

Ninth Directed Exercise

Due: Friday, April 15th by 5pm

- Your ninth directed exercise is due on or before 5pm on **Friday, April 15th**
- Your assignment should be submitted to our Classes V*2 site under “Assignments” as an attached document.
- As you know from the syllabus, because this is a large lecture class, it is important to have explicit and uniform policies. Among those policies is the following:
 - Directed exercises will be marked down 1 point for each 24 hours that they are late (rounded up to the nearest 24 hours).

Exercise:

As you know, (a) there are no new assigned readings for the last week of class and (b) that week’s lectures will be devoted to synthesizing material from the rest of the semester. Directed Exercise 9 reflects those two facts.

The exercise has two parts, each worth one point.

- (1) Look over the reading guides from the entire semester, and choose 1-3 readings that you plan to (re-)read for Tuesday (April 19th) and 1-3 readings that you plan to (re-)read for Thursday (April 21st). (Your readings for each day should amount to roughly the amount of reading that is typically assigned: so, for example, if you choose to reread the Kant selections from February 22nd, you can list that as your sole reading; by contrast, if you choose to (re-)read some of the Haidt, you should select at least two chapters. Etc.)

Your selected readings may be: (a) required readings that you didn’t have time to read; (b) recommended/ supplementary readings that you didn’t have time to read; or (c) any readings that you would like to re-read. You do not need to tell us whether your selections fall into (a/b) or (c).

Next, download or locate the relevant readings – (this is part of the assignment) – and put them in a (virtual or physical) location where they will be easy to find next week, when you will be reading them.

Your answer should have the following form,

Here is what I have downloaded/located and intend to read:
April 19th: Reading 1, Reading 2, [Reading 3]
April 21st: Reading 1, Reading 2, [Reading 3]

- (2) In preparing the closing lectures, it will help me tremendously to know what issues have struck you as most pressing/interesting/perplexing/underdeveloped. So the second part of the Ninth Directed Exercise is for you to *identify two or more questions or topics from earlier in*

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the semester that you would like to have addressed in the closing lectures. Each TF will compile the questions from his/her section, and pass them on to me by Saturday, April 16th.

The first of next week's lectures (April 19th) will be devoted to answering widespread student questions and tying up loose ends; the second (April 21st) will be devoted to offering a more systematic overview of the course's main themes.

(Clearly, I won't be able to answer every question in these lectures. But your feedback will be enormously helpful in enabling me to structure that lectures in a way that is maximally useful to you as students. Questions that we do not have time to address in lecture may be addressed in sections, review sessions, or during office hours.)

Your answer should have the following form:

Here are two (or three, or four) questions/issues that have been perplexing/intriguing me, and that I'd be happy to hear more about in the closing lectures.

- (a) Blah blah blah.
- (b) Blah blah blah.
- (c) ...

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