

Fall 2010 Political Science/Philosophy 27: Ethics and Society
MW 10:00am – 10:50am, Peterson 110
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Required Texts: **2010 Fall Ethics & Society Cal Copy Reader** (cc), Collection of articles
The Hearts of Men, by B. Ehrenreich

The Hearts of Men will be available for purchase at the University Bookstore. The reader will be available at Cal Copy which is located on Villa La Jolla Village Dr. one block south of La Jolla Village Dr. (behind the Mobil gas station) The telephone number is (858) 452-9949. **The Cal Copy Fall 2010 Reader will be required to complete the assigned papers with appropriate references to the Fall 2010 text.** Copies of both the course reader and Ehrenreich's book will be on reserve in Geisel Library. The syllabus, all paper topics and exam study-guide questions are on WebCT for this course.

Course Outline:

Week 1 (September 27, 29) The Morality of Abortion

- 1) Bass, "Abortion, Analyzing Moral Issues" (cc)
- 2) Thomson, "A Defense of Abortion," (cc)
- 3) Noonan, "How to Argue about Abortion," (cc)
- 4) Newsweek, "Should a Fetus Have Rights?: How Science is Changing the Debate," (cc)

Week 2 (October 4, 6) The Morality of Abortion

- 1) Glover, "Matters of Life and Death," (cc)

Week 3 (October 11,13) The Morality of Gender-Roles: Manhood and the Breadwinner Ethic

- 1) The Hearts of Men, Ch 2-8, p.14-117
- 2) Newsweek "She Works, He Doesn't" (cc)

Week 4 (October 18, 20) The Morality of Gender Stereotypes: Womanhood and Traditional Marriage

- 1) Bartky, "On Psychological Oppression," (cc)
- 2) Reed & Fischer "Career obstacles for Women in Medicine: an Overview" (cc)
- 3) CNN "Sexual Assault in Military 'Jaw-dropping' lawmaker says" (cc)
- 4) Film: "Killing Us Softly 3"

Week 5 (October 25, 27) The Morality of Gender: Continued

- 1) Blum, "Altruism and Women's Oppression," (cc)
- 2) Tavis, "The Mismeasure of Women (Misdiagnosing the Mind)," (cc)

Week 6 (November 1, 3) Midterm

Monday: Midterm Review
Wednesday: Midterm Exam

Week 7 (November 8, 10) Racial/Sexual Discrimination and the Morality of Preferential Treatment

- 1) U.S. Supreme Court, "University of California vs. Bakke," (cc)

- 2) Beauchamp, “The Justification of Reverse Discrimination in Hiring,” (cc)
- 2) Blackstone, “Reverse Discrimination and Compensatory Justice,” (cc)
- 3) Van den Haag, “Reverse Discrimination: A Brief Against It,” (cc)

Week 8 (November 15, 17) Preferential Treatment and Justice

- 1) Rachels, “What People Deserve,” (cc)
- 2) Humber, “Reversing the Arguments Against Reverse Discrimination,”(cc)

Week 9 (November 22, 24) Moral Behavior in Business and Bureaucratic Organizations

- 1) Ladd, “Morality and the Ideal of Rationality in Formal Organizations,” (cc)
- 2) Long and Snoeyenbos, “Ladd on Morality and Formal Organizations,” (cc)
- 3) “Case: Organizational Decision-Making at Aero Products,” (cc)
- 4) “Case: Cost-Benefit Analysis and the Ford Pinto,” (cc)

Week 10 (November 29) The Morality of the Professions

- 1) Camenisch, “On Being a Professional, Morally Speaking,” (cc)
- 2) Sullivan, “Calling or Career: The Tensions of Modern Professional Life,”(cc)

Course Requirements:

Grades will be based on:

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| 2 papers (each 20%)..... | 40% |
| Mid-term exam..... | 20% |
| Final Exam..... | 30% |
| Section..... | 10% |

****Note:** Section 10% is based on attendance in lecture and section and on performance in section. You should have no more than one absence to qualify for the full 10%. **Your section grade will also depend on a quiz each week given in section and/or lecture.**

Schedule:

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| Week 1 | Paper topic handed out in Wednesday lecture. |
| Week 3 | Paper due in Wednesday lecture at 10 am |
| Week 5 | Midterm study questions handed out in Wednesday lecture. |
| Week 6 | Midterm exam in lecture Wednesday |
| Week 8 | Second paper topic handed out in Wednesday lecture |
| Week 9 | Second paper due Wednesday |
| Week 10 | Final Exam Study Guide Questions handed out in Wednesday lecture |
| Final Exam | 8:00am – 11:00am on Friday December 10th. |

Final Grade:

Students must complete the 2 papers and all exams as well as attend lectures and discussion sections in order to pass the course.

Plagiarism Policy

Both papers will be written entirely in the student’s own words and no paragraph, sentence or sentence fragment will come from our text or any other sources. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. **All** papers must be submitted to TurnItIn. To turn in your paper login onto the class WebCT and submit to the TurnItIn link there. After you have uploaded your paper a confirmation page will appear. Print out the confirmation page for your records in case your electronic submission is disputed. Your paper will include no direct quotations but must include citations indicating where the idea being discussed is located in our text. There will be 10-12 citations per paper. The paper must be based on the class readings. Any plagiarism or academic dishonesty on any paper or exam will result in an ‘F’ for the whole course and disciplinary action by campus administration.

