

A portrait of John Locke, an 17th-century English philosopher, is shown in the background. He has a serious expression and is wearing a white ruffled collar. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the portrait.

Fear And I Were Born Twins

Introduction to
Social and Political Philosophy
PHILO 335

What justifies the coercive authority of government? What is the relationship between liberty and equality? What are the limits of toleration? What are the limits to religious freedom, among other liberties? Is government based on a contract between citizens? Do traditional theories of political morality offer plausible views on race, gender identity, immigration, and other current issues? This course will examine these and related topics in political philosophy. Readings will include a combination of historical and contemporary, and theoretical and applied texts.