

## LIBERALISM AND ITS CRITICS

Government 2220

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In this course we will examine a number of responses to liberal democratic doctrine in the late-eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, coming from a variety of perspectives—conservative (Burke), liberal-progressive (Mill), radical left (Marx), and what might be called radical right (Nietzsche). In addition to Marx's and Nietzsche's radical critiques of liberalism, we will also consider Tocqueville's more sympathetic critique.

### **Readings** (available for purchase through Chegg)

Edmund Burke, *Reflections on the Revolution in France*. Edited by Conor Cruise O'Brien. Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1968.

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*. Edited by J. P. Mayer. New York: Harper Collins, 1966.

John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty and Other Writings*. Edited by Stefan Collini. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989.

Karl Marx, *Selected Writings*. Edited by Lawrence Simon. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1994.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*. Translated by Walter Kaufmann. New York: Vintage, 1966.

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### **Requirements**

1. Regular and active class participation (10% of grade). More than five unexcused absences will result in failure of the class.
2. Three analytic papers, approximately 6-9 pages in length, based on assigned reading (65%). All papers must be completed in order to pass the course.
3. Final Exam (25%)

## Reading Assignments

Sept. 4	Thomas Paine, <i>Common Sense</i> , 1-35 (e-reserve)
Sept. 6	<i>Reflections</i> , pp. 84-117
Sept. 11	pp. 117-54
Sept. 13	pp. 154-95
Sept. 18	pp. 195-214, 227-31, 263-85, 373-77
Sept. 20	Selections from Paine's <i>Rights of Man</i> (e-reserve)
Sept. 24	<i>Democracy in America</i> , pp. 9-20, 31-57
Sept. 26	pp. 58-72, 87-98, 196-205, 221-45
Oct. 2	pp. 246-70, 287-308, 316-20
Oct. 4	pp. 429-36, 442-45, 503-30
Oct. 9	Fall Break
Oct. 11	pp. 530-49, 555-58, 584-603, 690-705
Oct. 16	<i>Liberty</i> , chap. 1 and chap. 2 (pp. 19-36)
Oct. 18	chap. 2 (pp. 37-55)
Oct. 23	chaps. 3-4
Oct. 25	chap. 5
Oct. 30	<i>Subjection of Women</i> , pp. 119-39, 146-49, 159-61, 195-211
Nov. 1	<i>Marx's Selected Writings</i> , "On the Jewish Question" (pp. 2-21)
Nov. 6	"Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts" (pp. 58-79)
Nov. 8	"The German Ideology" (pp. 103-12, 115-31)
Nov. 13	"The German Ideology" (pp. 133-53)
Nov. 15	"The Communist Manifesto" (pp. 158-86)
Nov. 20	<i>Beyond Good and Evil</i> , Preface and Part 1
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving

Nov. 27	<i>Beyond Good and Evil</i> , Parts 2-3
Nov. 29	Parts 5 and 9 (secs. 257-60)
Dec. 4	Parts 6 and 8
Dec. 6	Part 7

### **Writing Assignments and Exams**

Sept. 28	Paper on Burke and Paine due
Nov. 3	Paper on Tocqueville and Mill due
Nov. 28	Paper on Marx due
Dec. 15	Final Exam