Assignment 3: Understanding the issues (i.e., geopolitical) in the MENA region

GEOG1100.1 – Summer 2020

Worth – 10% of the total grade; Submission Deadline – August 7, 2020 at 5.00 PM

In this brief assignment, you are going to explain three major "Geopolitical Issues" discussed in the class lectures of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

Your task:

You have to consider three geopolitical issues explained in the class materials/notes. Moreover, you should study the text book chapter 6 in order to answer the issues critically. Three issues you must focus as:

(i)   Chokepoints in the MENA region;
(ii)   Access to Oil in the region; and
(iii)   Access to freshwater

Marking Schemes:

        Introduction (2 points) (within 50 words): A background about MENA region and why are there several geopolitical issues existing in this region? Among several, we have picked three only. Do you consider these are taken deliberately?

        This section is the background of your assignment. As you are doing your last assignment, you must bring your creativity to explain issues in a brief manner with evidences. Note, you must make appropriate citation. Without appropriate citation, you will loose significant percentage of grades.

        Explaining three issues (6 points)(maximum 250 words): you should critically explain the aforementioned issues in this region. You can highlight the reasons, impacts, any political initiatives to resolve, etc. Note, you must explain the issues briefly and in a compact form with appropriate citation. Also, a cross check will happen for any plagiarism. If noticed, your assignment will be evaluated as 'zero'. You can come up with your own idea to explain the issues. A creative thoughts will be given better evaluation.

        Conclusion (1 point, 40 words limit): you should conclude your assignment with your own evaluation of the work.

        Reference (Maximum 10, 1 point): appropriate reference should be provided strictly followed by APA style.

Submission should be done by dropbox at bright space. Font size, line space, etc. should be followed as other assignments.