



OBJECTIVES

This course has two objectives. First, as an essay course in philosophy, it serves as a means of exercising high-level skills in reading, analysis, reflection, and (argumentative) writing. The course requirements reflect this underlying motivation.

Second, however, the topic is of intrinsic interest: we are all citizens of a democracy and part of a decision-making process that (however alienating!) ultimately derives its legitimacy from the consent of the governed. How we address political violence strikes at the very heart of politics: a government, as Max Weber noted, can be defined as “monopoly of the legitimate use of physical force.” Thinking about terrorism---that is, about the limits of political violence---is thinking about what it means to be governed.

REQUIREMENTS

20% - Four reading responses (in-class; choice of readings)
15% - Term Paper Outline
30% - Final Paper
35% - Final Exam

With the exception of the final exam, *all* assignments must be submitted via WebCT. Late assignments will be penalized.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

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