

Reading Questions for May 1

These questions cover excerpts from an article by Laurie Shrage called “Polygamy, Privacy, and Equality”. The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

*Background:*

We are currently focused on discussing polygamy (and also, briefly, some other forms of marriage). On Friday we looked at someone arguing against polygamy; today we’ll look at someone arguing in favor of polygamy, and then on Wednesday we’ll look at some other controversial types of marriage.

*Questions:*

1. In the first part of section 3 (pages 163 up to the top of 167) Shrage discusses some worries about equality in marriage raised by Thom Brooks and Stephen Macedo. What are the worries? How does Shrage address them? What do you think about them and why?
2. In the rest of section 3 (pages 167-8), Shrage discusses the question “what about the children?”. What does she say? Is it plausible? Why?
3. In section 4 (pages 168-72), Shrage discusses marital privacy. What are her key points? Are they plausible? Why?