

GV150 Week 20 Reflections on the Revolution in France Questions

Lecture:

1. Do you find the metaphor of society as organic more convincing than the metaphor of society as mechanistic? Why?
2. Is politics a science or an art?
3. Is it more accurate to say that humans naturally fear change, or that they naturally promote it?
4. Can you think of an alternative ideological crosshairs based on the thinkers that we have considered thus far?

Reading:

5. What is Burke's approach to abstraction compared to practicality?
6. What does Burke argue constituted 'free government'?
7. What is Burke's position on liberty? What is its source in the UK?
8. What type of change is best? Why? And how can change be judged?
9. What are the true rights of man that were jeopardised by the French Revolution?
10. How are equal rights balanced with support for a hierarchy? Why is hierarchy important?
11. What is needed for human wants to be met most effectively?
12. What has underpinned the 'good things' in Europe? What is the relationship between the existing state and God?
13. What does Burke use 'prejudice' to refer to?
14. What is the value of continuity?
15. What is the status of a people who bring about revolution? Why?