesting, although it would have helped to receive detailed guidance on this assignment earlier in the semester, so that we had more time to identify and arrange our interviews.</p> <p>- The course unfolded in a good sequence. The earlier readings set a foundation for understanding of the later specific movement analysis.</p> <p>- The course was setup in a very thorough manner into sub-blocks. The students understood each sub-block and how they related to previous blocks.</p> <p>- The reading material, class debates and the in class projects.</p> <p>- Very relevant readings and the assignments were good. I enjoyed the interview.</p>	

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7 - What were the content and design weaknesses of the course?	
Return Rate	8/11 (72.73%)
<p>- As mentioned previously, a few of the class sessions were unstructured.</p> <p>- I can't think of any in the moment. I find the content and the design of the course is good</p> <p>- Over-reliance on a book by Maciej's colleague, Erica Chenoweth. The book has a lot of useful data, but some statistical inconsistencies. Maciej relied way too much on this book and taught it as an absolute truth, despite the fact that many of the people in the class were dissatisfied with the statistics and methodologies. It would have been nice to see serious quantitative analysis from another source from time to time.</p> <p>- The campaign analysis is confusing. The syllabus and professor's expectations are at odds with each other. Is the purpose to analyze a dependent variable or a campaign?</p> <p>- The first graded assignment the video game / memo to the White House assignment was not very useful for applied learning. The course's work was shaped around weekly reading reactions, an activist interview and a long form essay. I would have preferred to select a nonviolent movement case study for the first assignment, do an interview that supports the case study and then write a long form essay that combines all the semester's learning. This sequence is natural. The first assignment seems like an outlier task.</p> <p>- The online forum for discussing the weekly reading. Reliance on limited primary research sources.</p> <p>- There was little guidance on the policy memo presentation....didn't realize that it would be a presentation vice written product</p> <p>- We had some interesting readings over the course of the semester. However, there does not seem to be many primary research studies focused on civil resistance topics. Most of the readings we covered were secondary research or essays. Also, Dr. Bartkowski continually referenced one primary study from the civil resistance field. While it is an interesting study, it is only one study and it seemed somewhat overemphasized. It would be helpful for the course to identify and review other primary studies related to the topic or at least discuss how primary research could be used to uncover new findings for the discipline.</p> <p>Also, it would have been helpful to receive more guidance on the final paper earlier in the semester. We reviewed our paper outlines five days before they were due. It was beneficial to get some feedback, but at that point it was too late to make any major adjustments to our papers.</p>	

8 - How does this course compare to other courses?	
Return Rate	8/11 (72.73%)
<p>- I am almost done with the program...one more class. This has by far been the best class I have taken at Johns Hopkins. It has opened my eyes to a different side of conflict and I think it is very relevant with the recent unrest in the Middle East and Ukraine. I feel that this is an important class and it should stay on the curriculum.</p> <p>- Less interesting, unfortunately. The general topic is exciting, but Maciej made it rather dry and sadly dogmatic. On the other hand, I really enjoyed the unique nature of the assignments we had to complete, especially the game and the interview. These types of assignments really helped me learn more about civil resistance!</p> <p>- one of the best courses I had this term</p> <p>- Other than class size the experience was about the same.</p> <p>- The nonviolent angle of this course provided a unique perspective on international relations.</p> <p>- This course should be a required for a Global Securities degree or at the very least offered every semester. Other nonviolent conflict courses should also be offered. This class establishes that nonviolence is the other side of human conflict. And those of us who are studying Global Security need to understand why nonviolence is arguably more effective than violent mobilization. I now have a more complete picture of the human condition and conflict..</p> <p>- This course was very different from my other electives. The assignments were time consuming, although interesting. I think the assignments helped us apply the material and develop planning and interviewing skills.</p> <p>- This is an outstanding course that is immensely valuable.</p>	

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9 - Evaluation of your own work in this course:	
Return Rate	8/11 (72.73%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellent - Given my ignorance of the topic prior to the course I felt I met the expectations of the coursework. - I am proud of the course work I complete for this class. - I applied myself to undertsanding the concepts and was motivated by the content. - I felt that I did well in the class. - I performed well, but probably not at best due to lack of motivation. - I worked very hard in this course. I think I could have done better on my final paper if we had some additional guidance earlier in the semester. - Very Good 	

10 - What other courses would you like to see offered?	
Return Rate	8/11 (72.73%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A class on U.N. organization and structure. - A class with a more theoretical approach to civil resistance would be exciting. - Coups and Revolutions - I do not have any suggestions at this time. - I would love to see a course that compare civil nonviolent resistance with the Assymetric warfare - International Conflict and Resolution, Strategic use of nonviolence in the developing world, Strategic use of nonviolence in lawless regions, Strategic use of nonviolence aganist closed regimes: North Korea. - More courses like civil resistance that are unique and that are cross discipline - N/A 	

11 - Other comments. Feel free to comment on your response to any previous question. Please be specific.	
Return Rate	5/11 (45.45%)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - excellent course and excellent instructor - I don't mean to completely condemn Maciej. His heart is clearly in the right place, and he certainly isn't a bad instructor. However, there are some major flaws in his teaching style and with this course's format, that should be addressed before he teaches this class again at JHU. - I think this is a very useful course for students in several degree tracks and I think it should be offered again. I would like to see more primary research sources brought into the course materials. - Maicej should offer a peer review session for the campaign analysis. There was a larger critique session where he provided substantial edits 5 days before the paper was due. Expecting students to edit a significant portion of a 4000 word essay in this time frame is not feasible. Some students had written papers on subjects not related to the course, so there should be some sort of sanity check earlier in the semester. - This class was most excellent. 	