

Chapter 1 : Standing at the Crossroads of Power Wednesday, March 26,

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Monday, February 25, Crossroads of power: The media, democracy, and the audience The media has long been seen as an access-gate to democracy and an important contributor to a knowledgeable citizenry. The paper will examine the history of the citizen-critic in relation to the media. The media plays a major role in shaping opinion and policy and offering interpretation of public events. But journalism is just as capable of restricting the flow of information as providing it. This restriction occurs as the media become political players themselves. They have an agenda-setting role which is particularly noticeable during election periods. The challenge is for politicians to consider the media needs of their audiences. This perception is set by opinion polls which have their own, often negative, impact on political campaigns. There is also a challenge posed by the dumbing down of the media as they become more commercialised. In contrast, alternative media such as public access broadcasting and the Internet are providing audiences with ways to reclaim the agenda and develop their sense of citizenship in new ways. To begin with, it is helpful to examine some historical senses of citizenship. Promotion of democracy and citizenship was central to the purpose of early printer-editors such as Benjamin Franklin. They left an important legacy of a free press and freedom of speech which are now considered essential elements in a healthy democracy. The concept of a citizen signifies the right of an individual to full membership of, and participation in, an independent political society. According to the social responsibility theory of the press, media operators are obliged to make sure all significant viewpoints of the citizenry are represented and this was a matter for the public as much as owners and editors to decide. These views could be contested in the public sphere. According to Habermas, the public sphere was a realm that was autonomous of the state and the market place. This was required because power exists in both the sphere of the state and the economic realm. But although public opinion is able to reach judgements on public matters, it is not the public but groups and organisations backed by sophisticated public relations which actually shape policy decisions and outcomes. Therefore while the concept of public opinion is important, it is a contested space of competing interests. Journalism plays a major role in creating the shape of this contested space. For most people, political opinion is not directly shaped by politics but is mediated by news accounts. Lippman described how people gradually build a trustworthy picture inside their heads of the world beyond their reach conveyed to them by the media. The media limits the freedom of policy makers to select among the available policy options and channels that selection in one or other direction. Therefore, journalists play a crucial role in forming understanding of public policy. This means that as well as reporting the news, journalists also interpret it in order to make sense of issues and events. News interpretation requires an active audience. Studies show that audiences consume news in a sporadic way and flit from story to story without following them to completion. However, they also established that people who were more attentive to the news were more knowledgeable and had higher levels of civic engagement. The more stimuli about politics people receive, the greater the likelihood is they will participate in politics and the greater the depth of their participation. Active audiences engage with, and enrich, the news they receive. However, positive audience consumption of news does depend on the quality of the news itself. Journalistic practices can restrict the flow and quality of information to the audience. Investigative journalism is news in its truest sense; the striving to bring to public attention something someone does not want the public to know. Yet the final product of investigative journalism is often complicated to read, un-entertaining and inconclusive. The result is an increasingly downmarket media and a less informed citizenry. This downmarket pull may also be driven by political considerations. The media are political actors in their own right. The way the media present stories and events produces a carefully constructed world in which some voices are allowed to speak and some are not. In their influence book "Policing the Crisis" Hall et al say that the twin demands of deadlines and the need to be impartial combine to produce a systematic over-accessing to the media of those in powerful and privileged positions. Other critics have attacked journalism for its ideological effects and role in reproducing

the capitalist order in choosing sources as mouthpieces of their authority. Researchers show that media content is best conceived as the outcome of an unequal relationship between sources and journalists; a relationship that is often manipulated by those making the information available. But the audience is not well served by this battle of agendas between the media and their sources. The media are often more participants than observers in election contests wielding power in setting agendas, the coverage of campaign events and issues, and even in the outright support of political parties. Other studies suggest that this results in a process of confirmation of prejudices rather than one of challenging assumptions. In Australia, media coverage reinforces the dominance of the major parties as well as the over-concentration on the party leaders. Control of the agenda affords great power to the media to affect democratic outcomes. Political actors are quick to act in response to media agenda-setting practices. Election campaigns invariably veer towards issues which favour the candidates. The news media see themselves as major players in politics but lack governing responsibility or a guiding philosophy other than a negative challenging of all comers. Many politicians have attempted to get around this. In his election campaign, Bill Clinton maximised control over the media message by cultivating talk show hosts, MTV and similar programs where he was able to focus on stories and issues where he enjoyed a favourable reputation. The intimate communication of television means it is an excellent medium to elicit an emotional response that reinforces a difficult political message or distracts from policy shortcomings. Similarly, research in Britain into the radio phone-in program Election Call showed the vast majority of callers were pleased with their involvement in the show. Their satisfaction was related to their ability to influence public agenda and to have their concerns taken seriously. These examples show up a paradox in the relationship between media and politicians and how this relationship impacts the audience. The major parties have great faith in the media but fear its power. It is not the transmission of news that counts, it is the selective construction of images and events which are influenced by the negotiations and conflicts that occur within the news organisation. Kiosis found evidence between the number of cynical stories in the news media and the lack of public confidence in the press. Others believe there is a restoration of substance occurring in political communication. Politicians need to understand their audience to effectively use the media to communicate their messages. One audience tool used extensively by the media and political parties is opinion polls. What the polls say is often the major news reported by the media during an election campaign. Media polls on voting intentions and leadership approval have become a deeply entrenched characteristic of election contests. Critics of polls say these horserace reports frame campaign news coverage as a contest and encourage journalists to avoid qualitative coverage of issues and leaders. Nevertheless, they remain an important part of the political process and provide a voice for the public in the political debate. Even if only as a symbolic gesture, they convey the impression of an involved electorate and at their best actively contribute to the public agenda. Not all media content has this sense of public good. A worrying trend is that stories of apparent interest to the public have replaced stories in the public interest. The global first-tier media firms act as a cartel whose sole goal is to seek commercial gain in a congenial political and economic environment. In order to serve their shareholders these conglomerates are given over to entertainment and devote only a small part of their content to public affairs. The challenge therefore is for media to find ways of drawing in audiences for Obama as much as for Britney. This means campaigning on public issues using advice segments, audience kits and advocating political activism. The difficulty for media is to actively engage their audiences without losing audience share. Disaffected audiences are turning to newer media for more democratic access. Public access broadcasting fulfils an important function for democracy by providing a forum for citizen views and opinions. There is evidence to suggest that community broadcasting offers a sense of empowerment to audiences and creates an environment where community voices can be heard. According to Hartley, public broadcasting breaks down the distinction between viewing and program maker and provides social groups of all kinds a chance to communicate not only to their own communities but also to larger publics. The Internet is also capable of returning power to audiences. In he predicted millions of people would adopt the technology and engage in political discourse without interference of governments, regulators and owners. And to some degree, the rise of the blogosphere has borne him out. With almost 8 million blogs worldwide by March , they have gained increasing audience size and political influence, especially in the US. A PANPA bulletin report cited

Fairfax research which found 83 per cent of Australian respondents visited a news website at least twice a week. But there is no simple theory that can be used to anticipate how people will use the new services of the Internet or how society might be affected as a result. Montgomery believes the new digital media can play a significant role in developing thoughtful and active citizens. Audiences appropriate media output for their own purposes which they discuss and subvert to produce their own interpretations. In the online world, the way people access news is evolving. This tailoring practice is not without its dangers if people choose only the information that reinforces their beliefs and values. But the overwhelming impression is that public broadcasting and the Internet have re-invigorated a sense of public participation in the media. There has been a long interlocking history between media and its citizen audience. The power of journalism has long shaped public policy. Active audiences engaged with the material to enhance their sense of citizenship. But as the quality of the news has declined, so has citizen participation. This has not been helped by the contest of power between the media and their sources. The media has an important agenda-setting power which politicians react to, and attempt to circumvent. Audience considerations are not well served by this battle between media and political players. Audiences consider opinion polls important but they also have a tendency to reduce the quality of political debate. Meanwhile the rampant commercialisation of media is reducing the quantity of political debate.

Chapter 2 : The Crossroads of Power: Michel Foucault and the US/Mexico Border Wall Â« The Oxford Phil

Rather my own method, following Foucault in this paper, is to provide a descriptive analysis of the crossroads of power and the tactics deployed such that if one wants to resist, these would be the tactics and crossroads one would want to struggle against.

These strategies, however, are incredibly diverse and often directly antagonistic of one another. By doing so this paper offers an original contribution to two major areas of study: Is it a discursive failure or a strategic success? Raising this internal contradiction has changed nothing. In order to avoid the stalemate of contradiction between what is said and what is done, what is required instead is an analysis of the coexistent, intertwined, and often conflicting network of political strategies that make up the concrete functioning of the situation. By undertaking a strategic analysis that does not presume the homogeneity of power and thus the critique of its contradiction, it may be possible to resist in a way that does not merely oppose power, but constructs a strategic counter power. The opposite is true: This paper thus proposes a different type of analysis. In other words, the Foucauldian point here is that there are not intended and unintended effects, there are only effects of power. The third section argues that these different strategies are not only coexistent but are also intertwined in mutually enforcing and conflicting relationships. Finally, in a brief concluding section I suggest where one might begin to look in future research for some of the emerging counter-strategies to these three kinds of strategic power. The three types of power Foucault outlines sovereign, disciplinary, and biopolitical are not restricted to a single type of categorical content: This type of methodology thus does not fall easily under the rubric of any particular discipline or area study. I take this to be one of the strengths of this methodology: Insofar as all of these phenomena are effected by power, they can be analyzed together through such a method. On the other hand, if we have moved beyond the age of sovereignty altogether and are now in an age of biopower, why do we see such a clear revival of sovereign power at the border and such a vast network of disciplinary institutions within the territory? There is not the legal age, the disciplinary age, and then the age of security. Mechanisms of security do not replace disciplinary mechanisms, which would have replaced juridico-legal mechanisms. Thus, there is a mix of political strategies that even vary between different disciplines in every age: Often one style of political strategy will take over and appear stronger than others discipline in the eighteenth century, for example. Accordingly, I take this to be the strength and importance of analyzing the exact constellation of strategies in their varying degrees, in specific cases. A robust diagnostic of any political situation thus requires an analysis of all three types of power at once along with their degree of intensity, mutual relations of overlap, and antagonism. Governmentality studies have thus made numerous contributions by analyzing the sovereign, disciplinary, and biopolitical economies of power suggested by Foucault [16]. The present essay is a continuation of this methodological approach insofar as it shares a similar commitment to a political analysis based on a coexistent, confluent, and conflictual theory of power. This typology thus offers us a way to understand the positive relationships between highly diverse sets of political strategies that would otherwise seem contradictory or unrelated. To be clear however, this methodology is not the mere application of universal concepts to empirical phenomena. Perhaps biopower does not appear in some cases, or perhaps only weakly so, etc. Concepts like sovereignty, discipline, and biopower, for Foucault, function only as part of a more general archaeological and genealogical methodology that begins with the empirical. Concepts for someone like Agamben, however, tend to play a more foundational function, but this is precisely what Foucault cautioned against in his course lectures [18]. This is the method I intend to employ. This is a fair criticism as well, but there is also a key methodological distinction to be made: Foucault on the other hand, begins with the empirical and instead locates the common trans-historical strategies, which produce the concepts of discipline, biopower, etc. Perhaps the difference between ahistorical and transhistorical is subtle top down vs. This is a different approach, because it provides an analysis of a relatively fixed layer or stratum of recently sedimented power taking place in the presentâ€”and not of a fixed stratum of historical knowledge that took place in the nineteenth century, as in History of Madness. Several common features characterize the first group of political strategies I want to look

at: The common features of these strategies are also the features that Foucault uses to define the concept of sovereign power. What has the wall accomplished strategically then? The more walls emerge along the border the more migrants both human and animal are forced to cross the border at more remote wilderness areas where food and water are scarce. The risk of human migrant death was thus 1. Since , the bodies of migrants have been recovered in the southern Arizona desert alone [27]. The wall has blocked migration corridors, destroyed vegetation, blocked waterways, filled in estuaries, and increased pollution and noise by forcing migrants and border patrol into wildlife habitat. In all of these governmental strategies we can see the characteristics Foucault attributes to sovereign power. Since the sovereign creates law and order, the securing of border and territory is accomplished by a paradoxically non-legal law: The totalizing language of the SFA is as impressive as it is paranoid: The ecology of sovereign power is the filling in of estuaries, the bulldozing of waterways, the herbicides sprayed in wilderness areas, the migrant corpses found floating in the rivers, and the hundreds of unidentified skeletons in the desert. The deaths of over 5, migrants and the potential extinction of the last Ocelot, American Jaguar, and Mexican Grey Wolves on the planet are the tortured bodies upon which the truth of the territorial state is directly marked and visibly displayed. Sovereign border power creates and secures a territory, a border, and displays the truth of its strength on the condemned migrant bodies as well as the body of the earth itself. The analysis of sovereign power presented here may sound familiar, but in the next two subsections, I would like to move beyond this and complicate it with two other forms of power rarely analyzed in tandem with sovereign power. In particular, critical border philosophies rarely extend their analysis beyond the examination of the concept of sovereignty and often define it, as Agamben does, as the same thing as biopower [34]. Even Foucauldians, when they address border issues, surprisingly fail to see the coexistence of sovereign, disciplinary, and biopolitical strategies at work in border politics [35]. Thus, in the next two subsections I would like to expand this critical border analysis beyond the parameters of sovereignty and look at two other types of strategies that intersect with it. Disciplinary Power Several common features can also characterize the second group of political strategies I want to distinguish: The common features of these strategies are the features Foucault uses to define the concept of disciplinary power. Let us thus continue examining this next set of strategies in action. The border wall is not merely a physical barrier on a territory that kills migrants, although it does do this. Legally unauthorized migrants are not criminals, but become so as an effect of disciplinary strategies. This is one of the differences between sovereign strategies and disciplinary ones. The multiple attempts made by migrants to cross the wall are also part of a process of disciplinary training. The success rate of illegal migration, on the second or third try, is upwards of 95 percent, according to immigration scholar Wayne Cornelius [37]. The wall thus continues to exist precisely because it is a vital part of the production of the model migrant: Immigration is not a problem for disciplinary strategies it is an opportunity for disciplinary strategies! It is an opportunity to train a nation of docile and obedient bodies. The wall with its steel and concrete, its miles of barbed wire, check points, border patrol, array of flood lights to maximize visibility, cameras, and sensors for permanent and constant supervision, mirror many of the techniques of the prison and migration detention center, which again mirror the increased security, supervision, and prison-like workplace conditions that often employ undocumented workers. They are three prongs of the border wall itself: Build a wall, discipline the bodies of those who cross, and make a profit from deporting the rest. Crossing the physical border wall marks an incorporeal criminal transformation of the migrant. A in Mexico into a network of other institutions the detention camps, work place and school raids, and the racism of the US [40]. Migrants cross the wall one or more times. This has two effects: As criminalized, migrants enter a workplace system where their daily movements and actions are surveilled and orchestrated by their bosses, but they also endure the additional disciplinary condition of institutionalized precarity: The constant threat of deportation creates a fear, docility, and psychic instability that aids in the effective management of bodily labor. Every minor labor infraction or deviant behavior could result in detention and deportation. Consequently, migrants also fill detention centers, prisons, and deportation facilities. In these facilities their daily movements are controlled meals, commissary, exercise, lights out, etc. This whole group of technologies creates a distinct kind of subjectification. The border wall has also turned desert wilderness areas on the border into ecological prisons. By fortifying the walls around urban areas and

leaving less fencing in wilderness area migrants, smugglers, and border enforcement are funneled into these precarious areas. Cabeza Prieta, in southern Arizona, is the third largest national wildlife refuge outside Alaska. It is now a grid of about miles of illegal roads, miles of unauthorized foot trails, hundreds of miles of security cameras, motion sensors, construction workers, garbage, and border patrol agents in SUVs. Border issues now take up to 75 percent of all park operations [43]. The park is transformed into a high security prison and ecological migrant life must be detained, apprehended, tagged, counted, constantly monitored, and trained to obey this new infrastructure: In all of these strategies we can see the characteristics Foucault attributes to disciplinary power. Similarly, the goal of the wall's "prison-work" system is not merely deterrence or detention, but correction, supervision, and training for the next enclosed institution. Although the initial journey to the wall itself does not in every way follow the close temporal articulation of bodily movements that Foucault discusses in nineteenth century prisons, the actual process of crossing the wall does to some degree. The way one must dress, look, speak, etc. Disciplinary power in the case of the border wall-prison-work system enforces a conformity to the following normalized model of subjectivity: The Army Corps of Engineers detained, tagged, replanted, and monitored, various species of life. The presence alone of Army Corps, border patrol, and migrants, prepares the ecology of the desert and the behaviors of the animals to be continually damaged, monitored, and then restored to a new normal. The most notable physical behavior is restricted movement, decreased food and water sources, but the wildlife is also being trained to adjust to humans that bring food as well as food that is dead human bodies. Thus, strategically there are many similarities between human and animal migrants in relation to disciplinary power. Criminalization is not merely a legal determination made by a judge or human court of law, criminalization also includes a set of disciplinary and carceral strategies. Insofar as many of these strategies also affect animals and other ecological entities, they are criminalized migrants [50]. Every motion in the desert is now being trained to deal with border patrol, constant surveillance, and intervention: Biopower

The third group of political strategies I want to look at are also characterized by several common features: The common features of these strategies are also those that define, for Foucault, the concept of bio-power. Let us examine this final set of border strategies in more detail. The border wall is not merely a physical barrier, or even just part of a disciplinary series, it is also part of a larger process of managing uncertain populations and effectively enforcing transformations in the built environment. The biopolitical problematic thus begins instead from the presupposition of the impossibility of total control over migration and its surveillance. Rather, it tries to achieve an optimal outcome in the most efficient way possible through the statistical control of the environment.

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In current times, she is usually depicted as a "hag" or old witch stirring the cauldron. A beautiful and powerful goddess in her own right, the Greek goddess Hecate was the only one of the ancient Titans who Zeus allowed to retain their authority once the Olympians seized control. Zeus shared with Hecate, and only her, the awesome power of giving humanity anything she wished or withholding it if she pleased. Having the power to create or withhold storms undoubtedly played a role in making her the goddess who was the protector of shepherds and sailors. A lover of solitude, the Greek goddess Hecate was, like her cousin Artemis, a "virgin" goddess, unwilling to sacrifice her independent nature for the sake of marriage. Walking the roads at night or visiting cemeteries during the dark phase of the moon, the goddess Hecate was described as shining or luminous. In other legends she is invisible, perhaps only glimpsed as a light, a "will-o-the-wisp". Perhaps it was this luminous quality that marked Hecate as a "moon goddess", for she seemed quite at home on the earth. Some scholars believe it is also was because her mother was Asteria the Titan goddess of the Shining Light or "Star" or perhaps it was because she sensibly always carried a torch on her journeys. Like Artemis, Hecate was usually depicted with her sacred dogs, although Hecate and even her animals, were sometimes said to have three heads and that they could see in all directions. This farsightedness, the ability to see in several directions at once even the past, present, and future featured largely in her most famous myth, the abduction of Persephone. For it was the goddess Hecate who "saw" and told the frantic Demeter what had become of her daughter. The goddess Hecate continued to play an important role in the life of Persephone, becoming her confidante when she was in the Underworld. Hades, thankful for their friendship, was more than hospitable, honoring Hecate as a prominent and permanent guest in the spirit world. Surely this had the effect of enhancing her reputation as a spirit of black magic with the power to conjure up dreams, prophecies, and phantoms. In Rome many of the priests in her sacred groves were former slaves who had been released to work in her service. The goddess Hecate was often accompanied on her travels by an owl, a symbol of wisdom. Not really known as a goddess of wisdom, per se, Hecate is nevertheless recognized for a special type of knowledge and is considered to be the goddess of trivia. She knew what the rest of us did not. Not surprisingly, the people thought it best to give the goddess Hecate and any friends that might be accompanying her a lot of honor and a fairly wide berth. When darkness descended they wisely retired to the fireside for supper, but put the leftovers outside as an offering to Hecate and her hounds. That the homeless and destitute were often the actual beneficiaries hardly mattered. In a similar fashion, food was often left at the crossroads to honor Hecate, especially at junctions where three roads converged --what we often call a "Y-intersection". Frequently a pole was erected at the intersection and three masks would be hung from it to pay homage to Hecate and to request her guidance in helping to choose the right direction. It is hardly surprising that a woman who needed to make a trip alone at night would say a brief prayer to Hecate to seek her protection. The goddess Hecate, like her cousin Artemis, was known as a protector of women, especially during childbirth. Similarly, Hecate played a role that, in contemporary times, we would describe as "hospice nurse", helping the elderly make a smooth and painless passage into the next life and staying with them, if need be, in the otherworld to help prepare them for their eventual return to the earth in their next life. She sometimes asks us to let go of what is familiar, safe, and secure and to travel to the scary places of the soul. But Hecate is there to support and show you the way. She loans her farsightedness for you to see what lies deeply forgotten or even hidden, and helps you make a choice and find your path. Oft times she shines her torch to guide you while you are in dreams or meditation. Hecate teaches us to be just and to be tolerant of those who are different or less fortunate, yet she is hardly a "bleeding heart", for Hecate dispenses justice "blindly" and equally. Whether the Greek goddess Hecate visits us in waking hours or only while we sleep, she can lead us to see things differently ourselves included and help us find greater understanding of our selves and others. Although her name may mean "The Distant One", Hecate is always close at hand in times of need, helping us

to release the old, familiar ways and find our way through new beginnings.

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However, they are still wary that a disorganized Trump administration will not be able to translate its rhetoric into policies. In the meantime, they fear being caught between Washington and its Northeast Asian adversaries. Apart from possible clashes between regional powers, Southeast Asia itself offers a number of challenges to smooth relations with the US. Recent elections in Malaysia and Cambodia are two of them, albeit for different reasons. In Indonesia, candidates have been declared for the presidential elections that could feed growing religious nationalism and anti-Americanism. The Rohingya refugee crisis has ratcheted up tensions between the West and Myanmar over the impact of the crackdown. Every administration attempts to refashion foreign policy through its own paradigm, but the security aspects of the policy that Mattis articulated showed strong continuity with the administrations of Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. The administration will also create a new investment stimulation and financing mechanism, the United States International Development Finance Corporation, which will be empowered to guarantee investment loans; provide some funding for projects as a minor investor; provide insurance and reinsurance for projects; and offer technical assistance. For the most part, Southeast Asian leaders welcome this new initiative, although they are inclined to view it as modest at best. Some Southeast Asian officials have expressed fears that the White House will use the new investment program as a condition to force Southeast Asian governments to modify or abandon trade practices that Trump believes are unfair. For example, in concert with the announcement of new economic programs, the Commerce Department granted New Delhi strategic trade authorization status with the US, which will enable India to import sensitive US military equipment without obtaining a license. Additional concerns are broader. And they worry that the new US Indo-Pacific economic plan may be whistling in the wind: With or without the United States, many Southeast Asian countries have growing reasons to support an Indo-Pacific community. First, three regional powers – Japan, Australia, and India – also support it, and Southeast Asians are attempting to forge closer relations with all three, to balance against China but also to compensate for a perceived lack of interest in the region on the part of the United States. Second, many Southeast Asian leaders particularly in Myanmar, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia fear that the Chinese strategic focus is expanding beyond the South China Sea to the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean, and that maritime conflict will spread southwest. Stronger relations with India, as well as having regional powers pay closer attention to this new threat through the Indo-Pacific framework, will help reduce the risk of conflict for Southeast Asia. Lastly, although connectivity within Southeast Asia is designed in large part to connect China to economic markets and strategic waterways, is it also intended to connect to India. Although ASEAN played no part in bringing Trump and Kim into contact with one another, they can claim some pride of authorship, if only indirectly: Apart from the obvious implications for regional security, Southeast Asia has a vested interest in the success of the US-North Korea dialogue process and denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Under such pressure for the past two years, only Singapore and Malaysia have taken significant measures to downgrade relations with North Korea, although Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed signaled that he may restore them to their previous levels. Electoral upsets or not A reversal in North Korea policy in Kuala Lumpur is one of many question marks hanging over the new Mahathir government in Malaysia. Mahathir, who turned 93 after the election, has said that he will transfer the reins to Anwar in two years, marking his own administration as an interim one. However, true to his maverick nature, he has also speculated on withdrawing from the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership, which would please Beijing. Mahathir has launched a criminal process against Najib related to the 1MDB scandal. Beyond that, he will be focused primarily on reducing the deficit in the national budget, which was revealed to be larger than estimated. If the outcome of the Malaysian elections was a surprise, the Cambodian polls in late July were not. This turned out to be an exaggeration, but the CPP secured , or 77

percent, of seats, which by any definition is an electoral landslide. This was a considerable gain 46 seats for the CPP over the elections. The remaining seats were divided among 18 small and inconsequential parties, most of whom won less than 1 percent of the total vote. Longtime opposition leader Sam Rainsy remains in exile, contemplating his next move, but he has few entry points through which to influence Cambodian politics in the near term. Because Hun Sen had so thoroughly scrubbed the electoral landscape of any real opposition, Western governments and democracy promotion NGOs – particularly in the United States and the European Union – had withdrawn electoral support for the elections. Significantly, China, which had professed not to intervene in the domestic politics of its regional partners, stepped into this breach. Beijing provided some assistance to the July elections, primarily in the form of voting machines, and sent observers to monitor the July polls. Chinese observers were joined by a ragged group of election monitors from rightwing, nationalist parties in Europe from the UK, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Italy. Western reaction to the elections was sharp, but with an outcome that is far from conclusive. The White House issued an unusually long condemnation of the polls and made clear that the results were not acceptable. The US, EU, Canada, and Australia all threatened sanctions, but it is not clear what the conditions for those would be, with the elections now complete. Thirty percent of the garments produced in Cambodia are destined for the EU; 25 percent go to the US. In the recent past, both the US and the EU have been reluctant to impose broad trade sanctions on Cambodia, which would likely hurt ordinary Cambodians more than the leadership. In contrast to previous years when it took a keen interest in preserving the political system introduced in Cambodia by the United Nations in , US Congressional interest in the elections was tepid at best. Indeed, stronger Western sanctions on Myanmar or Cambodia would create an opening for both China and Russia to strengthen political and economic ties with those countries. Washington will likely view presidential elections in Indonesia next year as more significant. A broad consensus holds that the two main contenders are President Joko Widodo and former military leader and former son-in-law of late President Suharto Prabowo Subianto, who is on the US visa blacklist for his role in Kopassus, the Indonesian special forces unit accused of human rights abuses in East Timor. Joko and Prabowo were also the top two candidates in the election. At the time, Joko ran as a populist outsider; Prabowo represented the business and military elite. Joko is a moderate who has attempted, with mixed success, to implement a reform agenda. Prabowo is a nationalist with strong links to Islamists. The key result from this registration process was that candidates were compelled to declare their running mates, which provides insight into how closely they want to identify with or distance themselves from Muslim groups. Both candidates are also hoping to balance their tickets by selecting vice presidents with credentials that complement their own. Prabowo selected Sandiaga Uno, deputy governor of Jakarta. Joko was governor of Jakarta before becoming president. The logic behind each of these selections is fairly obvious. Joko is hoping to strengthen his Islamic credentials; Prabowo already has those, but is hoping to balance his ticket by attracting more of the urban vote, particularly among the younger generation who have little experience with the Suharto years. The election campaign will be a delicate period in US-Indonesian relations. The composition of these two tickets suggests that religion will be a major issue. If Prabowo wins, the Trump administration will have to decide whether to remove him from the blacklist. In the meantime, US human rights groups have objected publicly to both Amin and Prabowo, which could create short-term tensions with Jakarta. Rohingya crisis On Aug. Several thousand Rohingya were reportedly killed by the military, and nearly , fled or were forced across the border into Bangladesh. Despite an agreement between the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh for the repatriation of the Rohingya, few have elected to return. It further advocated that Min Aun Hlaing, the Tatmadaw commander-in-chief, also be held to account. Beyond an accountability exercise, the UN urges an arms embargo on Myanmar. The institutional framework for a tribunal for the Rohingya could be difficult to convene, and the US is not likely to take a leading role. Washington is not a member of the International Criminal Court; nor is Myanmar. Legal scholars believe that Bangladesh, an ICC member, could bring Myanmar to account through that court because it hosts the Rohingya refugees. Within the US policy community, sufficient support for Aung Sang Suu Kyi remains to view her as unable rather than unwilling to affect the Rohingya crisis, and this will soften US policy on accountability. In lieu of a formal accountability exercise, targeted sanctions on parts of the Tatmadaw are all

but inevitable. Since the August crackdown, the US, EU, and Canada have imposed sanctions on individuals within the Myanmar military associated with atrocities against the Rohingya, or in the line of command. These include visa bans and financial sanctions, targeting the assets of these individuals. More significantly, the administration has also sanctioned two divisions of the Tatmadaw associated with the crackdown: Sanctioning an entire military division is a major step forward, in that it targets an institution rather than an individual. It is rarely done, and tends to be difficult to undo. For example, US sanctions imposed against Kopassus, the special forces unit in the Indonesian military, in the s are still in place, despite considerable normalization in US-Indonesian relations. Equally important is an anticipated report from the State Department, based on interviews of over 1, Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh camps in the spring of Although Secretary of State Pompeo indicated that he would release the report in late August, the State Department has yet to do so, and no new target date for a release has been announced. In the past, the United States has been reluctant to label large-scale human rights abuse as genocide. Without doubt, however, the findings of the US report are grim. According to information released by the State Department, of the refugees who were interviewed 82 percent witnessed a killing or their home or village destroyed by the military; 65 percent witnessed an abduction of a Rohingya; 64 percent saw a family member or fellow villager injured by the military; more than 50 percent witnessed sexual violence committed by military personnel; and 20 percent witnessed more than Rohingya killed or injured by the military in a single event. Bringing it back home: However, below high-profile public battles over immigrants from Muslim countries or from the US southern border, the Trump administration is moving to remove other current residents in the US, either because of illegal immigration status or because they have been convicted of a felony. Illegal immigrants can be deported, but repatriation of legal immigrants who have committed felonies requires that their countries of origin agree to accept them, unless a court agrees to forcibly return them. The United States has consistently attempted to return immigrants who are convicted felons. Over the past decade, several Cambodians who were brought to the US by their parents as children but never became citizens were forcibly returned to Cambodia after convictions. In May the Trump administration decided to move against Myanmar for its refusal to enter into an agreement to accept nationals in the United States under order for removal. The administration has also signaled that it may forcibly return as many as 8, Vietnamese immigrants under these conditions. Previous administrations had not targeted Vietnamese, because the refugee flow after was created by defeat of an ally by a communist force. Potential changes in Congress with the November midterm elections are unlikely to affect US policy in Southeast Asia but could turn the administration further inward. State Department issues a statement in concert with calls from the Netherlands and Australia to hold Russia accountable for its role in the July downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 over eastern Ukraine, causing the deaths of civilians. At the same time, six companies linked to the former regime are added to the list. On balance, these measures reflect US acknowledgement of progress in administrative reform in Myanmar. Although the two countries continue to disagree on a number of issues, including an appropriate role for political dissidents, the dialogue has continued uninterrupted since its inception. Conspicuously lacking from the agenda was a bilateral meeting with Thailand, an acknowledgement that security relations have not been normalized after the coup in Bangkok. Singapore was selected as a venue, in part because the island city-state could provide a high degree of security. The 13th Annual Pacific Partnership Mission concludes after several weeks. Focusing on humanitarian aid, the mission completed host country activities. State Department releases the Trafficking in Persons Report. The engagement features fast transport ship USNS Millinocket and includes air defense, diving, and search and rescue.

The Crossroads of Power: Michel Foucault and the US/Mexico Border Wall This paper draws on the work of Michel Foucault in order to analyze the constellation of political strategies and power at the US/Mexico border wall.

It is the beginning of a two-part climax involving Signalman as well as an event known as the "Bowzock Festival". Contents [show] Synopsis When Signalman receives a letter from his family back home, he is forced to determine whether to leave Earth to the Carranger or stay to protect it from the Bowzock. Plot A mailman hands Signalman a letter from his son Sigtarou. Signalman remembers playing in a three-legged race with Sigtarou. His wife Sigue took a picture. In the letter Sigtarou sent, there was a picture of his son and his estranged wife Sigue. Signalman says the Bowzock has to be taken of but he misses his family. He bumps his Polispeeder into water and it sizzles. Meanwhile, the Carranger are enjoying lunch at Pegasus garage. Signalman rolls in to repair his bike, without them noticing They then all split up. Zelmoda hands Grotch some lanterns. Zonnette barges in with XX Mileeno to show to Gynoma. He is their best pizza-chef. Everyone in the saloon has stringed together lanterns and are making pizza. XX Milenno heads to Earth, the alarm goes off in the secret base, but Dappu is sleeping. He finally realizes it and runs to the team to tell them of the attack, but Dappu ducks when he sees Signalman. The others question Signalman about his home planet, while Natsumi fixes the Polispeeder. Suddenly, Dappu is banging a pan in a disguise outside of the garage, alerting about a Bowzock attack. Signalman wonders who that is. Natsumi continues fixing the Polispeeder. Dappu ducks in through the side-door to check if they transform yet. He then makes the Polispeeder start work again. Signalman jumps on it and exits, as Natsuki checks her wrenches, wondering what she did. Dappu tells the others to transform. They run passed Signalman and he blows his whistle. Red tells Pink to track the Bowzock with the Car Navi. Signalman arrives and scolds the Carranger. He walks off, but walks strangely. The boy finds the letter on the floor and everyone realizes he has a family. He comes out and hides a pizza from the officer. When Signalman turns, he accidentally shows it and then hides it. He tricks him into thinking evil pizzas are running amok. He imagines pizzas roll down the street, cover a street sign and a light signal. He leaves and the Carrangers arrive. He throws exploding and flying pizzas at them. They are thrown to another area, warehouses. They then shoot the Carrangers. The cars run the Carranger inside the warehouse. They are then thrown into an oven. The boys try to stop the door from closing, but are too late. XX Milenno teases them from above, telling them they will be cooked. He throws onions, green peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms, pepperoni, and cheese at them. He turns on the oven. Meanwhile, Signalman is upset that the Bowzock tricked him, entering the park. Ichitarou runs to him, handing him his letter. He makes him think about returning home. They then notice red smoke coming out from the distance. He heads off, telling the boy to stay. The boy watches him go. When Signalman arrives, XX Milenno is not there. XX Milenno comes out and boasts his Carranger Pizza. Signalman shoots him and helps the others. XX Milenno throws exploding pizzas at him. Signalman is thrown out of the warehouse and is left victim to the wild cars. XX Milenno comes out to the Carranger Pizza with a large fork and knife. The wild cars come at the officer again. Signalman pulls out his Signizer and yells out for them to stop. All the red lights on his and the Signizer, except for his large shoulder lights, lit up, stopping the space cars and reverting them. He then shoots the monster and he throws pizzas at him. He blasts the heroes out of the pizza. They all leap and attack the monster down. The gang turns and Signalman is bit out of it and turns as well. He then eats a pizza full of imo-youkans and grows big. Signalman whistles for Sirender and fights XX Milenno. RV Robo arrives and kicks the foe down. Signalman thanks them and blasts at the monster. Later, Signalman looks at the photo of his family. Ichitarou watches from a tree. They thank him and make symbols of their friendships thumbs up. Signalman and Red shake hands. Ichitarou then pops out of his hiding place. Before Ichitarou and Signalman reach each other, they are blasted at. Zelmoda takes the boy hostage. He telports them away.

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