

Political Science B.A.



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Drew Gilpin Faust | American historian and President of Harvard University

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A knowledge of how politics work will take you far in a great many professions.

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