



PSCI 4307 A

Political Theories of Democracy and Empire Part Two

One of the oldest themes in political theory, and still one of the most relevant in today's world, is the relationship between democracy and empire. Are democracies especially likely to embark on imperial expansion? Does the pursuit of empire corrupt the civic virtues needed for good government at home? Is the use of force against other countries and peoples ever morally justified? Is the power needed to project imperial power abroad likely to increase the danger of tyranny at home? How do ancient and modern conceptions of empire differ? We will consider all of these questions as they emerge in some important works of political theory.

Machiavelli, *The Prince, The Discourses (selections)*.

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan (selections)*.

G.W.F. Hegel, *Introduction to the Philosophy of History, The Phenomenology of Spirit (selections)*

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America (selections)*

Martin Heidegger, *An Essay Concerning Technology*

Waller R. Newell, *"Is There An Ontology of Tyranny?"*

"Democracy in the Age of Globalization."

Francis Fukuyama, *"The End of History and the Last Man."*

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Schedule: January to April 2009

Time & Location: Please consult Carleton Central

Prerequisites: PSCI 4306 or permission of the department.