

Moral Reasoning 74

The Theory and Practice of Republican Government

Write a 4-6 page paper (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, one-inch margins) in response to the following question. Your paper is due **Monday, May 21st, 2007**, at the final examination.

Question: Donald Trump has proposed unlimited gambling rights throughout the United States -- a casino in every town, a betting parlor on every block, if somebody wants to build one. How would the debate over Trump's proposal be structured in what Sandel calls the "procedural republic"? How would those whom Sandel calls "civic republicans" debate Trump's measure? In constructing the civic republican version of this debate, you should call upon themes from two of the following three theorists: Machiavelli, Harrington, and Montesquieu.

The Usual Hints:

- (1) Go through the question carefully and read it more than once. Address the entire question (all parts of it) in your essay.
- (2) Consider a counterargument or two against the position you take.
- (3) Proper spelling, orthography and grammar are a must. Check your paper before turning it in.
- (4) The best papers will *engage* the readings. Do not simply regurgitate the readings, but try to offer a novel interpretation of them, or to dissent from their arguments, or both.