

Reflective Essay Assignment for the [REDACTED]

Purpose: To give you a chance to reflect on your experience this semester and to apply some of the ethical perspectives we encountered to specific questions that matter to you.

Task: Write a reflective essay of 1000-1200 words. First review your answer to our first Short Take about your purpose and hopes in taking this class. Then reflect on your other Short Takes, the readings, and experiences to explain what you have learned about politics as a vocation. Be sure to cite specific ethical perspectives that we discussed (Remember: Weber's Ethics of Moral Conviction and Ethics of Responsibility, Thompson's Ethics of Process and Ethics of Policy, and the biggies: Utilitarianism, Deontology/Duty, and Virtue Theory) and apply them (or explain how you applied them) to specific questions that emerged during the course. Formal citations and bibliography in Chicago Author-Date citation style.

Assessment: Essays will be graded according to the attached rubric.

Rubric for Reflective Essay

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| Questions and Challenges: Articulate specific questions and challenges that you faced relating to your experience this Interim | Excellent 30 pts Good 26 pts Adequate 22 pts Developing 18 pts |
| Application: Apply a range of ethical perspectives to the specific questions you pose. Remember: Weber's Ethics of Moral Conviction and Ethics of Responsibility, Thompson's Ethics of Process and Ethics of Policy, and the biggies: Utilitarianism, Deontology/Duty, and Virtue Theory. You don't have to apply them all, just the ones that are important to you. | Excellent 40 pts Good 35 pts Adequate 30 pts Developing 25 pts |
| Conclusions: Draw some conclusions about your own future. What have you learned that will shape you in the years ahead? | Excellent 30 pts Good 26 pts Adequate 22 pts Developing 18 pts |