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Professor

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The Problem of Political Owing

The classic problem of political obligation comes in many versions.

*After reviewing some of these, I focus on one of them, which I call "the problem of political owing": does each member of a political society owe it to the others to uphold and support its political institutions? In my book *A Theory of Political Obligation* (2006) I argued that if we understand membership in a political society in a particular, somewhat traditional way, the answer is positive. This leaves open whether other understandings of such membership give the same result. After saying something of the argument in the book I turn to some recent accounts of the existence of a legal system in a particular society and ask whether the members of a political society in which a legal system exists according to the account in question owe each other to uphold and support that system.*

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