

POLI 110DA
Winter 2011
Paper #1

Respond to one of the following prompts in a 5-7 page essay. Hard copies are **due in class on Friday, January 28**. Prior to being handed in, **all papers must be submitted to turnitin.com**. For information on essay requirements, see slides for lecture #8.

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1. Max Weber discusses the different ways in which one can live for or from politics. To what extent does the “professional revolutionary” described by Lenin do either of these? In what ways?
2. Each author discussed in the course so far views politics as a sphere of life that imposes its own unique demands. Is Lenin’s view of politics and the political more compatible with Weber’s arguments, or with Schmitt’s?
3. To what extent, if any, are Schmitt’s arguments regarding the enemy and the exception compatible with those made by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in this February 17, 2006 interview with Charlie Rose?
Video
<http://www.charlierose.com/view/interview/535>
Transcript
<http://www.defense.gov/transcripts/transcript.aspx?transcriptid=962>