

**Racial and Ethnic Politics
POL_SC 9240 (56695)**

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**Tuesdays: 6pm-8:30pm
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Course Description

This graduate-level seminar is designed to examine the various controversies that surround the role of race and ethnicity in American society—and beyond, when possible. Such issues affect public opinion, political institutions, political behavior, and public policy debates. This course will assess the contemporary and historical influence of race in these domains.

Requirements

The requirements for this seminar are as follows:

- Two 8-10 page papers critically analyzing selected readings from the five parts of the course as set forth in the syllabus.
- Rotating leadership of class discussions (i.e. presenting overviews of the readings as well as developing discussion questions) and thoughtful participation in class. Leadership of class discussion means coming prepared to briefly summarize the main arguments of each of the day's readings. You should also generate a comprehensive list of questions to engage the class in these readings, and have in mind your own set of critiques and comments.
- A final research proposal, 12-15 pages in length, outlining a research agenda on some topic related to the course. This research proposal should include a brief literature review and it should present some set of hypotheses to be explored. Specifically, it should include all the elements of a published article without the exception of an empirical section (although I would encourage you engage in some preliminary or exploratory analyses if possible). Students should meet with me early in the semester to discuss the research proposal. Even if you don't plan to make REP a central part of your project, the paper should consider the ways in which REP can make your project better. The due dates for all of the papers are listed below.

All papers should be double spaced, with 12-point font, and one-inch margins. Papers will be graded on the extent to which they present a clear and persuasive argument with supporting evidence. They should be free of grammatical errors and typos. Each paper should be sent directly by email (benjaminan@missouri.edu) on or before the deadlines stated below. Papers submitted after the deadlines posted below will be penalized one letter grade for each day they are late.

Required Texts:

Electronic versions of all required materials will be available at the course Canvas site, with the exception of three texts:

Benjamin, Andrea. 2017. *Racial Coalition Building in Local Elections: Elite Cues and Cross-Ethnic Voting*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Hajnal and Lee. 2011. *Why Americans Don't Join the Party: Race, Immigration, and the Failure (of Political Parties) to Engage the Electorate*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Trounstine, Jessica. 2018. *Segregation by Design. Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities*. New York: Cambridge University Press (this is available 10/31).

Grading

Critical analysis paper #1 (20%)

Critical analysis paper #2 (20%)

Discussion leadership and class participation (30%)

Research Paper (30%)

Writing and Intellectual Responsibility

Writing is an important part of this class. All essays should have a clear argument, including a thesis statement supported with evidence from course readings. You are fully and directly responsible for everything submitted under your name as your own work. This means that if you paraphrase, take direct quotations from, or are inspired by any other source (readings, internet sources, or other people) you must properly cite these sources in your written work. Any conduct that does not comply with this rule will be considered plagiarism and will face serious consequences including failing the course.

Course Schedule

Aug 21—Week 1: Introduction to Class

Background

Aug 28—Week 2: Historical Overview

Myrdal, Gunnar. 1996 (1944). *An American Dilemma*. Transaction Publishers. Original edition, Harper and Row. Ch. 1 and 2 (Pp. 3-49).

Jones, Mack, and Alex Willingham. 1970 (June). "The White Custodians of the Black Experience." *Social Science Quarterly*. Pp. 31-36.

Thernstrom, Stephan and Abigail Thernstrom. 1999. *American in Black and White: One Nation, Indivisible*. New York: Simon & Schuster. Introduction (pg. 13-22), Ch. 1 (pg. 25-52).

Williams, Linda Faye. 2003. *The Constraint of Race: Legacies of White Skin Privilege*. Ch. 1 (25-68).

Smedley, Audrey. 2007. "The History of the Idea of Race...And Why It Matters." Paper Presented at the conference "Race, Human Variation and Disease: Consensus and Frontiers." Sponsored by the American Anthropological Association.

Suggested:

Steinberg, Stephen. 2007. *Race Relations: A Critique*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Ch. 2 (pg. 41-110).

Political Issues

Sept 4—Week 3: Pressure Groups

McAdam, Doug. 1982. *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970*. University of Chicago Press. Ch. 3 (Pp. 36-59).

King Jr., Martin Luther. 1968. "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution." Delivered at the National Cathedral, Washington D.C., on 31 March 1968.

Sales, William W. Jr. 1994. *From Civil Rights to Black Liberation: Malcolm X and the Organization of Afro-American Unity*. South End Press. Ch. 3, and Ch. 6 (pg. 39-50; 133-164).

X, Malcolm. 1965. *Malcolm X: The Last Speeches*. Pathfinder Press. "Not Just an American Problem but a World Problem." 151-181.

Suggested:

McAdam, Doug. 1982. *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970*. University of Chicago Press. Ch. 7 and 8 (Pp. 36-59; 146-229).

Sept 11—Week 4: Achieving Political Empowerment

Browning, Rufus P., Dale Rogers Marshall, and David Tabb. 1984. *Protest is Not Enough: The Struggle of Blacks and Hispanics for Equality in Urban Politics*. University of California Press. Ch. 2 and 3 (Pp. 46-135).

Ture, Kwame and Charles Hamilton. 1992 (1967). *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation*. Vintage Books. Ch 2 and 3 (Pp. 34-84).

Sonenshein, Raphael J. 1993. *Politics in Black and White: Race and Power in Los Angeles*. Princeton University Press. Ch 1, 7, 14 (Pp. 3-20; 101-113; 229-245).

Preuhs, Robert R. 2006. "The Conditional Effects of Minority Descriptive Representation: Black Legislators and Policy Influence in the American States." *The Journal of Politics*. 68(3): 585-599.

Sept 18—Week 5: Prospects for Competition or Coalition

Bobo, Lawrence and Vincent L. Hutchings. 1996. "Perceptions of Racial Group Competition: Extending Blumer's Theory of Group Position to a Multiracial Social Context." *American Sociological Review*. (Dec 1996). Pp. 951-972.

Kim, Claire Jean. 2000. *Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. Pg. 1-52; 109-155.

McClain, Paula D., Niambi M. Carter, Victoria M. DeFrancesco Soto, Monique L. Lyle, Jeffrey D. Grynawski, Shayla C. Nunnally, Thomas J. Scotto, J. Alan Kendrick, Gerald F. Lackey, and Kendra Davenport Cotton. 2006. "Racial Distancing in a Southern City: Latino Immigrants' Views of Black Americans." *Journal of Politics* 68: 571-584.

Kaufmann, Karen. 2003. "Cracks in the Rainbow: Group Commonality as a Basis for Latino and African-American Political Coalitions" *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 56, No. 2, 199-210.

Benjamin, Andrea. 2017. *Racial Coalition Building in Local Elections: Elite Cues and Cross-Ethnic Voting*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Identity, Ideology, and Political Behavior

Sept 25—Week 6: Racial/Ethnic Identity and Ideology

Dawson, Michael. 1994. *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African American Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Ch. 3 and 4 (45-95).

Sniderman, Paul M., and Thomas Piazza. 2002. *Black Pride and Black Prejudice*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Ch. 1 & 2 (Pp. 1-60).

Kaiser, Cheryl R., and Jennifer S. Pratt-Hyatt. 2009. "Distributing Prejudice Unequally: Do Whites Direct their Prejudice Toward Strongly Identified Minorities?" *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 96(2): 432-445.

N. Masuoka. 2008. "Defining the Group: Latino Identity and Political Participation." *American Politics Research*. 2008 36: 33-61.

Suggested:

Gay, Claudine. 2004. "Putting Race in Context: Identifying the Environmental Determinants of Black Racial Attitudes." *American Political Science Review* 98(4): 547-562.

FIRST PAPER DUE October 2nd at beginning of class

Oct 2—Week 7: Racial Attitudes

Kinder, Donald R., and Lynn M. Sanders. 1996. *Divided by Color: Racial Politics and Democratic Ideals*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Ch. 2, 4 and 5 (Pp. 12-34; 49-127).

Sniderman, Paul & Edward G. Carmines. 1997. *Reaching Beyond Race*. Harvard: Harvard University Press. Chapters 3 and 4.

DiTomaso, Nancy. 2012. *The American Non-Dilemma: Racial Inequality without Racism*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Chapter 3 (pg. 67-100).

Suggested:

Bobo, Lawrence D., and Mia Tuan. 2006. *Prejudice in Politics: Group Position, Public Opinion, and the Wisconsin Treaty Rights Dispute*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1 and 4 (pgs 23-47; 132-173)

Oct 9—Week 8: The Intersection of Race, Gender and Sexuality

Crenshaw, Kimberley. 1995. "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color." In *Critical Race Theory : The Key Writings that formed the Movement*. Kimberley Crenshaw, Neil Gotanda, Gary Peller, and Kendall Thomas (eds.). New York: The New Press. Pp. 357-383.

Harris-Perry, Melissa V. 2011. *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 4, and 5 (Pp. 28-50, 134-220).

Cohen, Cathy J. 1999. *The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Ch. 1, 2 (pg. 1-77)

Suggested:

Cohen, Cathy J. 1999. *The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Ch.7 (pg. 220-249).

Oct 16—Week 9: Parties, Elections and Participation

Bentele, Keith G., and Erin E. O'Brien. 2013. "Jim Crow 2.0? Why States Consider and Adopt Restrictive Access Policies." *Perspectives on Politics* 11(4): 1088-1116.

Bobo, Lawrence and Franklin Gilliam, Jr. 1990. "Race, Sociopolitical Participation and Black Empowerment." *American Political Science Review*. (June, 1990). Pp. 377-394.

Hajnal and Lee. 2011. *Why Americans Don't Join the Party: Race, Immigration, and the Failure (of Political Parties) to Engage the Electorate*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Pettit, Becky. 2012. *Invisible Men: Mass Incarceration and The Myth of Black Progress*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Chapter 5 (pg. 70-82).

Rodriguez, Javier M., and Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound, and Danny Dorling. 2016. "Black Lives Matter: Differential Mortality and the Racial Composition of the U.S. Electorate, 1970-2004." *Social Science & Medicine* 136-137: 193-199.

M. Barreto et.al. 2008. "Should They Dance with the One Who Brung 'Em: Latinos and the 2008 Presidential Election." *PS: Political Science and Politics*. October: 753-760.

Media, Campaigns, and Public Policy

Oct 23—Week 10: Race and Crime

Thernstrom, Stephan and Abigail Thernstrom. 1999. *American in Black and White: One Nation, Indivisible*. New York: Simon & Schuster. Ch. 10 (pg.258-285).

Gilliam Jr. Franklin D., Iyengar Shanto. 2000. "Prime suspects: the influence of local television news on the viewing public." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 560-73.

Viglione, Jill, Lance Hannon, and Robert DeFina. 2010. "The Impact of Light Skin on Prison Time for Black Female Offenders." *The Social Science Journal* 48: 250-258.

Pager, Devah, Bruce Western, and Bart Bonikowski. 2009. "Discrimination in a Low-Wage Labor Market: A Field Experiment." *American Sociological Review* 74: 777-799.

Baumgartner, Frank R., Derek A. Epp, Kelsey Shoub, and Bayard Love. 2017. "Targeting Young Men of Color for Search and Arrest During Traffic Stops." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5(1): 107-131.

Weaver, Vesla. 2010. "The Electoral Consequences of Skin Color: The 'Hidden' Side of Race in Politics." *Political Behavior*. Published online December 31, 2010.

Suggested:

Goff, Phillip Atiba, Jennifer L. Eberhardt, Melissa J. Williams, Matthew Christian Jackson. 2008. "Not Yet Human: Implicit Knowledge, Historical Dehumanization, and Contemporary Consequences." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 94(2): 292-306.

Oct 30—Week 11: Race, Campaigns, and Media

Gilens, Martin. 1999. *Why Americans Hate Welfare*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 5 and 6 (Pp. 102-153).

Mendelberg, Tali. 2001. *The Race Card: Campaign Strategy, Implicit Messages, and the Norm of Equality*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapters 5 and 6 (Pp. 134-190).

Tesler, Michael. 2012. "The Spillover of Racialization into Health Care: How President Obama Polarized Public Opinion by Racial Attitudes and Race." *American Journal of Political Science* 56(3): 690-704

Hutchings, Vincent L., Hanes Walton Jr., and Andrea Benjamin. 2010. "The Impact of Explicit Racial Cues on Gender Differences in Support for Confederate Symbols and Partisanship." *The Journal of Politics* 72(4): 1-14.

Nov 6—Week 12: Race, Public Policy, and the 21st Century

Smith, Robert C. 1996. *We Have No Leaders: African Americans in the Post-Civil Rights Era*. State University of New York Press. Ch. 10-11 (p.255-276; 277-281).

Thernstrom, Stephan and Abigail Thernstrom. 1999. *American in Black and White: One Nation, Indivisible*. New York: Simon & Schuster. Ch. 7 (pg.183-202).

Shapiro, Thomas M. 2004. *The Hidden Cost of Being African American: How Wealth Perpetuates Inequality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Ch. 2 (p. 42-59), Ch. 4 (p. 87-104).

Williams, Linda Faye. 2003. *The Constraint of Race: Legacies of White Skin Privilege in America*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press. Ch. 8 and Conclusion (367-407).

Pettit, Becky. 2012. *Invisible Men: Mass Incarceration and The Myth of Black Progress*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Chapter 4 (pg. 50-69).

SECOND PAPER Due November 13th by beginning of class

Nov 13—Week 13: Race and Ethnic Politics in the Comparative Context

APSA_CP_2004

<https://immigrationlab.org>

Varshney, A. (2001). Ethnic Conflict and Civil Society: India and Beyond. *World Politics*, 53(3), 362-398.

Gellner, Ernest. 1983. *Nations and Nationalism*. Oxford: Blackwell. (Excerpts)

Anderson, Benedict. 1991. *Imagined Communities*. London: Verso. (Excerpts)

Horowitz, Donald. 2001 *Ethnic Groups in Conflict*. Berkeley: University of California Press. (Excerpts)

***Additional Articles I will post.**

Nov 27—Week 14: Race and Ethnic Politics—Urban and Local

Trounstein, Jessica. *Segregation by Design. Local Politics and Inequality in American Cities*. New York: Cambridge University Press

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstein, “Where Turnout Matters: The Consequences of Uneven Turnout in City Politics,” *Journal of Politics*, Volume 67, Number 2, 2005

“Benjamin, Andrea and Alexis Miller. Under Review. Making Coalitions. Picking Winners: How Political Organizations Influence Local Elections.”

Hajnal, Zoltan and Jessica Trounstein, “What Underlies Urban Politics: Race, Class, Ideology, Partisanship and the Urban Vote,” *Urban Affairs Review*, Volume 50, Issue 1, 2014

Dec 4—Week 15: Wrap Up

TBD

Research Proposal Due Tuesday, December 4th, by 5:00 p.m. Please e-mail an electronic copy AND deliver a hard copy of your paper to my office by this deadline.