

Political and Social Hierarchies in Patrizi's Best Republic

POLITICAL ORDERS

SOCIAL CLASSES

Senatorial Order
Major Magistracies

Citizen Order
Minor civic committees

Nobles (*nobiles*)

Middle classes
A few foreigners deserving
of citizenship

Urban plebs (craftsmen)
Peasants (eligible but undesirable)

Excluded from office

Manual laborers, women,
resident aliens
Persons engaged in
dishonorable occupations