POLI 323
Issues in Politics: Political Psychology

Instructor:
Dr. Joseph Fletcher (Summer 2021)

Course delivery:
In the Summer 2021 term, this course will be delivered online in a synchronous format

Course description:
Looking for insight into the waves of populism, authoritarianism and polarization sweeping the globe? The fast-growing field of political psychology offers useful perspectives on these phenomena. The course focuses on these topics via an examination of classic and contemporary work in political psychology

About the instructor: Dr. Joseph Fletcher is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. He also taught political psychology and research methods at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Prerequisites: None

Course outcomes/objectives:
- Develop written and verbal communication through essay writing and discussion
- Develop critical analytic and synthetic skills needed to interpret social and political life.
- Gain an understanding of many conceptual tools useful in understanding our world
- Gain insight into the strengths and limitations of contemporary social science.

Topics may include:
Populism
Authoritarianism
Political Polarization
Social and political psychology

This online summary is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.