pot3302 - Modern Political Ideologies

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Syllabus

This course examines the development of the various ideologies that responded to that first modern ideology, Classical Liberalism.

Required Texts:

Ball and Dagger, Political Ideologies and the Democratic Ideal (8th ed)

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Requirements:

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Participation	20%
Assignments	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	35%

All quizzes and tests are open book.

I will use the +/- grading system (e.g., 80-82=B- and 87-89=B+).

Expectations For The Requirements

Participation: Participation will be graded by your response(s) to the Participation Questions. Each student is expected to post answers to the Participation Questions to their Group Discussion. I expect your first post to be a substantive and thoughtful answer to the question posed. I expect your first post to be at least 40-50 words long or longer. I encourage more postings so that these become discussion sections as if we were in a seminar. These questions will help you prepare for the Essay Exams. As long as you make a substantive post for each Participation Question you will receive a grade of “A” for that posting. You must post for all 7 Participation Questions.

Assignments: Assignments are Internet based very short projects. They involve applying your knowledge of ideologies to contemporary issues and basic political questions. Usually I will provide all the web sites necessary for the Assignment, but if you find something else of value please share. The Assignments will require a posting of 100-350 words to my Course Mail. You may also discuss the Assignments in your Group Discussion. As long as you answer all the parts of the Assignment and make thoughtful comments you will receive a grade of "A" for that posting. You must post for all 6 Assignments.

Essay Exams: Essay Exams will be responses to one of two or three questions I ask. The Essay should be between 1200-2000 words (about 5-8 pages). Essays exceeding 2000 words will be assessed a one grade penalty. The Essay will ask you to make comparisons between and among the ideologies. You will be able to answer the Essay question with just the material covered in this course, but you may use other material. If you do use other material cite clearly. Plagiarism will result in an F grade for the course.