

## POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Syllabus, O'Neil Center Advanced Reading Group

Fall 2016

### Books:

Caplan, Bryan. 2007. *The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Haidt, Jonathan. 2012. *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*. New York: Pantheon Books.

Hayek, F.A. 1988. *The Fatal Conceit: The Errors of Socialism*. W.W. Bartley III, ed. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press.

Ridley, Matt. 1996. *The Origins of Virtue: Human Instincts and the Evolution of Cooperation*. New York: Penguin Books.

### 9/1/16 Week 1:

Prologue, Ch. 1-2 of Ridley (1996), pp. 1-50

### 9/15/16 Week 2:

Ch. 3-5 of Ridley (1996), pp. 51-102

### 9/29/16 Week 3:

Ch. 6-8 of Ridley (1996), pp. 103-170

### 10/6/16 Week 4:

Ch. 9, 12-13 of Ridley (1996), pp. 171-194; 227-266

### 10/13/16 Week 5:

1. Ch. 2 of Caplan, pp. 23-49.
2. Rubin, Paul. 2003. "Folk Economics." *Southern Economics Journal* 70 (1): 157-171.
3. Ch. 1 and 4 of Hayek, pp. 11-28; 48-65

### 10/20/16 Week 6:

1. "Scott Alexander." 2014. "I Can Tolerate Anything Except the Outgroup." *Slate Star Codex*, <http://slatestarcodex.com/2014/09/30/i-can-tolerate-anything-except-the-outgroup/>
2. Podcast episode, "Kling on the Three Languages of Politics." [http://www.econtalk.org/archives/2013/06/kling\\_on\\_the\\_th.html](http://www.econtalk.org/archives/2013/06/kling_on_the_th.html)

### 10/27/16 Week 7:

1. Take "Moral Foundations Questionnaire" test at <http://www.yourmorals.org/explore.php>  
Do NOT take "Moral Judgments – New." Scroll down to second table on the web page.
2. Read Ch. 1-2 of Haidt, pp 3-51.

### 11/3/16 Week 8:

11/10/16 Week 9:

Ch. 5-7 of Haidt, pp. 95-154.

11/17/16 Week 10:

Read Ch. 8, 12 of Haidt, 155-188; 274-314.