Week 11. **What Policies and Institutional Reforms Are Needed?**

1. What are conflict minerals and why do Crow and Pendergast say that we as consumers are inadvertently fuel the war in the Congo? (2 pts)
   **Answer (Any 1 of the following under each item, 1 point per item)**
   - **Conflict minerals**
     - ores (tin, tungsten, tantalum, gold) that are which are used by armed groups to finance their operations
     - ores mined/sold by rebel groups to finance civil conflicts
   - **Why we are inadvertently responsible**
     - the ores are processed into metals that are used to make electronic good that we purchase
     - the electronic goods that we purchases are made from these ores

2. What is the “Washington Consensus” and how well have these IMF/World Bank policies worked? (2 pts)
   **Answer (Any 1 of the following under each item, 1 point per item)**
   - **Washington Consensus**
     - policies/principles that the IMF, World Bank & US government say LDCs must follow in order to develop/get loans
     - the development approach that emphasizes austerity (reduce government spending), privatization & market liberalization
   - **How well**
     - didn’t work well/sometimes had the opposite effect
     - poor countries were forced to adopt policies that made their economies contract rather than expand

3. Why was Eva Morales’ margin of victory no surprise—to whom has he long appealed and what is one example of what plans to do, or has recently don that illustrates his left-leaning policies? (2 pts)
   **Answer**
   - Long appealed
     - Bolivians who felt shut out by the by the old political elites
     - the indigenous (60% of the population)
   - **Left-leaning policies**
     - **Answers (Any 1 of the following)**
       - Plan to redistribute state land to the landless
       - tightened control over gas & mining industries
       - expelled the US ambassador/Drug Enforcement Administrator
       - shut down several banks, calling bankers dirty thieves

4. Why does Mr. Lyman argue that both rich countries of the West and African leaders are to blame for African’s problems? (2 pts)
   **Answer**
   - Rich countries supported despotic African leaders in the name of stability

5. President Obama used his first African visit to send a critical message to Africa’s leaders. What was President Obama’s tough love message? **Answer (Any 1 of the following)**
   - It’s time for the corrupt old ways to end
   - Africa doesn’t need strong men, it needs strong institutions

6. What are Freedom House’s 4 indicators of good governance? (2 pts)
   **Answer (All 4 of the following)**
   - accountability & public voice
   - civil liberties
   - rule of law
   - anti-corruption & transparency