**Chapter 12**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Class Activities:**

Activity: Hegemony

Learning Objective(s):

Students will be able to understand the relationship between the news media and politics

Materials needed: Whiteboard and dry-erase markers

Class Size: Ideal small breakout discussion groups or an individual assignment

Students should write a 2-3-page research paper that focus on the content of hegemony. The following questions should be addressed:

* What is a hegemon?
* Who do they believe is the current hegemon?
* Are there any challengers?
* Do you believe that the current hegemon’s power is declining? If so, why? If not, why not? Students should be able to support their claim.

Given that this is a research paper assignments, students should cite their sources appropriately and should following general formatting rules.