



## Department of Government *Comment Summary*

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### Comment 3: What did you like best about the TA sessions?

Confusing concepts from readings & lectures were clarified

I thought Takaaki did a good job explaining the readings and answering any questions we had.

explained more difficult readings

It was low-key and relax. I was never afraid to share my opinion.

Reviewed important aspects of lectures & readings.

Challenge to think deeper about theories, and labeling independent/dependent variables. Taka best gov TA I have had at Cornell.

Opportunities to clarify key and sometimes obtuse concepts.

The sessions helped to review the lecture topics and assigned readings.

TA was easy to talk to, very thorough.

The explanations of the readings/discussions

Understood lectures more in section

They reviewed the article's main arguments in an illustrating manner

open discussion forum

Focus on the comparative method was very useful. Liked that we had occasional informal debates.

Taka went over/explained the readings and reiterated important overarching

The TA sessions were great reviews of the lectures and assigned readings.

Friday afternoon - so relaxing, pleased to come to the sessions

The way the TA would elaborate on the important themes in the readings.

Taka was engaging and effective in keeping my attention on Friday afternoons (not an easy task)

I liked when we stuck closer to the readings



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The TA himself! Always cheerful, positive and very effective at stimulating discussion.

Very well organized

Creative - debates were great and really allowed us to critically think

Debates

Class debate

Clarifies doubts and give new insights