POLD53H3F Political Disagreement in Canada
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1 Course Description

This course investigates the main theories of political disagreement and applies these theories to an analysis of perennial and contemporary manifestations of political disagreement in Canada. At the end of this course, students will be familiar with the main lines of political disagreement in Canada, as well as the major social science concepts and theories that situate these lines of disagreement in a broader comparative framework.

2 Course Codes and Passwords

Turnitin:
course id: 10649554
password: Canada

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/POLD532015/

Twitter: cochrane_utsc

3 Assessment

3.1 Schedule and Weighting

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October 21st
Due November 18th.
Final Exam Period

3.2 Participation

This is a seminar class. The quality of everybody’s experience in the class depends on your participation, i.e., your active engagement with class discussions and the course readings. Thus, participation is weighted heavily and evaluated seriously. Showing up for class is a necessary but insufficient condition of succeeding in your participation grade. The participation component of your grade is based on the quality of your contributions to in-class discussion. By the time of your class, you are expected to understand the readings and the key concepts so that you may participate in the class discussion.
3.2.1 Essay Late Penalties

The essay assignment is due to turnitin.com by midnight on its due date. The late penalty is 5% of the assignment value for each day, or part thereof, that the work is late (including weekends). My expectation is that you will submit your work on-time, but see the next item.

3.2.2 Extensions for Illness

Students who are ill, or who have dependents who are ill, are entitled to 7 days of undocumented extension. Please notify me that your work will be late. This is an ‘honour system. I do not require a letter from a doctor or nurse to substantiate an illness.

3.2.3 Extensions for Personal Distress

Students who are dealing with exceptional personal circumstances may be granted an undocumented seven day grace period for assignment due dates. Please contact me to inform me of your situation.

3.2.4 Statement on Academic Integrity

Students who work hard and play by the rules should not come out of this course with a lower grade than someone who cheats. As the University Handbook on Student Rights and Responsibilities points out:

Honesty and fairness are considered fundamental values shared by students, staff and faculty at the University of Toronto. The University’s policies and procedures that deal with cases of cheating, plagiarism and other forms of academic misconduct, are designed to protect the integrity of the institution and to maintain a community where competition is fair. As a result, U of T treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. If it has been alleged that you committed an academic offense, you will find that the allegation is dealt with formally and seriously, and that the penalties can be severe if it is determined that you did cheat. All of the policies and procedures surrounding academic offenses are dealt within one policy: The Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters (the ‘Code’). This booklet on Academic Integrity is intended to supplement the Code, but not to take its place as the official document on these matters. Nor does this booklet take the place of legal counsel. The full text of the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters can be found in your Faculty Calendar or online at [www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/behaveac.html]. Ignorance of the rules does not excuse cheating or plagiarism.

All instances of academic misconduct will be forwarded to the University for further review and discipline. For more information, please visit the website of the Center for Teaching Support and Innovation at the University of Toronto: [Academic Integrity at the University of Toronto]. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism, please do not hesitate to ask me. For your benefit, however, here is just one example of an academic offence:

- A student includes word-for-word a sentence or a part of a sentence from a source, and although they cite the source as a reference at the end of the sentence and in the bibliography, they do not include the relevant passage within quotation marks. This is an example of plagiarism (see The Code) because it is tantamount to a claim that the words and the writing are your own. Changing a few words in a sentence does not resolve this problem. If the writing is from a source, and not from you, it belongs in quotation marks (i.e., “ ”).
3.2.5 Statement on the Use of Turnitin

To deter and detect academic misconduct, and to protect the integrity of the grades for the vast majority of students who are honest and careful, this course uses, among other things, turnitin.com, a tool which facilitates an analysis of textual similarities between sources. Thus, students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. The terms that apply to the University’s use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

3.3 Exam

The examinations in this class will be comprised of short answer and essay questions.

3.3.1 Missing the Midterm

There will be a make-up midterm scheduled for two weeks after the original midterm. If you miss the midterm, it is your responsibility to attend the makeup midterm.

4 Texts and Materials

- The course books are available at just about any bookstore and also online. All supplemental readings will be made available online via Blackboard.

5 Class Schedule

Class Attendance: Class attendance is expected, except in cases of illness or other unforeseeable circumstances. If you have to miss a class, please let me know in advance, if possible.

5.1 September 9: Introduction

5.1.1 Readings

- POLD53 Course Syllabus.
Part I
Foundations

5.2 September 16: Reason and Emotion

5.3 Readings


R Plato. The Republic of Plato. Book IV.


5.4 September 23: Morality and Hivishness

5.4.1 Readings


5.5 September 30: Personality and Genetics

5.5.1 Readings


5.6 October 7: Social Context

5.6.1 Readings


5.7 October 14: Reading Week

5.8 October 21: Midterm Exam

Part II

Canadian Political Disagreement

5.9 October 28: French and English

5.10 Readings


5.11 November 4: Settlers and Aboriginals

5.12 Readings

• The Oka Crisis (online search, see especially raw footage).


5.13 November 11: Immigration and Diversity

5.14 Readings


5.15 November 18: ‘Masses’ and ‘Elites’

5.16 Readings


5.17 November 25: Regionalism

5.18 Readings


5.19 December 2: Ideology

5.19.1 Readings


