

1: Contemporary Theories of Liberalism : Gerald F. Gaus :

Contemporary Theories of Liberalism is designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students. As someone with only a limited background in liberal theory, I found it a very readable explanation of very difficult subject matter, if unavoidably dense.

Preface [Page x] Liberalism is commonly criticized today on the grounds that it is inherently a part of the Enlightenment. As an Enlightenment doctrine, it is said, liberalism is irremediably based on the faith that progress in the moral and political sciences will bring about increased convergence among all rational people on the moral and political truth. However, it is added, this Enlightenment faith is no longer plausible; the modern condition is one of permanent diversity and rational disagreement. Liberalism, it is said, lives in the past. Like most distortions that gain wide currency this one is based on a truth, which I shall explore in the first chapter. Overall, though, this popular view gets things almost exactly wrong. The main current of contemporary liberal political theory seeks to develop a post-Enlightenment account of politics. The question driving contemporary liberalism, and the analysis of this book, is whether ordered political life based on mutual respect, with a politics that aims at justice, is possible in the modern world of deep disagreement about values, justice and what is reasonable. We shall see that contemporary liberals have advanced thoughtful and sophisticated answers to this query, at the heart of which are their accounts of public reason. These contemporary liberal theories of public reason are, I think, the most philosophically interesting and innovative developments in contemporary political theory. Although they do not start from scratch – their debts to Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Kant will become clear – they constitute a fresh approach to political philosophy, raising new issues and, to some extent at least, putting older ones to the side. Thus some of the most familiar debates in political theory, such as the market versus the welfare state, property rights versus distributive justice, and equality versus liberty do not loom large here. Instead, our focus will be on the nature of value comparisons, rational disagreement, coordination games, moral reasoning, justification, consensus, preference aggregation and the idea of the political, as well as, to be sure, more familiar issues such as the nature of democracy, political authority and the extent of political obligation. Clarendon Press, , this is a distinctively philosophical understanding of liberal theory. Providing an overview and analysis will thus lead us to a range of philosophical problems. I have endeavored to introduce and analyze the philosophical issues in ways that will be accessible to advanced undergraduates and postgraduate students, while also engaging other scholars. I am also grateful to two anonymous readers for their extremely useful comments and criticisms. I have learned a lot from my discussions with two graduate students at Tulane. Shane Courtland led me to revise my thoughts on Hobbesian public reason; Andrea Houchard pushed me to think harder about problems of incommensurability. My thanks to both. Parts of some chapters are based on papers I have previously published, though in all cases the papers have been extensively revised and ruthlessly edited for this book. MIT Press, , pp. Elsevier Scientific Publishers, , pp.

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The unsentimental power politics emphasis of Realism in the present era has its antecedents in the writings of Thucydides and Sun Tzu, as well as later thinkers such as Niccolo Machiavelli of the 16th century. However, the obvious failure of such efforts to prevent the Second World War helped bring Realism into the prominence it held throughout the Cold War. Deeper theoretical explorations and the emergence of new empirical challenges, particularly after the end of the Cold War, have brought changes in IR theory. Among the new factors are: The summary comments below present only a brief and inevitably simplistic sampling of a rich and growing intellectual field. Suggested readings at the end of each segment guide the interested student toward major contemporary works dealing with specific theories. Realism is characterized by a concern with material coercive power. It treats states as the primary unit of analysis. Power is primarily viewed in military terms, and the military power of other states presents the greatest potential danger to an individual state. Economic leverage is also considered an important element of national strength, and Realist analyses of international economics assume that hegemonic actors define not just political but economic structures. Realists have also long rejected notions such as that free trade or scientific progress might lead to long-term peace, viewing such ideas as dangerous chimera. Neorealism, a structuralist variant of Realism, focuses on ways that the global distribution of power relationships shapes the actions of states. An Introduction to the Study of International Relations. Palgrave, [] Mearsheimer, John J. The Tragedy of Great Power Politics. The University of Chicago Press, History of the Peloponnesian War. Man, the State, and War: Liberal theorists reject the Realist presumption that international relations are a zero-sum game, but instead view them as a system of interactions holding the potential for mutual gain. Cooperative and peaceful international behaviors are therefore both possible and desirable. Contemporary Liberal scholars of international relations typically pursue research on economic and political interdependence and non military sources of power e. Although Liberalism has long argued that economic and political integration produce peace, some scholars have called for offensive military actions against illiberal regimes. Samuel Huntington sees Liberalism as a uniquely European phenomenon and predicts conflict with other civilizations, while Francis Fukuyama has argued that Liberalism represents the final stage in human political evolution. Humphrey, Hpc Philosophical Classics Series. Harper Collins Publishers, A Liberal Theory of International Politics. Through a Constructivist lens ideas e. This proposition directly contrasts with the Realist or Liberal view that ideas are of little real consequence to the most fundamental measures of influence â€” i. Realist Constructivists read social and political realities as not structurally determined, but rather as accomplishments of people e. They focus on the role of power conceptualized as inhering in social practices, especially the practice of interpretation through which, for example, a bombing becomes defined as an act of terrorism. The Realist Constructivist investigates how power relations operate within particular situations by analyzing recurrent combinations of practices aimed at achieving specific results. In doing so, they pay particular attention to the cultures and identities of the actors on the international stage. While Liberal Constructivists accept that material factors, including the distribution of power, are important, they see the overarching structure of norms as even more important. Moreover, such ideas and norms cannot be reduced to material power and material constraints do not determine the formation of particular ideas. Research focuses on cross-cultural communication and such issues as explaining the creation of norms such as the human rights norm , their dissemination among individuals and political actors, and their effects on the behavior of those actors. Security as Practice, New York: Michigan University Press, Uses of the Other, Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, International Studies Review 6, no. Cornell University Press, The Culture of National Security: Columbia University Press, There are three main strands of IPE: Economic Liberalism, Mercantilism and Marxism. Economic Liberalism, following in the tradition of Adam Smith and David Ricardo, stresses the value of a capitalist market economy that operates according to its own laws and, when

freely allowed to do so, maximizes benefits for individuals, companies and nations. Mercantilism holds that the economy should be used to enhance state power, and thus be subordinate to politics. Protectionist and other policies that minimize dependence on other states are promoted, as are policies of state-led development. Marxism sees the economy as a crucible of exploitation and inequality between classes, one in which the dominant economic class also dominates politically. It holds that capitalist development contains contradictions that will eventually produce crisis conditions affecting both social classes and nation states. In doing so, these theorists promote greater recognition of how underdeveloped countries are exploited by those with capital. *Production, Power and World Order: Social Forces in the Making of History*. Understanding the International Economic Order. Princeton University Press, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*, ed. Quintin Hoare and Geoffrey Nowell-Smith. Lawrence and Wishart, Feminism seeks not only to explain historical and present-day phenomena, but to foster changes in politics, economics and social interactions. While all Feminists agree that women should be brought into positions of power "in all civilian and military institutions" - they differ in assessing the consequences of such a major change, should it occur. *A Glossary of Feminist Theory*. *Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. *Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics*.

3: Liberalism (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

"Contemporary Theories of Liberalism provides a comprehensive overview of the key tenets of liberalism developed through Hobbes, Locke, Kant and Rawls to present day theories and debates. Central to recent debate has been the idea of public reason.

In two ways, liberals accord liberty primacy as a political value. Recent liberal thinkers such as as Joel Feinberg This might be called the Fundamental Liberal Principle Gaus, It follows from this that political authority and law must be justified, as they limit the liberty of citizens. Consequently, a central question of liberal political theory is whether political authority can be justified, and if so, how. For this reason, social contract theory, as developed by Thomas Hobbes [], John Locke [], Jean-Jacques Rousseau [] and Immanuel Kant [], is usually viewed as liberal even though the actual political prescriptions of, say, Hobbes and Rousseau, have distinctly illiberal features. Insofar as they take as their starting point a state of nature in which humans are free and equal, and so argue that any limitation of this freedom and equality must be justified i. The Fundamental Liberal Principle holds that restrictions on liberty must be justified. Because he accepts this, we can understand Hobbes as part of the liberal tradition. In the culture at large, this view of the relation between citizen and king had been taking shape for centuries. The Magna Carta was a series of agreements, beginning in , arising out of disputes between the barons and King John. The Magna Carta eventually settled that the king is bound by the rule of law. In , the Magna Carta was part of the beginning rather than the end of the argument, but by the mids, concepts of individual rights to trial by jury, due process, and equality before the law were more firmly established. Hobbes generally is treated as one of the first and greatest social contract thinkers. Typically, Hobbes also is seen as an advocate of unlimited monarchy. This special end justifies almost any means, including drastic limitations on liberty. Yet, note the limitations implicit in the end itself. Hobbes, the famed absolutist, in fact developed a model of government sharply limited in this most important way. Paradigmatic liberals such as Locke not only advocate the Fundamental Liberal Principle, but also maintain that justified limitations on liberty are fairly modest. Only a limited government can be justified; indeed, the basic task of government is to protect the equal liberty of citizens. Isaiah Berlin famously advocated a negative conception of liberty: I am normally said to be free to the degree to which no man or body of men interferes with my activity. Political liberty in this sense is simply the area within which a man can act unobstructed by others. If I am prevented by others from doing what I could otherwise do, I am to that degree unfree; and if this area is contracted by other men beyond a certain minimum, I can be described as being coerced, or, it may be, enslaved. Coercion is not, however, a term that covers every form of inability. If I say that I am unable to jump more than ten feet in the air, or cannot read because I am blindâ€it would be eccentric to say that I am to that degree enslaved or coerced. Coercion implies the deliberate interference of other human beings within the area in which I could otherwise act. You lack political liberty or freedom only if you are prevented from attaining a goal by other human beings Berlin, So understood, negative liberty is an opportunity-concept. Being free is a matter of what options are left open to us, regardless of whether we exercise such options Taylor, Nevertheless, Green went on to claim that a person can be unfree if he is subject to an impulse or craving that cannot be controlled. Just as a slave is not doing what he really wants to do, one who is, say, an alcoholic, is being led by a craving to look for satisfaction where it cannot, ultimately, be found. For Green, a person is free only if she is self-directed or autonomous. Running throughout liberal political theory is an ideal of a free person as one whose actions are in some sense her own. In this sense, positive liberty is an exercise-concept. Such a person is not subject to compulsions, critically reflects on her ideals and so does not unreflectively follow custom, and does not ignore her long-term interests for short-term pleasures. And today it is a dominant strain in liberalism, as witnessed by the work of S. In the words of the British socialist R. On this positive conception, a person not prohibited from being a member of a Country Club but too poor to afford membership is not free to be a member: Positive freedom qua effective power to act closely ties freedom to material resources. Education, for example, should be easily available so that all can develop their capacities. According to Philip Pettit, The contrary of the liber, or free, person in Roman,

republican usage was the servus, or slave, and up to at least the beginning of the last century, the dominant connotation of freedom, emphasized in the long republican tradition, was not having to live in servitude to another: The ideal liberty-protecting government, then, ensures that no agent, including itself, has arbitrary power over any citizen. This is accomplished through an equal disbursement of power. Each person has power that offsets the power of another to arbitrarily interfere with her activities Pettit, The republican conception of liberty is certainly distinct from both Greenian positive and negative conceptions. When all dominating power has been dispersed, republican theorists are generally silent about these goals Larmore Thus, in contrast to the ordinary negative conception, on the republican conception the mere possibility of arbitrary interference is a limitation of liberty. Republican liberty thus seems to involve a modal claim about the possibility of interference, and this is often cashed out in terms of complex counterfactual claims. It is not clear whether these claims can be adequately explicated Gaus, ; cf. Some republican theorists, such as Quentin Skinner When republican liberty is seen as a basis for criticizing market liberty and market society, this is plausible Gaus, b. However, when liberalism is understood more expansively, and not so closely tied to either negative liberty or market society, republicanism becomes indistinguishable from liberalism Ghosh, ; Rogers, ; Larmore, ; Dagger, In practice, another crucial fault line concerns the moral status of private property and the market order. From the eighteenth century right up to today, classical liberals have insisted that an economic system based on private property is uniquely consistent with individual liberty, allowing each to live her life "including employing her labor and her capital" as she sees fit. Indeed, classical liberals and libertarians have often asserted that in some way liberty and property are really the same thing; it has been argued, for example, that all rights, including liberty rights, are forms of property; others have maintained that property is itself a form of freedom Gaus, ; Steiner, A market order based on private property is thus seen as an embodiment of freedom Robbins, Unless people are free to make contracts and sell their labour, save and invest their incomes as they see fit, and free to launch enterprises as they raise the capital, they are not really free. Classical liberals employ a second argument connecting liberty and private property. Here the idea is that the dispersion of power that results from a free market economy based on private property protects the liberty of subjects against encroachments by the state. Although classical liberals agree on the fundamental importance of private property to a free society, the classical liberal tradition itself is a spectrum of views, from near-anarchist to those that attribute a significant role to the state in economic and social policy on this spectrum, see Mack and Gaus, Most nineteenth century classical liberal economists endorsed a variety of state policies, encompassing not only the criminal law and enforcement of contracts, but the licensing of professionals, health, safety and fire regulations, banking regulations, commercial infrastructure roads, harbors and canals and often encouraged unionization Gaus, b. Although classical liberalism today often is associated with libertarianism, the broader classical liberal tradition was centrally concerned with bettering the lot of the working class, women, blacks, immigrants, and so on. The aim, as Bentham put it, was to make the poor richer, not the rich poorer Bentham, []: Consequently, classical liberals treat the leveling of wealth and income as outside the purview of legitimate aims of government coercion. Three factors help explain the rise of this revisionist theory. First, the new liberalism arose in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, a period in which the ability of a free market to sustain what Lord Beveridge Believing that a private property based market tended to be unstable, or could, as Keynes argued [], get stuck in an equilibrium with high unemployment, new liberals came to doubt, initially in empirical grounds, that classical liberalism was an adequate foundation for a stable, free society. Here the second factor comes into play: This was partly due to the experiences of the First World War, in which government attempts at economic planning seemed to succeed Dewey, The third factor underlying the currency of the new liberalism was probably the most fundamental: They entrench a merely formal equality that in actual practice systematically fails to secure the kind of equal positive liberty that matters on the ground for the working class. And in his Principles of Political Economy Mill consistently emphasized that it is an open question whether personal liberty can flourish without private property , vol. For Rawls, the default is an equal distribution of basically income and wealth; only inequalities that best enhance the long-term prospects of the least advantaged are just. As Rawls sees it, the difference principle constitutes a public recognition of the principle of reciprocity: Many followers

of Rawls have focused less on the ideal of reciprocity than on the commitment to equality Dworkin, And in one way that is especially appropriate: Thus, Robert Nozick Then someone offers Wilt Chamberlain a dollar for the privilege of watching Wilt play basketball. Before we know it, thousands of people are paying Wilt a dollar each, every time Wilt puts on a show. The distribution is no longer equal, and no one complains. If justice is a pattern, achievable at a given moment, what happens if you achieve perfection? Must you then prohibit everythingâ€”no further consuming, creating, trading, or even givingâ€”so as not to upset the perfect pattern? Nozick neither argues nor presumes people can do whatever they want with their property. Nozick, recalling the focus on connecting property rights to liberty that animated liberalism in its classical form, notes that if there is anything at all people can do, even if the only thing they are free to do is give a coin to an entertainer, then even that tiniest of liberties will, over time, disturb the favored pattern. Nozick is right that if we focus on time slices, we focus on isolated moments, and take moments too seriously, when what matters is not the pattern of holdings at a moment but the pattern of how people treat each other over time. Even tiny liberties must upset the pattern of a static moment. By the same token, however, there is no reason why liberty must upset an ongoing pattern of fair treatment. A moral principle forbidding racial discrimination, for example, prescribes no particular end-state. Such a principle is what Nozick calls weakly patterned, sensitive to history as well as to pattern, and prescribing an ideal of how people should be treated without prescribing an end-state distribution. It affects the pattern without prescribing a pattern. And if a principle forbidding racial discrimination works its way into a society via cultural progress rather than legal intervention, it need not involve any interference whatsoever. Some may promote liberty, depending on how they are introduced and maintained. See Schmidtz and Brennan Accordingly, even granting to Nozick that time-slice principles license immense, constant, intolerable interference with everyday life, there is some reason to doubt that Rawls intended to embrace any such view. It is the arrangement of the basic structure which is to be judged, and judged from a general point of view. Rawls was more realistic than that. Instead, it is the trend of a whole society over time that is supposed to benefit the working class as a class. To be sure, Rawls was a kind of egalitarian, but the pattern Rawls meant to endorse was a pattern of equal status, applying not so much to a distribution as to an ongoing relationship.

4: SAGE Books - Contemporary Theories of Liberalism: Public Reason as a Post-Enlightenment Project

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The diversity of liberalism can be gleaned from the numerous adjectives that liberal thinkers and movements have attached to the very term "liberalism", including classical , egalitarian , economic , social , welfare state , ethical , humanist , deontological , perfectionist , democratic and institutional , to name a few. At its very root, liberalism is a philosophy about the meaning of humanity and society. Political philosopher John Gray identified the common strands in liberal thought as being individualist, egalitarian, meliorist and universalist. The individualist element avers the ethical primacy of the human being against the pressures of social collectivism , the egalitarian element assigns the same moral worth and status to all individuals, the meliorist element asserts that successive generations can improve their sociopolitical arrangements and the universalist element affirms the moral unity of the human species and marginalises local cultural differences. The moral and political suppositions of liberalism have been based on traditions such as natural rights and utilitarian theory , although sometimes liberals even requested support from scientific and religious circles. These ideas were first drawn together and systematized as a distinct ideology by the English philosopher John Locke , generally regarded as the father of modern liberalism. Employing the idea of a state of nature—a hypothetical war-like scenario prior to the state—he constructed the idea of a social contract that individuals enter into to guarantee their security and in so doing form the State, concluding that only an absolute sovereign would be fully able to sustain such a peace. Hobbes had developed the concept of the social contract, according to which individuals in the anarchic and brutal state of nature came together and voluntarily ceded some of their individual rights to an established state authority, which would create laws to regulate social interactions. Whereas Hobbes advocated a strong monarchical authority the Leviathan , Locke developed the then radical notion that government acquires consent from the governed which has to be constantly present for the government to remain legitimate. He concluded that the people have a right to overthrow a tyrant. By placing life, liberty and property as the supreme value of law and authority, Locke formulated the basis of liberalism based on social contract theory. To these early enlightenment thinkers, securing the most essential amenities of life—liberty and private property among them—required the formation of a "sovereign" authority with universal jurisdiction. Once humans moved out of their natural state and formed societies, Locke argued as follows: And this is that, and that only, which did or could give beginning to any lawful government in the world". One political scientist described this new thinking as follows: In the First Treatise, Locke aimed his guns first and foremost at one of the doyens of 17th century English conservative philosophy: Reinforcing his respect for consensus, Locke argued that "conjugal society is made up by a voluntary compact between men and women". For Locke, this created a natural right in the liberty of conscience, which he argued must therefore remain protected from any government authority. Three arguments are central: His central argument was that the individual is capable of using reason to distinguish right from wrong. To be able to exercise this right, everyone must have unlimited access to the ideas of his fellow men in " a free and open encounter " and this will allow the good arguments to prevail. In a natural state of affairs, liberals argued, humans were driven by the instincts of survival and self-preservation and the only way to escape from such a dangerous existence was to form a common and supreme power capable of arbitrating between competing human desires. Modern liberals claim that formal or official guarantees of individual rights are irrelevant when individuals lack the material means to benefit from those rights and call for a greater role for government in the administration of economic affairs. As heirs of the Enlightenment, liberals believed that any given social and political order emanated from human interactions , not from divine will. From the 17th century until the 19th century, liberals from Adam Smith to John Stuart Mill conceptualised liberty as the absence of interference from government and from other individuals, claiming that all people should have the freedom to develop their own unique abilities and capacities without being sabotaged by others. Classical liberals were committed to individualism, liberty and equal rights. Writers such as John Bright and Richard Cobden opposed both aristocratic privilege

and property, which they saw as an impediment to the development of a class of yeoman farmers. This new kind of liberty became known as positive liberty to distinguish it from the prior negative version and it was first developed by British philosopher Thomas Hill Green. Green rejected the idea that humans were driven solely by self-interest, emphasising instead the complex circumstances that are involved in the evolution of our moral character. If it were ever reasonable to wish that the usage of words had been other than it has been [In a few years, this New Liberalism had become the essential social and political programme of the Liberal Party in Britain [64] and it would encircle much of the world in the 20th century. In addition to examining negative and positive liberty, liberals have tried to understand the proper relationship between liberty and democracy. Highlighting the confusion over the first principle, Voltaire commented that "equality is at once the most natural and at times the most chimeral of things". American philosopher John Rawls emphasised the need to ensure not only equality under the law, but also the equal distribution of material resources that individuals required to develop their aspirations in life.

5: Liberalism - Wikipedia

The main current of contemporary liberal political theory seeks to develop a post-Enlightenment account of politics. The question driving contemporary liberalism, and.

International Relations Theory A. One word often used to describe theory is "paradigm". According to Ray and Kaarbo, a paradigm is simply a way of thinking about and approaching an area of scientific or scholarly inquiry that is widely accepted within a particular discipline. In other words, a paradigm provides a simplified map of reality; it takes the complexity of the real world and reduces it to a core set of assumptions that make global events that seem so isolated, unrelated and complicated more comprehensible. So that's what theory and paradigms are all about: William of Ockham said [a long time ago! Ray and Kaarbo p4 make the point that studying theories "allows students of international relations to analyze global politics in the future, long after they finish reading this book or taking courses on the subject. When students learn only history or contemporary issues In this lecture we will be examining two dominant paradigms in world politics: Realism and Liberalism along with sub-theories within the same larger paradigm A. To this war of every man against every man, this also is consequent: The notion of right and wrong, justice and injustice, have there no place. Where there is no common power, there is no law; where no law, no injustice. Force and fraud are in war the two cardinal virtues. You should note from the above that realism embraces a more pessimistic view of world politics, state relations, and the possibility of "perpetual peace" Definitions and Description of Realist Theory. Ray and Kaarbo p4 write that realism is "a theoretical perspective for understanding intl. The founding father of this theory is the Greek historian Thucydides , who wrote the seminal account of the war between Athens and Sparta. His writings greatly influenced theorists and statesmen alike through the next two thousand years, including the modern proponents Morgenthau, Kissinger, Waltz, James et al of classical and neo-realism In short and in sum, realists see international relations as driven by the unrelenting and competitive pursuit of power by states in the effort to secure state interests. At the core of this theory is that world politics takes place within a context of anarchy ie the absence of world govt. In this state of nature, Hobbes argues that because there are no rules, no laws, no enforcement mechanisms etc, that conflict turns into war he calls it a perpetual "war of all against all" which is why INSIDE countries, people consent ie the so-called social charter to live under a government that makes and enforces laws, order, security, etc. Therefore, the violence, chaos, death and destruction that often accompany world politics reflect the "war of all against all" that intl. Realists also assume that states, or countries, are the "key actors and determine what happens in the world" Ray and Kaarbo: Ray and Kaarbo p. State interests, rather than human rights or ideological preferences, are the reason behind every state action. Thus, everything a state does can be explained by its desire to maintain, safeguard, or increase its power in relation to other states. In the world of anarchy and state sovereignty, there is no higher authority to impose order, and there is no intl. States must therefore provide for their own defense and protection. Realists refer to this effort by states to defend their own interests as SELF-HELP usually through the acquisition of military capacity or joining alliances In short and in sum, without an "intl. To realists, this is the only rational way to behave in an anarchic intl. The implications of all of the above for realists is somewhat obvious: Realists conclude a few other things--the possibility of cooperation and change is limited, that world politics is not primarily about good and evil, that power trumps justice, and that the road to order lies through the balance of power The core of classical realist theory is best summarized in the form of 10 assumptions: The Liberal Worldview A. As in classical realist theory, I will start the discussion of liberalism with a quote from one of the founders of this paradigm, Immanuel Kant For these reasons there must be a league of a particular kind, which can be called a league of peace foedus pacificum , and which would be distinguished from a treaty of peace pactum pacis by the fact that the latter terminates only one war, while the former seeks to make an end of all wars forever. You should note from the above that liberalism, or idealist theory, embraces a more optimistic view of world politics, state relations, and the possibility of "perpetual peace" Definitions and Description of Liberal Theory 1. Idealists questioned many of the basic tenets of realism and suggested that it would be possible to transform the world of power seeking and war into one in

which peace and cooperation among states might prevail Idealism, in contrast to realism, suggests a well-intentioned but utopian perspective that realists believe was out of touch with how the real world actually works Unlike realists, liberals believe that significant global cooperation is possible and that we can move beyond the power politics at the heart of the realist paradigm. For liberals, the key assumption is that peace and cooperation among states can produce absolute gains for all. As long as your state is better off as a result of cooperating with others, the gains of others should not matter BTW, whilst Kant argued that the natural state of humankind is one of war and conflict he also importantly suggested a state of peace can be established. He argues that this "perpetual peace" can be established, esp. Complex interdependence means that there are multiple channels among a variety of actors in intl. Where realists see states as the only important actors, liberals see a world where there are a variety of non-state actors such as multi-national corporations, intergovernmental organizations, and governmental organizations , share the world stage with countries. They also argue that multiple issues, not just military security, are vital to the global agenda Modern Liberalism based on the following set of assumptions: The Post-WWI Liberal Reform Agenda 1st group advocated creating intl institutions which would replace the anarchic, war-prone balance-of-power system 2nd group emphasized the use of legal processes such as mediation and arbitration to settle disputes and avoid interstate wars 3rd group followed the biblical injunction that states should beat their swords into plowshares and disarm.

6: Theoretical Perspectives: Liberalism & Realism

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7: SAGE Books - Contemporary Liberalism

These contemporary liberal theories of public reason are, I think, the most philosophically interesting and innovative developments in contem-porary political theory.

8: A Brief History of U.S. Diplomacy

A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights he argues that certain "group-differentiated rights" of minority cultures can be consistent with these liberal-democratic principles. Footnotes [edit] ^ Lucien Jaume, "Hobbes and the Philosophical Sources of Liberalism", The Cambridge Companion to Hobbes' Leviathan,

9: List of liberal theorists - Wikipedia

contemporary Anglo-American political theory, and to survey widely the major work in that tradition on liberalism, equality, liberty, multiculturalism, feminism, green thought, and democracy.

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