

**MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT  
LIBERALISM, THE NATION STATE, AND RELIGION  
POLITICAL SCIENCE 316  
FINAL EXAM**

Bring this sheet, blue books, and any books, notes, et cetera, with you to class on THURSDAY April 27 at 8 AM. You will then have TWO HOURS to answer SEVEN of the TEN questions listed below. The seven to be answered will be chosen at random on Thursday morning. Only answers written out by you during the morning of the exam will be accepted for credit. Aim for 300 words an essay.

Be sure to include at least one claim-objection-rejoinder sequence in each essay, and use ellipses to keep direct quotation length manageable (but still include enough of the quotation so the reader understands the gist). Include page numbers for all quotations used.

**Define all key terms carefully, title each answer, and provide a brief introduction explaining why the average citizen should care about the debate raised. Do your own work. The same or nearly similar worded answers will be thrown out of each exam in which they appear.**

1. Does Hobbes have a liberal or an absolutist theory of sovereignty?
2. Is Locke's theory of toleration appropriate in today's society? Use President Trump's Executive Order 13780 (alien travel ban) to answer the question.
3. Who does a better job explaining Locke's problematic theory of tacit consent, Pitkin or Simmons?
4. Is Locke's labor theory of private property acquisition universal enough to be fairly applied to indigenous groups? Be sure to use Levy's discussion of native and liberal attitudes toward the land in developing your answer.
5. Who has the better understanding of Locke's theory of toleration, Waldron or Tuckness?
6. Write an essay defining negative liberty and positive liberty and explaining why the one or the other is preferable. Be sure to include references to Berlin and Taylor (or Oakes).
7. Libertarians like Nozick apply Locke's labor theory of value to justify self-ownership. Upon this foundation, they argue for limiting the minimal state to the enforcement of the harm principle. Should liberals endorse this approach to the state?
8. Should liberals aim to be free from religion or to support freedom for religion? Be sure to include Wolfe and at least one of his interlocutors.
9. Is liberal nationalism a coherent ideal?
10. Consent theory is only one route to political obligation. Select a second theory of your choice and debate which of the two provides a better tool for judging the legitimacy of the state.

BONUS QUESTION (2pts): Rousseau writes: "Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains.... How did this change take place? I have no idea. What can render it legitimate? I believe I can answer this question." Explain what he means by this statement.