

Arriving at Legitimacy

Instructions

When doing the reading for this class, there are the two basic kinds of information you need to understand:

- 1. What are the main points or conclusions that an author accepts with respect to a particular issue?
- 2. What are the reasons, important considerations, and evidence that lead the author to accept that conclusion?

It is information of the second sort that will be our primary concern, since our most basic task is to evaluate the reasons and evidence that are offered to support accepting one possible position on an issue, rather than another.

Reading

Optional: Rawls, J. (1999). [Procedural justice]. In *A theory of justice* (Revised ed., pp. 74–75). Belknap Press. (Original work from 1971)

Questions

- 1. What does John Rawls mean by each of the following terms? What is an example of each?
 - · Perfect procedural justice,
 - · Imperfect procedural justice, and
 - · Pure procedural justice.
- 2. How might these three different types of procedural justice be relevant to negotiation and conflict resolution?

To answer these questions you will have to reflect critically on what you have read and possibly re-read important passages.

Although I strongly suggest that you write out brief answers to these questions, you do not have to turn in written responses. You do, however, need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting.