

WEEKLY TOPICS READING FOLDERS

1. American Liberalism & American Exceptionalism

Stevens, Smith, "Beyond Tocqueville, Please!"
Gilchrist, "The Universe of American Diversity"
Huntington, *American Politics: The Promise of Disharmony*, excerpts
Kammen, "American Exceptionalism Reconsidered"
Hansen, "The Liberal Tradition in America"
Kloppenber, on Hartz's *Liberal Tradition in America*
Lipset, "It Didn't Happen Here"
Lowi, "Why is There No Socialism in the United States?"
Morone, "The Struggle for American Culture"
Shafer, "American Exceptionalism"
Smith, "Beyond Tocqueville, Myrdal, and Hartz"

2. Progressive Era

Alexander, "The Progressives Struggle to Reform the American Democratic Republic"
Buenker, "What Was Progressivism?"
Clor, "Woodrow Wilson"
Dawley, "Introduction" to *Changing the World*
Pipkin, "Social Legislation," in *Culture in the South*, ed. W.T. Couch
Sklar, "Periodization and Historiography: Studying American Political Development in the Progressive Era 1890s - 1916"
Wolfe, "Woodrow Wilson: Interpreting the Constitution"

On Beard's Thesis

Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States of America*
Barrow, "From Marx to Madison"
Goldman, "The Origins of Beard's Economic Interpretation of the Constitution"
Hofstadter, "Beard and the Constitution: The History of an Idea"
Holton, "Lionizing the Beard"
Main, "Charles A. Beard and the Constitution: A Critical Review of Forrest McDonald's We the People"
Main, "An Agenda for Research on the Origins and Nature of the Constitution of 1787-1788"
McDonald, Charles A. Beard and the Constitution"
McGuire & Ohsfeldt, "Economic Interests and the American Constitution: A Quantitative Rehabilitation of Charles A. Beard"
Shuyler, "Forrest McDonald's Critique of the Beard Thesis"
Silvia, "The Debate over An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution: Where has Beard taken us and where are we after McGuire's 'New' Interpretation?"

3. The New Deal

Arnold, "A Philosophy for Politicians"
Beard, "The Myth of Rugged American Individualism"

Frisch, "Franklin Delano Roosevelt"
Hanson, "Official Propaganda and the New Deal"
Hartz, "The Coming of Age of America"
Hofstadter, "The New Departure"
Lippmann, "The Peculiar Weakness of Mr. Hoover"
Niebuhr, "After Capitalism – What?"
Ogburn, "The Background of the New Deal"
Perkins, "FDR was 'A Little Left of Center'"
Stebenne, "New Deal Liberalism"
Stolberg & Vinton, "The New Deal 'Moves in Every Direction at Once'"
Thomas, "Socialism, Not Roosevelt's Pale Pink Pills"
Tugwell, "The New Deal: The Progressive Tradition"

4. Pluralism and the End of Liberalism

Baldwin, "The Dangerous Road Before Martin Luther King"
Bentley, "The Units of Investigation in the Social Sciences"
Buck, "America's Medieval Women"
Fulbright, "The Arrogance of Power"
Hofstadter, "The Paranoid Style in American Politics"
Lowi, "The Public Philosophy: Interest-Group Liberalism"
Lowi, "Interest Groups and the Consent to Govern"
Lowi, "Pluralism, Its Influences, Its Fallacies," in *The End of Liberalism*
Mills, "The Power Elite"
Niebuhr, "Anglo-Saxon Destiny and Responsibility"
Taylor, "A Tension in Modern Democracy"
Truman, "'Influence' at Washington"
Truman, "The American System in Crisis"
Wilson, "Liberalism and diversity"
Wilson, "Judicial Democracy versus American Democracy"

5. Conservatism and Neoconservatism

Edwards, "The Conservative Consensus"
Himmelfarb, "Welfare and Charity: Lessons From Victorian England"
Huntington, "Conservatism as an Ideology"
Kazin, "The Rise of the New Right"
Kristol, "When Virtue Loses Her Loveliness – Some Reflections on Capitalism and 'The Free Society'"
Kristol, "The Politics of Liberty, the Sociology of Virtue"
Muller, "Dilemmas of Conservatism"
Muravchik, "The Past, Present, and Future of Neoconservatism"
Nash, "The Life and Legacy of Russell Kirk"
Nash, "Hayek and the American Conservative Movement"
Norton, "The Rise of the Neocons"
Norton, "Evening Land"
Reagan, "A Time for Choosing"

Reagan, "Address before the Conservative Political Action Committee ('City Upon a Hill' speech)"

Reed, "Separation of Church and State: 'Christian Nation' and Other Heresies"

Strauss, "What is Political Philosophy"

Strauss, "City and Man"

Strauss, "An Epilogue" (on science in the social sciences)

"Leo Strauss" in *The American Conservative Movement*

"What is Neoconservatism?" in *The American Conservative Movement*

"Russell Kirk" in *The American Conservative Movement*

"Clinton, the Country, and the Political Culture – A Symposium" *Commentary* Jan.1999

6. Neo-Liberalism

Decker, "Stephen Colbert, Irony, and Speaking Truthiness to Power"

Lawler, "The New Liberalism," in *Aliens in America*

Nozick, "Anarchy, State, and Utopia"

Rawls, "Theory of Justice"

Rorty, "The Unpatriotic Academy"

Sandel, "The Procedural Republic and the Unencumbered Self"

Walzer, "Spheres of Justice"

Webb, "Resident Advisors vs. Resident Aliens: 9/11 and the Persistence of American Providence"

"The American Idea," in *The Atlantic Monthly* (Nov. 2007)

7. Conclusions

Fukuyama, "The End of History?"

Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations?"