



## **Government 1171**

### **The Making of Modern Politics: The Development of Democracy in Europe from the Middle Ages to the European Union**

# **Comments**

**PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR SECTION LEADER'S TEACHING.****Cavaille, Charlotte**

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Unlike many TFs, Charlotte asks pointed follow-up questions after a student makes an initial statement on a matter. This is good for two reasons: it forces the student to ground his statement in the evidence, minimizing BS; and it causes the student and everyone listening to him to emerge with a clearer understanding of the matter. And yet, at the same time, Charlotte is not overbearing to the degree that students are afraid to speak. Her questioning is very respectful. Her sense of humor, which is very important in a TF, also helps invite discussion. Overall, a very refreshing approach to teaching -- quite unlike other sections where students glibly blow unsubstantiated hot air.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Great job Charlotte. I really enjoyed section. You know a lot. Sometimes you asked very specific questions, and it seemed like you were looking for specific answers that only you knew... And sometimes I felt like this stifled conversation, and prevented the conversation from going in its natural course. That said, you raised great questions and explained the readings well. I think you made us want to participate and contribute in the discussion, and this is a lot to do! Last thing, I think when you write notes on the board I would get a little confused with abbreviations and shortening of phrases and wasn't sure where you were going with things all the time. However, these are minor things. Overall, I looked forward to section and felt it contributed to my knowledge. Great section leader!!

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Charlotte is a really great TF. She's really enthusiastic about the material, and knows a lot and really pushes you to think about the subject deeply.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **4 (very good)**

Charlotte generally did a good job of putting the theories that we examined into modern context. Section might be more engaging if more debate between students were fostered.

Evaluate the course overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Best course TF I've ever had. She has high expectations, gives amazing presentations, and really cares about the intellectual development of students. I hardly ever write comments for TFs, but Charlotte is really an exceptional TF.

Evaluate the course overall.: **3 (good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **3 (good)**

Charlotte was an incredibly knowledgeable section leader with a great background to supplement the instruction in this course. However, I often felt that section was an exercise in futility in terms of synthesizing topics in political science and historical events. Feedback on papers was unhelpful when asking to expound or elaborate when the word limit had already been reached. Moreover, section occasionally seemed to focus on minutiae such as statistics and single statements in political science papers rather than a comprehensive investigation of the whole.



Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Wonderful section leader that's genuinely interested in the subject material. Does a fantastic job of including everyone and driving discussion of the material.

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Charlotte is hands down the best TF I've ever had at Harvard. She generates such enthusiasm for the material and really seems to genuinely want her students to learn and grow. Thank you for a wonderful semester!

Evaluate the course overall.: **4 (very good)**

Evaluate your Section Leader overall.: **5 (excellent)**

Extremely engaged and outstanding section leader. Stimulates great discussion and is extremely helpful inside and outside of class. Best TF i've had out of all the classes i've taken at harvard thus far.