Suárez in eighteenth century British political thought. Burke's political thought and Suárez's inheritance

The purpose of this paper is to show the influence Suárez had on British Anglican political thought, namely on Edmund Burke, an important Whig politician of the eighteenth century. This influence is vital for a thorough understanding of the position of the British—Irish born—politician in several of his important battles, such as the criticism of the French Revolution or Burke's denunciation of the tyrannical administration of India. Burke's approach to the Social Contract is of vital importance when attempting to understand his political thought and this paper aims to prove its close connection to the political thought of Suárez on this topic. In order to achieve this goal several passages of Suárez in "De legibus" and in Book III of "Defensio fidei" have been compared with some crucial passages of Burke's political writings in order to track Suárez's influence on Burke's political thought.

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2 Teaching Political Thought in the Restoration Divinity Faculty: Avant-Garde Episcopacy, the Two Kingdoms and Christian Liberty. (pp. 39-58). Dmitri Levitin. DOI: 10.2307/j.ctvfrxrx4.9. No one has done more than Mark Goldie to shape our understanding of the relationship between English political and religious thought in the Restoration and Revolutionary periods. in the ‘long eighteenth century’ by examining the presence of apocalyptic thought in thanksgiving sermons in the period from 1689 to 1816. Thanksgiving days were prominent occasions of national celebration instigated by significant military and political events. From 1689 to 1816 Cite this Item. Throughout the Georgian period the political rights of ordinary men and women were extremely limited. Only those men with substantial property or wealth were entitled to vote – this amounted to around 200,000 individuals, which was only a tiny fraction of the population. The leading political factions of the period – the Whigs and the Tories – were endlessly bullied and ridiculed in print, for example, and, like today, reputations could rise and fall quickly according to public opinion. Most politicians were satirised mercilessly in cartoons by leading artists such as James Gillray and Thomas Rowlandson, and there was a huge market for political pamphlets, books, ballads and newspapers. Caricature satirising the ‘long-winded speech’ of Whig politician Richard Brinsley Sheridan, 1788. But early 18th-century Britain also had its weaknesses. Its Celtic fringe—Wales, Ireland, and Scotland—had been barely assimilated. The vast majority of Welsh men and women could neither speak nor understand the English language. Most Irish men and women spoke Gaelic and belonged to the Roman Catholic church, in contrast with the population of the British mainland, which was staunchly Protestant. The supremacy of the Whigs. Even before he arrived in Britain, George I had decided to exclude the two leading Tory ministers, Robert Harley, earl of Oxford, and Henry St. John, Viscount Bolingbroke. In their place he appointed two Whig politicians, Charles, Viscount Townshend, and James, Viscount Stanhope, as secretaries of state. Burke DR. T. HOPKINS French Political Thought from the Revolution to Tocqueville (B16: The French Revolution; A9: Constant; B20: Socialism before 1848; A11: Tocqueville) Easter Term (2020): DR C. MECKSTROTH Revision: Topics in nineteenth-century political thought PROF. R. BOURKE Revision: Topics in eighteenth-century political thought 5. 6. Structure of the Paper. The paper is divided into two sections. 16. How important to early American political thought was the British constitutional experience? 17. Can the origins of the Terror persuasively be located in French revolutionary patterns of thought? 18. How novel were German Romantics’ ideas about the nature of ‘freedom’?