

History 246

First Midterm Paper

Presented in class: February 13, 2025

Completed paper due: February 20

Write a short (600-800 word) paper on the following topic, below. Your paper must fall within the assigned word count, and you must note the correct word count at the bottom of your paper. Please use double spaced format, 12-point type. All papers must be presented to me in class on February 20, in hardcopy only.

“During the period 1933-1973, US politics was marked by ‘class compromise,’ in which the wealthy gave up some of their privileges, while the working classes made historically unprecedented gains. The distribution of income and wealth became significantly more equal than had previously been the case. All this was made possible by major changes in US government policy, beginning with the New Deal.”

In your essay, you should present the most important changes that took place in governmental policy and other key events that contributed to the class compromise. Note that you must **ONLY** use information from class lectures. I will not accept papers that contain significant information not discussed in class.