

## Political Science 110EB: American Political Thought from Civil War to Civil Rights

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### Textbooks (for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore):

*Africans in the Americas: A History of the Black Diaspora* by Coniff, Michael I and David, Thomas J.  
*The American Intellectual Tradition: A Sourcebook* by David A. Hollinger (Editor), Charles Capper (Editor).  
*Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, Mark Twain  
*Capitalism and Freedom*, Milton Friedman  
*War is a Racket*, Smedley Butler  
*The Feminine Mystique*, Betty Friedan

### Grading:

First paper – 25%  
Second paper – 35%  
Final Exam (take-home) – 25%  
3 reading quizzes/homework: 15%

### Extra Credit: Politics in Action!

A small amount of extra credit (increasing a paper grade ONE partial grade, i.e. from a B to a B+) will be given to those to engage in a minimum of 5 hours of political activity, write a 1-2 page report of your experience, and then present to the class for 3 minutes.

### Plagiarism policy:

Any and all plagiarism will be prosecuted to the full extent of university policy.

### Extension policy:

One extension will be granted on either the first or the second paper. The extension must be requested IN WRITING (NOT EMAIL) on or before the paper due date. Extension is good for ONE CLASS session only (i.e. if the paper is due on Monday, the extension will give you until Wednesday).

### All other policies policy:

Grandma die? Dog eat your homework? A note from the doctor solves all of these kinds of problems. No note, no leniency.

## Weekly Schedule:

### Unit One: Race from Reconstruction to Civil Rights

Week One: Intro to the class and the history of race in America

Reading Assignment: *Africans in the Americas*. If you took 110EA then read the ENTIRE BOOK (you've read parts of it before, so it's easier on you); if you did not take 110EA then read p. vii-30; 46-64; 89-154; 175-268; Gunnar Myrdal in *AIT*, 276-285; John Crowe Ransome, "Reconstructed but Unregenerate", 233-245; Du Bois, "The Souls of Black Folk", 155-160.

Week Two: The Problems of Reconstruction and Twain's Connecticut Yankee

Reading Assignment: Twain, *Connecticut Yankee* (entire).

Week Three: What is to be Done?

Reading: *AIT*; James Baldwin, "Many Thousands Gone", 309-320; Edward Said, 510-521; MLK "Birmingham Jail", 475-483; Malcolm X "Ballot or the Bullet" (ONLINE).

Week Four: Paper Writing Workshop.

Monday: Paper Writing Suggestions

Wednesday: NO CLASS

Friday: Discuss/help with paper topics.

**Unit Two: The Gilded Age to the Cold War; or, is the market a system of freedom or domination?**

Week Five: Introducing the free market

Monday: first paper due.

Read: Woodrow Wilson, *AIT* 147-155; William Graham Sumner; 27-37. Milton Friedman *Capitalism and Freedom*; Jane Adams "A Modern Lear" and "The subjective necessity of social settlements."

Week Six: Perspectives on the market: freedom, constraint, and progressive social reform

Read: *War is a Racket* (entire) Herbert Marcuse, *AIT* 490-500; Thorstein Veblen; 132-147; Sidney Hook, 245-257; C. Wright Mills 435-443. Selections from "The Marxist Dictionary" and Gaventa "Power and Powerlessness."

Week Seven: Is a third way possible?

Monday, Discussion

Wednesday, Discussion

Friday, Introduce Feminism

**Unit Three: Civil Rights and Identity Politics: from race to sex and gender in the second half of the American twentieth century**

Week Eight: First to Second Wave Feminism

Monday: Second paper due.

Read: Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, *AIT* 55-60, Charlotte Perkins Gilman in *AIT* 96-103; Judith Sklar "Liberalism of Fear."

Week Nine: From Second to Third Wave

Read: Susan B. Okin "Gender and Multiculturalism" (ONLINE); *American Intellectual Tradition*: Susan Sontag, 483-490; Nancy Chodorow, 521-533; Richard Rorty, 533-544; Gloria Anzaldúa, 499-504; Joan W. Scott, 585-597.

Week Ten: Discuss and write papers.

Monday: discussion

Wednesday: more discussion, what is to be done?

Friday: wrap-up.

**Final Exam DUE, Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 8-10:50 CSB 002.**