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jewish identity and civilizing processes examines the history of jewish experience in

western europe from the early middle ages to the twentieth century using the sociological theory and method of norbert elias attention is focused on the notion of interdependence and the intertwining processes of the civilization of behaviour and character and the formation of modern states as these specifically affected jewry and help to shed light on the problem of anti semitism

is pluralism inherent to the human condition does it have its origins in the diversity of cultures are disagreements among individuals the same as disagreements among societies focusing on these critical questions essential to the understanding of modern societies this book traces the origins of pluralism in contemporary political thought and presents new original interpretations of the idea by contemporary philosophers the chapters in the volume bring clarity into an ongoing fractious debate and reveal the underlying roots and fissures in our understanding of a dynamic and contested idea drawing on the works of john rawls jürgen habermas and other major political philosophers they delve into the different strands of the concept their possible real world political outcomes and popular misconceptions a key text this volume will be essential reading for scholars and researchers of politics political theory and philosophy and social theory

the u s constitution begins with the soaring words we the people but we the people have little to do with the document as most of us have come to know it when most people think of the constitution they think of it as a legal instrument the province of judges and lawyers who alone possess the expertise and knowledge necessary to discern its elusive and complex meaning this book outlines a very different view of the constitution as a moral and philosophical statement about who we are as a nation this civic constitution constitutes us as a civic body politic transforming the people into a singular political entity juxtaposing this view with the legal model the juridic constitution john e finn offers a comprehensive account of the civic constitution as a public affirmation of the shared principles of national self identity and as a particular vision of political community in which we the people play a significant and ongoing role in achieving a constitutional way of life the civic constitution is the constitution of dialogical engagement of contested meanings of political principles of education of conversation peopling the constitution seeks nothing less than a new interpretation of the american constitutional project in an effort to revive

a robust understanding of citizenship it considers the entire constitutional project from its founding and maintenance to its failure with insights into topics ranging from the practice of deliberative democracy and the meaning of citizenship to constitutional fidelity civic virtue the separation of powers federalism and constitutional interpretation the civic constitution in finn s telling is primarily a political project requiring an active engaged and most importantly constitutionally educated citizenry committed to the civic virtues of civility and tending when we as citizens are unwilling or unable to tend to and sustain the constitution and when constitutional questions reduce to legal questions and obscure civic interests constitutional rot results and in post 9 11 america finn argues constitutional rot has begun to set in with its multi dimensional vision of constitutional governance finn s book stands as a corrective to accounts that locate the constitution in and conceive it essentially as a legal instrument making a powerful and impassioned argument for restoring the people to their rightful place in the politics and practice of the constitution

offers an inside look at two communities half a world apart who became partners one needed aid and the other had the means to help the book chronicles their relationship in all its complexities pitfalls successes and failures this unique documentary provides a day by day blow by blow record of community development in practice it is presented in full and analyzed by the two authors one of whom was the community worker while the other was a member of the croydon committee which was responsible for implementing the agreement

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this book looks at the post holocaust experience with emphasis on aspects of its impact on popular culture

since his death in 1980 there has been a resurgence of scholarly interest in the life and work of jean paul sartre as interpreters have searched for the threads that link the diverse elements of his thought in this book stuart zane charme uses the concept of vulgarity as a key to understanding the interaction of sartre s social background and his analysis of existential authenticity

these essays on postcolonial subjectivities cross the frontiers of critical theory by

illuminating the contradictory predicaments africans confront in strikingly different parts of the continent at the start of the 21st century the focus is on the making of subjectivities as a process which is political a matter of subjugation to state authority moral reflected in the conscience and agency of subjects who bear rights duties and obligations and realised existentially in the subjects consciousness of their personal or intimate relations the notion of agency is interrogated without lapsing into the new afro pessimism the essays recognise postcolonies troubled by state decline and increasing exploitation dispossession and marginalisation but avoid afro pessimism s reduction of subjects to mere victims even more against the grain of conventional postcolonial studies is the radical questioning of the force of modern subjectivism in struggles for control of identity autonomy and explicit consciousness and through artistic self fashioning in globally driven consumption with substantial cases based on autobiography personal experience and long term scholarly fieldwork in countries as diverse as madagascar kenya uganda sudan botswana and cameroon the book opens out a fresh field for comparative research and theory on postcolonial transformations in intersubjectivity this is to take seriously the people s perception so widespread in postcolonial africa that to live life to the full is to live it in interdependence in conviviality if possible that care and respect for others indeed civility is a precious and indeed precarious condition of survival and as such is the object of recognised strategies for its conscious defence and that because significant others are opaque never being totally knowable uncertainty ambivalence and contingency are inescapable conditions of human existence

the book explores the stakes for the social sciences around four central problems the challenges of context modes of intervention involvement and the ethical dilemmas for the scholar in a democratic space the first challenges of the context examines the variety of situations confronted by scholars since the beginning of the 20th century these include their interventions in key judicial affairs the impact of technological developments like the introduction of big data or even the positionality of the scholar second the book investigates the modalities according to which social scientists may intervene in the civic space in particular as specialists as experts or in the media a third problem brings together some cases illustrative of researchers involvement in critical issues such as food policies major social reforms or gender related questions finally the book concludes with a reflection on the modes of exercising critique or dissent in democratic societies and on

the ethical dimensions of involvement in the civic space a searing examination of the role of social scientists as they are called upon to address the multiple critical issues faced by contemporary societies from pandemics to climatic change sustainable development migration ethnicity or the place of religion this volume will be of great interest not just to scholars students and researchers of the social sciences but to the general reader as a concerned citizen

what is civility and why has it disappeared ann hartle analyzes the origins of the modern project and the essays of michel de montaigne to discuss why civility is failing in our own time in this bold book ann hartle one of the most important interpreters of sixteenth century french philosopher michel de montaigne explores the modern notion of civility the social bond that makes it possible for individuals to live in peace in the political and social structures of the western world and asks why has it disappeared concerned with the deepening cultural divisions in our postmodern post christian world she traces their roots back to the reformation and montaigne s essays montaigne s philosophical project of drawing on ancient philosophy and christianity to create a new social bond to reform the mores of his culture is perhaps the first act of self conscious civility after tracing montaigne s thought hartle returns to our modern society and argues that this framing of civility is a human philosophical invention and that civility fails precisely because it is a human philosophical invention she concludes with a defense of the central importance of sacred tradition for civility and the need to protect and maintain that social bond by supporting nonpoliticized nonideological free institutions including and especially universities and churches what happened to civility is written for readers concerned about the deterioration of civility in our public life and the defense of freedom of religion the book will also interest philosophers who seek a deeper understanding of modernity and its meaning political scientists interested in the meaning of liberalism and the causes of its failure and scholars working on montaigne s essays

the public speaking playbook coaches students to prepare practice and present speeches whether in the classroom public sphere or in a virtual setting authors teri kwal gamble and michael w gamble employ an interactive approach to building skills through various exercises that allow students to practice and improve their public speaking features such as objectives coaching tips and new self assessments in each section further aids student

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