

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION

Syllabus, O'Neil Center Advanced Reading Group

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Books

Acemoglu, Daron and James A. Robinson. 2012. *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*. New York, New York: Crown Publishing.

Collier, Paul. 2007. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Fukuyama, Francis. 2011. *The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman times to the French Revolution*. New York, New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

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Optional, How to Measure It: <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.PP.KD>

2/9/17, ~~W~~ FUC

1. Fukuyama 2011, 3-48

Optional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojU31yHDqiM>

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Optional, How to Measure It:

Democracy- *Polity IV*: <http://www.systemicpeace.org/polity/polity4.htm>

Political Rights- Freedom House: <https://freedomhouse.org/report-types/freedom-world>

Quality of Governance- *Worldwide Governance Indicators*:

<http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/index.aspx#home>

4/6/17, ~~EW~~ ~~EW~~

1. F.A. Hayek 1960, 1-53.

2. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yqA6-ukmfg>

Optional, How to Measure It: <http://www.freetheworld.com/2015/economic-freedom-of-the-world-2015.pdf>

4/20/17, ~~EW~~, ~~EW~~, ~~EW~~

1. Collier 2007, 3-75

4/27/17, ~~EW~~, ~~EW~~

1. Fukuyama 2011, 458-483.

2. Ridley 2010, 349-359.

3. MRU: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5P8AZRBLac>