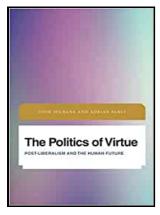
# Liberal state and the politics of virtue

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#### Mitt Romney and the Politics of Virtue

This is but a formulation of the modern idea of citizenship, conceived of as a universalizable contract of rights. Liberals believe individuals should doubt their own truths and consider fairly and open-mindedly the truths of others. Socrates, on the other hand, adopted the question-answer method.

#### Virtue and the Making of Modern Liberalism

In Washington, mask-wearing has become deeply political and inconsistent.

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Law is generally positivist, constructed to satisfy the elite's future oriented goals, and laws are seen as a measure to achieve some reconstruction of society. People in the modern liberal capitalist world talk as though we are engaged in moral reasoning, and act as though our actions are chosen as the result of such reasoning, but in fact neither of these things is true.

#### Next Left: The politics of virtue: conservative or liberal?

Most discussions of civic virtue centre on the obligation of citizens to participate in society by performing the minimally necessary activities in support of the state, such as paying taxes. It is closed and customary law is permitted only insofar as it does not interfere with the elite's interests.

#### Virtue and the Making of Modern Liberalism

If politics were a practice with the possibility of internal goods and virtues, this would not be the case; but since it is currently not a practice, and therefore has only external goods to offer, it is. In constitutional terms, James Madison justified the existence of the U.

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It would include Mussolini's fascism, Hitler's national socialism, and Peronism, for example.

## Socrates: Life, Teachings and Political Ideas

What matters to liberals is how a program makes them FEEL about themselves, not whether it works or not. Practices, then, are both consequences of our nature as the kind of animals we are, when we properly understand the kind of animals we are, and forms of social order that are in keeping with our nature, as opposed to contemporary forms of social order liberalism and capitalism which are not.

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