

## **Critical Thought Paper #2**

### ***Transnational Issues & Security***

The overarching theme of Transnational Issues & Security is that in order to address intermestic issues, states must cooperate. All of the films focus on situations in which people need protection—from tyrannical leaders, rebel groups, and those who exploit the lawlessness of developing countries and the international system. “UN Peacekeeping” questions who the UN should try to protect and under what circumstances. While global north (GN) countries have the stability and better means to address international issues, lack of development regularly impedes global south (GS) action. GS countries are in a Catch-22 situation: They will have difficulty developing as long as people’s basic needs and human rights are at risk. But meeting those needs and developing institutions to advance human protections depend on political stability and economic resources.

As demonstrated in these films and in “New Gold Rush”, GS countries are susceptible to multinational corporation (MNC) exploitation and plagued by transnational criminal activities. **Consumerism, corruption**, and the role of **international organizations (IGOs)** are important concepts for considering these issues. Your assignment is to demonstrate the connections between each of these concepts, the films, and the “New Gold Rush” article.

For each concept, discuss how “New Gold Rush” relates to the concept and three films that best relate to that concept. By the end of your paper, you need to have discussed all five films from Part II at least once. Base your responses exclusively on the information you have from the films and the article, just as you did in the online discussion board posts.

### **Paper Instructions**

Review the Preparing Critical Thought Papers Guide linked to your course schedule for paper set-up and grading criteria, including common errors. No late papers will be accepted.

You are limited to **1600 words** (approximately 5 to 5 ½ pages). You will receive a 10% deduction for each block 50 words over the limit.

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