

Lesson 9

Study Guide

Vocabulary:

Anarchy
Anthropomorphize
Civil
Rights
Colonialism
Democracy
Distributive Justice
Entitlement
Equal Opportunity
Equality
Free Market
Human (or Natural) Rights
Justice
Legal Rights
Liberalism
Libertarianism
Monarchy
Oligarchy
Patriarchy
Presentism
Political (or Sociopolitical) Philosophy
Retributive Justice
Social Contract
Theocracy
Totalitarianism
Utopia

Philosophers:

Kwame Anthony Appiah
Simone de Beauvoir
Martin Luther King, Jr
John Locke
Malcolm X
Mencius
Harriet Taylor
Mary Wollstonecraft

A society that imposed no order but allowed people to do whatever they want would be an

- a. oligarchy.
- b. anarchy.
- c. aristocracy.
- d. democracy.

A system of government in which the ruler is a religious figure or is backed by a religion is a

- a. theocracy.
- b. aristocracy.
- c. tyranny.
- d. oligarchy.

Aristotle argues that in sexual reproduction

- a. men are active and women are passive.
- b. men and women are both equally active and passive.
- c. women are active and men are passive.
- d. women and not men provide the ingredients that actually make the child.

If our society were ruled by people who had proven their competence and ability to govern, it would be a

- a. aristocracy.
- b. plutocracy.
- c. democracy.
- d. meritocracy.

If Tim has a right to a job, then

- a. "from each according to his abilities; to each according to his needs."
- b. Tim has a duty to work.
- c. society can, but need not, provide Tim with opportunities for work.
- d. society has an obligation to provide Tim with opportunities for work.

In arguing that "degrading distinctions" ought to be accepted only when necessary, Harriet Taylor implied that

- a. all present inequalities were acceptable.
- b. a reason must be given why anything should be permitted to one person and not to another.
- c. women and men should be separate but equal.
- d. no inequalities are ever acceptable.

In social philosophy, people are conceived as *either* unequal, where some are "better" than others by virtue of their birth, abilities, or accomplishments, *or* as

- a. individuals, and not merely social functions.
- b. having certain obligations to society.
- c. equal, deserving equal respect and consideration.
- d. having rights.

Libertarians differ from liberals in that they favor

- a. having duties and obligations to speak responsibly over having rights to speak freely.
- b. "positive rights" to the benefits of society over "negative rights" to be left alone.
- c. "negative rights" to be left alone over "positive rights" to the benefits of society.
- d. having duties and obligations to the community over having rights.

Questions about whether everyone should have health insurance are questions of

- a. alienated labor.
- b. reparative justice.
- c. retributive justice.
- d. distributive justice.

The concept of equality of respect is the presumption that

- a. everyone deserves the same treatment.
- b. all people should have the same opportunities.
- c. all animals deserve equal respect.
- d. everyone we meet is a human being, with feelings and thoughts, and so worthy of respect.

The feminist philosopher who first argued against the notion that the natural condition of female existence *required* excessive concern for romantic love and desirability was

- a. Harriet Taylor.
- b. Susan Bordo.
- c. Simone de Beauvoir.
- d. Mary Wollstonecraft.

When philosophers think about society, they

- a. are, surprisingly, able to detach themselves entirely from the society they actually live in.
- b. are usually too afraid to think imaginatively.
- c. tend to think, almost exclusively, communistically.
- d. are, not surprisingly, influenced by the society they actually live in.

Societies ruled by the wealthy are

- a. aristocracies.
- b. monarchies.
- c. plutocracies.
- d. oligarchies.

According to John Rawls's first "principle of justice," all persons have an equal right to the most extensive liberty compatible with a like liberty for all.

Select one:

- True
- False

As best we know, human beings at one time lived exclusively as solitary individuals.

Select one:

- True
- False

Because of their strong commitment to "negative rights," libertarians are likely to think of individuals primarily as negatively free.

Select one:

True

False

Feminist philosophers argue that the distinction between nature and culture has often been used as a means by which women are deprived of power.

Select one:

True

False

Free markets are the best way to efficiently decrease inequality, without the assistance of government.

Select one:

True

False

Philosophy itself has been accused of collaborating with racist society in downgrading people of color.

Select one:

True

False

While virtually everyone agrees that there is a human right not to be tortured, there is less agreement about, for example, whether people have a human right to free health care.

Select one:

True

False