

RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Political Science 100H Fall 2012
Tue-Thu 12:30-1:50pm CENTR 214

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Description: The course focuses on how attributions of racial difference shape American political institutions and our civil and public life more broadly. Each week of the course provides a brief overview of a different aspect of race relations in America. Throughout the course we will examine widely divergent understandings of America's 'race problem' both to provide a more informed assessment of what the problems are as well as to evaluate various solutions.

Format and requirements: The course will consist of two class meetings each week. I will lecture but questions and discussions are always welcome. Attendance and reading are mandatory. 35 percent of your grade will be based on an in-class mid-term exam. Another twenty percent of your grade will be based on one 5 page paper which is due on November 15th. The remaining 45 percent of your grade will be based on final exam scheduled for Friday December 14th at 11:30am. Students who regularly participate in class and do so in a helpful manner can obtain up to a 5 percent bonus to their grade.

Note: All readings for a particular date should be done before the beginning of class. I reserve the right to give the class an in-class pop quiz worth up to 5 percent of the grade if I find that students are not doing the reading before class.

Grading Policy: Appeals about grades must be type-written, double spaced, and no more than one page long. They must be submitted to your TA. The TA's decision is final.

Required Readings: All course readings with the exception of the two required books will be available either on e-reserves at: <http://reserves.ucsd.edu/eres/default.aspx> (password ***zh100h***) or on the Ted/WebCT Course Website. Most of the readings are at e-reserves so CHECK THERE FIRST. Only the longer book sections will be on Ted/WebCT.

Required Books: Alex Kotlowitz (1991). *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*.

Sonia Nazario (2007). *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother*.

Both are available at the bookstore or can be ordered online.

Paper Topic: Choose a pressing aspect of America's 'race problem'. Choose something that you care about – not simply the biggest problem. Answer the following question: How can this problem be resolved most successfully? Please address both possible critics and proponents of your plan from class readings. Also be sure to consider the constraints of America's current political arena. *Don't write more than five pages- double spaced - 12 point font. The paper is due on November 15th before 12:30pm. All papers must be submitted through **Turnitin on the TED WebCT course website**. Each day late will lower your actual grade by one full letter grade - no exceptions.*

Reading List

9/27 INTRODUCTION

10/2 WHAT IS R ACE? HOW IS RACE POLITICAL?

Frantz Fanon (1992). "Fact of Blackness" in David Theo Goldberg, *Anatomy of Racism*. Pp 108-126.

Kevin Johnson (1999) *How Did you Get to be Mexican American?* Pp 73-88

Michael Omi (2001). "The Changing Meaning of Race" In Neil Smelser et al, *America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences Vol I*. Pp243-263

10/4 TRENDS IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING

Rebecca M. Blank (2001). "An Overview of Trends in Social and Economic Well-Being by Race" In Neil Smelser et al, *America Becoming: Racial Trends and TheirConsequences Vol I*. Pp21-40

Stephan Thernstrom and Abigail Thernstrom (1997) *America in Black and White: One Nation Indivisible*. Pp 183-202

Start reading Alex Kotlowitz (1991). *There are no Children Here* (whole book)

10/9 LIVING IN URBAN POVERTY

Finish reading Alex Kotlowitz (1991). *There are no Children Here* (whole book)

Sabrina Tavernise (2011). "Study Finds Big Spike in Poorest in the US" *New York Times* Nov 4, pg A20

10/11 DISCRIMINATION

Kirschenman and Neckerman (1991). "'We'd Love to Hire Them, But ...' The Meaning of Race for Employers" in Christopher Jencks and Paul Peterson, *The Urban Underclass* pp 203-234

Joe Feagin (1994). "The Continuing Significance of Race: Antiblack Discrimination in Public Places" in Fred L. Pincus and Howard J. Ehrlich, *Race and Ethnic Conflict: Contending Views on Prejudice, Discrimination, and Ethnoviolence*. pp 98-114.

Frank Wu (2002) *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* Ch 3

Robert Jensen (1998). "White Privilege Shapes the U.S." *The Baltimore Sun* July 19. 1C

10/16 IMMIGRATION AS A PROBLEM?

George Borjas (1995) "Know the Flow" *National Review* April 17

Frank Bean and Gillian Stevens (2003) *America's Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity* Chs 1, 4, 9

Samuel Huntington (2004) "The Hispanic Challenge" *Foreign Policy* (March/April)

Jack Citrin et al (2009) Testing Huntington: Is Hispanic Immigration a Threat to American Identity? *Perspectives on Politics* 5(1):31-48

Eyal Press (2006). "Do Immigrants Make Us Safer?" *The New York Times* December 3

10/18 THE POLITICS OF IMMIGRATION

Wayne Cornelius (2002). Ambivalent Reception: Mass Public Responses to the "New" Latino Immigration to the United States. In *Latinos: Remaking America*. Edited by Marcelo Suarez-Orozco and Mariela Paez. University of California Press.

Wayne Cornelius (2005). Controlling 'Unwanted' Immigration: Lessons from the United States, 1993-2004. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 31(4) pp 775-794

Begin reading Sonia Nazario (2007). *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother*, whole book.

10/23 LIFE AS AN IMMIGRANT

Finish Sonia Nazario (2007). *Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with His Mother*, whole book.

10/25 ARE BLACKS, LATINOS, AND ASIAN AMERICANS POLITICAL GROUPS?

Michael Dawson (1994). *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*. Pp 3-15

Peter Skerry (1997). "E Pluribus Hispanic?" In *Pursing Power: Latinos and the Political System*, F. Chris Garcia (Editor), pp 16-30

Marisa Abrajano and Michael Alvarez (2010). New Faces, New Voices: The Hispanic Electorate in America. Ch 1-2

Yen Le Espiritu (1992). *Asian American Panethnicity*. Ch 1-2

Pei-te Lien (2001). *Making of Asian America through Political Participation*. Pp 170-197

*NOTE There will be a midterm review during this class session

10/30 MIDTERM EXAM (In Class)

11/1 WHITE ATTITUDES

Lawrence Bobo (2001). "Racial Attitudes and Relations at the Close of the Twentieth Century" In Neil Smelser et al, *America Becoming: Racial Trends and Their Consequences Vol I*. Pp 264-301

Taeku Lee (2000). "Racial Attitudes and the Color Line(s) at the Close of the Twentieth Century" in Paul M. Ong, *Transforming Race Relations: The State of Asian Pacific America*. Pp 103-158

11/6 UNDERSTANDING WHITE ATTITUDES

Paul Sniderman and Edward Carmines (1997). *Reaching Beyond Race*. Pp 99-139.

Donald Kinder and Lynn Sanders (1996). *Divided By Color: Racial Politics and Democratic Ideals*. Pp 12-34, 92-127.

11/8 THE ROLE OF RACE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Martin Gilens (1991) *Why Americans Hate Welfare: Race, Media, and the Politics of Antipoverity Policy* Chapter 3

Edsall and Edsall (1992). *Chain Reaction: The Impact of Race, Rights and Taxes on American Politics*. pp 3-31, 215-231, 289-292

Alan Abramowitz. "Issue Evolution Reconsidered: Racial Attitudes and Partisanship in the US Electorate" *American Journal of Political Science* 38 (1994):1-24

11/13 MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Shaun Bowler and Gary Segura (2012). The Future is Ours: Minority Politics, Political Behavior, and the Multiracial Era of American Politics. Pages 45-51, 65-67, Chapter 6

Zoltan Hajnal (2009) Who Loses in American Democracy? A Count of Votes Demonstrates the Limited Representation of African Americans. *American Political Science Review* 103 (1 (Feb)): 37-57.

11/15 THE ROLE OF RACE IN THE VOTING BOOTH

Nayda Terkildsen "When White Voters Evaluate Black Candidates: The Processing Implications of Candidate Skin Color, Prejudice and Self-Monitoring" *American Journal of Political Science* 37 (1993): 1032-1053

Benjamin Highton (2004) "White Voters and African American Candidates for Congress" *Political Behavior* 26(1):1-25

Timothy Egan (2000). "When to Campaign with Color" *New York Times* June 20. A1

Michael Lewis-Beck et al. (2010) "Obama's Missed Landslide: A Racial Cost?" *PS: Political Science and Politics*. 43(1):69-76

Karthick Ramakrishnan et al (2009). Race-Based Considerations and the Obama Vote: Evidence from the 2008 National Asian American Survey. *Dubois Review* 6(1):219-238.

Five Page Paper due by 12pm 11/15 on Ted course website

11/20 and 11/22 NO CLASS. ENJOY. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

11/26 VOTING RIGHTS: PAST

Frank Parker (1990). *Black Votes Count: Political Empowerment in Mississippi After 1965*. Read chapters 1,2,5,7.

11/28 VOTING RIGHTS: PRESENT AND FUTURE

Bruce Cain (1992). "Voting Rights and Democratic Theory: Toward A Color Blind Society" in Grofman and Davidson, *Controversies in Minority Voting: The Voting Rights Act in Perspective*. Pp 261-277

Lani Guinier (1992) "Voting Rights and Democratic Theory: Where Do We Go From Here?" in Grofman and Davidson, *Controversies in Minority Voting: The Voting Rights Act in Perspective*. Pp 283-292

Abigail Thernstrom (1995). "Rule of Law: Racial Gerrymanders Come Before the Supreme Court" *Wall Street Journal* April 12 pg A15

Shaun Bowler and Gary Segura (2012). *The Future is Ours: Minority Politics, Political Behavior, and the Multiracial Era of American Politics*. Chapter 8

12/4 RACE RELATIONS: WHERE ARE WE NOW? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Shaun Bowler and Gary Segura (2012). *The Future is Ours: Minority Politics, Political Behavior, and the Multiracial Era of American Politics*. Chapters 5 and 12

Jennifer Hochschild et al (2011) "Destabilizing the American Racial Order" *Daedalus* 140(2) Spring pp 151-165

Frank Bean and Gillian Stevens (2003) *America's Newcomers and the Dynamics of Diversity* pp 232-249

Zoltan Hajnal and Michael Rivera. 2012. *Immigration, Race, and the Transformation of the Politics of White America*

12/6 Discussion/Review of the Course

FINAL EXAM: Friday December 14th 11:30am-2:30pm