



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Introduction to Political Theory
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Room: PH 314

Take Home Essay #1

Instructions

Please select **one** (1) of the following numbered topics, and write an essay examining the issues that seem relevant. The essay should be typewritten, double-spaced, and follow conventional formatting standards. References should be parenthetical, merely listing the author of the relevant text and page number. Citations not coming from assigned texts should employ an identifiable referencing style (e.g. APA, Chicago, MLA, Turabian, etc.).

In order to submit this take-home examination, please print this file, check the box of the essay selected, and affix this file to the front of the essay. Please sign and date the statement below indicating that the essay submitted is the student's own work and no one others. Failure to follow the procedures as described in this file will result in an automatic 10% reduction in student's grade for the assignment.

Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor by telephone (343-7687) or email (kennethhicks@rsu.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

- How important for Wolin is the concept of **political space**? What role does this notion of space play in this book?
- How did Plato understand politics, according to Wolin? What are the consequences of Plato's assumptions about politics? What was it about Athenian politics of the fifth century B.C. that would cause him to be so negatively oriented toward politics? Does Wolin believe that Plato's conception of politics is fundamentally flawed, or merely misconceived?
- What were the primary motivating factors driving Martin Luther's reformism of Christianity? What does Wolin think makes Luther a significant figure in the history of political thought?

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing above, I hereby affirm that the essay appended is my own and no other under penalty of perjury, in accordance with Title XII of the Student Handbook.