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Philosophy 201 Political Ethics

Fall 2002

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Texts

Plato, *Five Dialogues*

Fac Pac (Notice that this includes extensive—and required, reading.)

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Marx and Engels, *Communist Manifesto*.

Douglass, *Narrative of Frederick Douglass*.

Course outline, inclusive of texts and viewing materials (presented in order of assignment):

Part I Background Considerations.

1. Film: *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (viewed and discussed in class).

Part II Traditional Views.

2. Plato, *Five Dialogues*: "Apology, Euthyphro", "Meno".

3. *Fac Pac*: Aristotle, "Nicomachean Ethics".

4. Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (concentrate on pages assigned in class).

5. Mill, *Utilitarianism* (concentrate on pages assigned in class).

6. Marx & Engels, *Communist Manifesto*.

Part III Natural Law Ethics Classical and Modern

7. *Fac Pac*: Saint Thomas Aquinas, "The Classical Version of Natural Law Ethics".

8. *Fac Pac*: Hobbes, *Leviathan*.

9. *Fac Pac*: Locke, "The Second Treatise of Government".

10. *Fac Pac*: Sections of the *U. S. Constitution* and the *Bill of Rights*.

Part IV Interlude—Assessment—Transition to Part V

11. *Narrative of Frederick Douglass*

Part V Natural Law Ethics Contemporary

12. *Fac Pac*: Rawls, "A Theory of Justice".

13. *Fac Pac*: Nozick, "The Entitlement theory".

Part VI Implications and Preliminary Assessment of Part V

14. Plato: *Five Dialogues*, "Crito".

15. *Fac Pac*: Rawls, "Civil Disobedience and the Social Contract".

16. *Fac Pac*: Dworkin, "Taking Rights Seriously".

17. *Fac Pac*: *Gregg v. Georgia*, "The Death Penalty".

18. *Fac Pac*: Finnis, "What's Wrong With Homosexuality?".

Part VII Final assessment and identification of remaining issues.