

POLITICAL & SOCIAL THOUGHT

Honor & The Respect of Culture

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 premises, assumptions, reasons, evidence, and other important considerations lead the author to accept that conclusion?

For our purposes, 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 and justify accepting the author's conclusions as opposed to other ones.

Reading

Sandel, M. J. (1996, December 23). Honor and Resentment. *The New Republic*, 215(26), 27.

Gray, D. E. (Ed.). (2016). Vodafone Qatar's Amazon Adventure [unpublished course material].

Questions

1. Michael Sandel says that "indignation at misplaced honor is a moral sentiment that figures prominently in our politics, complicating and sometimes inflaming arguments about fairness and rights" (p. 27).
How might this idea about honor be illustrated by the controversy about the female Vodafone Adventurers?
2. What was this controversy about exactly?
3. How did each side in this controversy justify its position?

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 (unless you miss or are late to class, and must then submit a written reading question review).

You do need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting. You may, during the following class, be randomly selected to present answers to these if selected to do so for a verbal reading question review.