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Dear Friends,

I am grateful to be invited to the legal theory workshop. The attached are non-continuous excerpts from a forthcoming book on the Roosevelt Court. It is an attempt at a historical-theoretical account of the constitutional thought of Frankfurter, Black, Douglas, and Jackson up to 1954. The core theoretical claims have to do with the way liberalism spawned judicial restraint, originalism, pragmatism, and the rights-expansion view of the Constitution; and with the interplay between the dynamics of personality and competition that, I suggest, shaped constitutional thought in this period. I look forward to the conversation.

Yours,

Noah