Chapters 12 and 13 Revolutions and Contention Assignment

Before beginning this assignment:

* Read Chapters 12 and 13.
* Re-read the sections on the Arab Spring in Chapter 12.
* Re-read "What causes Ethno-national Conflict?" in Chapter 13.
* Read the "Case in Context" on the Nigerian Civil War. You may want to watch the videos on the Biafran Civil War by BBC News: <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-africa-40507324/biafra-at-50-nigeria-s-civil-war-explained>
* Watch:
  + “The People Want” from *The Arab Awakening* series:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_4XkP-Isqk>

* + *The Death of Yugoslavia*, Chapter 1: “Enter Nationalism”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDADy9b2IBM>

* As you take notes, cite your sources.

**Write an essay that answers the following in a minimum of 500 words (1 page) but no longer than 1000 words (2 pages).**

The causes of revolution are varied, and comparativists use various lenses, theories, and explanations in order to compare cause and effect within and between countries.

1. What examples of the **types of causes** of revolution and contention do you find in the case studies of Nigeria, the Arab Spring, and in former Yugoslavia? (*Within* countries analysis) (From Chapter 12)

2. Which of the explanations **/** theories from the “Causes and Effects” section in each chapter provides *the best explanation* for each of the three cases? (*Within* countries analysis) - **Explain why and provide evidence**.

3. What are the *similarities* **and** *differences* **between** these three revolutions? (*between* countries analysis)

**Using Data:**

4. Return to the [*Fragile States Index*](https://fragilestatesindex.org/) data that you collected with Chapter 3. If necessary, go to the website and collect data for Egypt (at minimum, depending on the preferences of your instructor) from 2011 to current.

5. In the cases of the Middle East and North Africa, and Nigeria, does anything in the *current data* **indicate a return to violence** in the near future? Why or why not?