Current Events
Why are they prosecuting Saddam Hussein for his involvement in the 1982 killing of ~140 Shia villagers?
- It’s one of the most clear cut crimes to prosecute Hussein
- What are the objections to the trial of Hussein
  - Who is judging him?
  - It is being done during a military occupation.
  - On the first day of court, Hussein questions the legitimacy of the court.
- If he is found guilty, the penalty is death.

Georgia passed a law to require voter identification
- Asked voters to pay $20 to get voter identification.
- If passed, it will be one of the nation’s strictest voter registration polices?
- Why do you think the legislature would need better voter identification?
  - Ideally, it is used to rid voter fraud.
  - Could have ulterior motives
  - Members of the state voting commission testified and said that there hasn’t been any evidence of voter fraud.
  - Have to buy the voter id cards in certain areas. Can’t buy it anywhere in Atlanta. You have to have a car and a driver’s license to get the ID card.
- Who is disadvantaged?
  - The poor.
  - Those without cars.
  - Offices to obtain the ID card are mostly located in heavily white areas and much less available in minority (e.g. black and Latino) areas.

What Happens When Work Disappears
- The decline of manufacturing resulted in an increase in the service economy
- Required a different kind of skill set
- What exactly is a service job?
  - Student: selling tickets
  - Student: providing conveniences
  - Banking
  - Providing services that are increasingly intangible in some way. Verbal skills, etc.
- Wages were typically lower in service jobs than manufacturing
- It’s hard to organize service unions.
- The south historically has had strong anti-union policies
  - Foreign car companies have plants in the south to take advantage of the anti-union policies
• If we want to understand social behaviors in poor areas, we have to understand the changes in the job market.
• In Chicago, as the factories leave, the new jobs connected to retail aren’t located in the city. They’re located in suburbs.
• The actual locations of jobs have changed
• If it’s more difficult to get to the job, it contributes to the difficulty of getting and keeping a job.
• What is helping to create these pockets of hyper poverty? Wilson gives 4 reasons:
  o Federal government policy
    ▪ Government withheld mortgage capital from certain groups.
    ▪ Real estate agents steered blacks from white neighborhoods.
  o The growth of suburbs
    ▪ White flight. Whites moved into suburbs.
    ▪ Some times a tipping point occurs when so many blacks come into a neighborhood that the whites just leave. Occurred in Chicago.