Instructions:

Analyze the foreign policy debate scheduled for Monday, 22 October between President Obama and Mitt Romney at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. In 1-3 pages (maximum=3 pp.) typewritten, double-spaced), variably assess the outcome of the debate on the following criteria:

1. What was (were) the strongest point(s) made by each candidate? Why?

2. What was (were) the least persuasive point(s) made by each candidate? Why?

3. Were there any points by either candidate that you felt were inaccurate when fact-checked?

4. How do you assess the debate styles of the two candidates? (e.g., eye contact with camera/audience, gesticulation, tone, cadence, completion of thoughts, interruptions of the other candidate, self-confidence, presentation of self, etc.).

5. How do you assess the moderator’s role (Bob Schieffer of CBS)? Did he enforce equal time, did he interrupt one candidate more than the other, and/or did he seem to support one candidate’s view or views openly?

6. Do you feel one or both candidates prevailed in ‘winning’ the debate? If so, explain how one or both ‘won’ (e.g., rallying the party base, converting undecided voters, gaining bipartisan support, etc.).

7. What would you suggest in terms of changing presidential debates in the future to make them more efficient and informative?