This course introduces students to the political philosophy known as liberalism—a philosophy whose ideals underlie the practices of most contemporary democratic societies. We will discuss what liberalism is, whether and why liberalism is normatively justified, and how liberalism is related to the ideas of equality, freedom, and democracy.

We will also look at different liberal views about economic distribution and the role of the market, and whether liberalism offers resources for diagnosing and remedying historical and structural injustices.

This class should give you a better sense of the values underlying public debate, such as freedom and equality.

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