

## **United States Government & Politics**

Weekly Current Events: 4.24.23

## Svan, "U.S. Abrams Tanks heading to Ukraine," Stars and Stripes, 4.21.23.

- 1. What is the main point of the article?
- 2. What two high-level Defense Dept. officials communicated the news? Why them?
- 3. How will these tanks transition from U.S. to Ukrainian control?
- 4. What other countries are involved in the effort to help Ukraine, and I what way(s)?
- 5. What additional U.S. equipment does Ukraine desire?
- 6. Do others in the international community seem supportive of Ukraine? If so, how?
- 7. What is the total U.S. contribution to assist Ukraine since last year?
- 8. What other issue did Secretary Austin comment on?
- 9. How would you rate the depth and delivery of this news?
- 10. What is *Stars and Stripes*, and how might that impact its reporting?

## Boak and Costley, "Biden signs Order prioritizing 'Environment Justice," AP News, 4.21.23.

- 1. What executive order did President Biden sign?
- 2. What are executive orders, and one thing unique about them?
- 3. What exactly does this new order do?
- 4. Does this executive order create any new laws, regulations, or new agency?
- 5. What would be necessary for those? Why?
- 6. What has been Biden's record on environmental policy since taking office?

## Jacques, "Free Speech Under Attack," USA Today, 4.21.23.

- 1. What outspoken personality appeared at San Francisco State University, and what happened?
- 2. What is Ms. Gaines's generally known for?
- 3. After watching the two brief videos, how would you describe the protest(s)?
- 4. How did the University handle the situation?
- 5. What do you think of the trend on campuses and universities lately regarding controversial and unpopular speakers?