

Religion and Politics (Society, Culture & Religion 3CC3 / Political Science 3LA3) – Fall 2020

TEXT PREPARATION 1

Assignment due by October 26, 6 p.m. (Toronto time) in the assignment folder on Avenue. No late submissions will be accepted!

Please only complete this assignment if you have received your marked first assignment for this class. It is important to take full account of past feedback received in completing a further assignment for this course.

Text Preparation assignments are designed to help you prepare the reading assignment for a particular class meeting, in conjunction with your participation in that class meeting, during which we will go over the reading selection together. Completing this assignment will thus be of maximum benefit to you if you take active part in the full October 26 class session. If you cannot take part on October 26, consider completing a different Text Preparation assignment for a future date.

This assignment is based on:

Beverly McLachlin, "Freedom of Religion and the Rule of Law. A Canadian Perspective" (pp. 14–34), chapter 2 in Douglas Farrow, *Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society: Essays in Pluralism, Religion, and Public Policy* [coursepack]

Detailed Instructions: In well-written paragraphs, a total of approximately 600 words, please address the following question with detailed reference to the text:

How does McLachlin describe "law" and "religion," and how does she characterize the way they relate to each other, or should relate to each other?

Your answer may also include 1–2 questions raised in the reading for further discussion.

As was the case for the Text Summary assignment, your observations about the text should be backed up with references that allow your reader to see what they are based on; for this purpose, please use in-text parenthetical page references, as in this sample sentence:

Locke underscores that acts of violence are sometimes perpetrated "upon pretence of Religion" (23).

When quoting a source quoted in another source, please give the complete citation to the original source in a footnote and add the phrase: "as cited in McLachlin" [+page reference].

Please print your assignment to PDF, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, using an 11–12-point font, and with no cover sheet. Please write your name and "Text Preparation 1" at the top, and indicate the total word count at the end.

Note: Since this is your first reading of this text, and since we have not yet discussed it in class, the text preparation assignment is simply a first effort at figuring out what it says, and doing it will help you get the most of our in-class work on it. The assignment is not evaluated for whether it demonstrates a good understanding of the reading, but for evidence of your having worked in detail to understand the reading. Your fuller understanding will develop in the course of our class and tutorial meetings, and with successive re-readings.

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Plagiarism Warning: This assignment is designed to be completed by means of independent work on the assigned reading selection, aided by the guidance you have received in class/tutorial and by consulting the instructor and the TA: We are always available to discuss the questions you encounter as you read and re-read the texts for this class. It is neither necessary nor desirable that you consult outside sources in order to complete this assignment. Please remember that unacknowledged use of such sources constitutes plagiarism and is a violation of the university's [Academic Integrity policy](#).

Please keep a copy of your assignment to refer to in our class session.

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