

This course is a general survey course that examines the ways in which race and ethnicity structures the opportunities of minority actors. This course will examine in-group agency, the limits of electoral politics, as well as the import of nontraditional political action. Moreover, the course will examine the tensions that exist within and among minority groups, particularly around policy areas like immigration as well as the inherently competitive nature of zero-sum political competition. Further, we examine the geography of citizenship status, history, and how these forces influence the similarities and differences in political agendas and strategies adopted by different racial/ethnic groups. The goal is to enhance student understandings of minority politics and American politics.

Required Texts

Niambi M. Carter *American while Black: African Americans Immigration and the Limits of Citizenship*

Matthew Frye Jacobson *Whiteness of a Different Color: European Immigrants and the Alchemy of Race*

Doug McAdam *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency*

Daniel HoSang, Oneka LaBennett and Laura Pulido, *Racial Formation in the 21st Century* (University of California Press, 2012).

Course Outline and Reading Assignments

Introduction: The Makings of Minority Politics

McAdam *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency*

King, Desmond S., and Rogers M. Smith. "THE LAST STAND?: Shelby County v. Holder, White Political Power, and America's Racial Policy Alliances." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 13, no. 1 (2016): 25-44.

Chin, Gabriel J., and Douglas M. Spencer. "Did Multicultural America Result from a Mistake-The 1965 Immigration Act and Evidence from Roll Call Votes." *University of Illinois Law Rev.* (2015): 1239.

Civil Rights Act (1964)

Voting Rights Act (1965)

Immigration and Naturalization Act (1965)

Thinking about 'Race'

HoSang et. al. Ch. 4

Prewitt, Kenneth. "Racial classification in America: where do we go from here?." *Daedalus* 134, no. 1 (2005): 5-17.

Pew Hispanic Center, "From 200 Million to 300 Million: The Numbers Behind Population Growth" October 10, 2006. **(BB)**

Jennifer Lee and Frank Bean. 2007. "Reinventing the Color Line: Immigration and America's New Racial Divide," *Social Forces*, 86(2): 561-586.

Kimberly TallBear. 2003. "DNA, Blood, and Racializing the Tribe," *Wicazo Sa Review*, 18(1): 81-107

Blake Neff "Yet Another Academic is in Trouble for Being a Fake Indian," *The Daily Caller*. September 17, 2015. <http://dailycaller.com/2015/09/17/yet-another-academic-is-in-trouble-for-being-a-fake-indian/>

Racial, Ethnic Identities and Politics

What is a 'race' or 'ethnicity'? What makes 'race' or 'ethnicity' politically relevant? What are racial/ethnic minorities? Where do ethnic categories come from and what do they mean? Are immigrants minorities?

Howard Winant, "Race and Race Theory," *Annual Review of Sociology* v. 26, 2000, pp. 169- 185. **(BB)**

Deborah Schildkraut, "White Attitudes about Descriptive Representation in the US: the roles of Identity, discrimination and linked fate," *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
Reynolds Farley, "Presentation to the President's Initiative on Race," 1998 **(BB)** Lawrence Wright, "One Drop of Blood" *The New Yorker*, July 25, 1994 v. 70 n. 22 **(BB)** Amy Harmon, Clair Jean Kim "The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans"

Slavery and the Constitution

Is racism built into the fabric of the American republic? What, if anything, do is owed to populations which suffered harm?

Pauli Murray, "The Historical Development of Race Laws in the United States," *Journal of Negro Education*, 22:1 (Winter 1953) pp. 4-15. **(BB)**

Charles Ogletree, "Repairing the Past: New Efforts in the Reparations Debate in America," 38 *Harvard Civil Rights Civil Liberties Law Review* 279, 317- (2003). **(BB)**

"Mexican Migrants Who Worked in the U.S. Push for Old Savings" *New York Times*, February 15, 2004 **(BB)**

Daryl Fears, "In Tulsa, Keeping Alive 1921s Painful Memory; Recognition, Reparations Sought for Race Riot" *Washington Post*, May 31, 2005. **(BB)**

Ronald Walters, 2003. "The Politics of Black Memory." *Souls*, 5(3): 1-7

Gregg Jones, "Apology Sought for Latino 'Repatriation' Drive in 1930s" *Los Angeles Times*, July 15, 2003. **(BB)**

Immigration and Race

Does it make a difference how people came? Does it make a difference when they came?

Niambi Carter, *American While Black: African Americans, Immigration and the Limits of Citizenship*.

Alvin Tillery & Michelle Chresfield. 2012. "Model Blacks or "Ras the Exhorter": A Quantitative Content Analysis of Black Newspapers' Coverage of the First Wave of Afro Caribbean Immigration to the United States," *Journal of Black Studies* doi:10.1177/0021934712439065

Raul A. Reyes, "Afro-Latinos Seek Recognition and Accurate Census Count," *NBC News* <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/hispanic-heritage-month/afro-latinos-seek-recognition-accurate-census-count-n207426>

Sonya Tafoya, "Shades of Belonging," *Pew Hispanic Center Report*, December 2004. **(BB)**

Wayne Cornelius, "Impacts of Border Enforcement on Unauthorized Mexican Migration to the United States," *Social Science Research Council*, "Border Battles: The US Immigration Debates" September 2006. <http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Cornelius/>

Mae Ngai. 2003. "The Strange Career of the Illegal Alien: Immigration Restriction and Deportation Policy in the United States, 1921-1965." *Law and History Review* 21(1): 69-107

Jane Junn and Natalie Masuoka. 2008. "Asian American Identity: Shared Racial Status and Political Context," *Perspectives on Politics*, pp. 729-40

Membership and Citizenship

How have the boundaries and contents of citizenship fluctuated over time?

Jacobson, *Whiteness of a Different Color*

William Tuttle, "Contested Neighborhoods and Racial Violence: Prelude to the Chicago Riot of 1919," *Journal of Negro History* 55:4 October 1970 pp. 266-288. **(BB)**

Samuel Huntington, "Why Mexico is a Problem," *American Enterprise Online* v. 11 December 2000. **(BB)**

Jeanne Batalova, "Spotlight on Naturalization Trends," *Migration Policy Institute*, September 2006. **(BB)**

Michele Wucker, "Civics Lessons From Immigrants" *American Prospect* 14:7 July 3, 2003. **(BB)**

Jamin Raskin "Time to Give Aliens the Vote (Again)," *The Nation* 256:13 April 5 1993 pp. 1, 451-2. **(BB)**

Protest: Organizing From Below

What makes collective grassroots mobilization possible? How effective is it?

Doug McAdam, *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press 1982) pp. 94-145, 181-229

Melissa Harris-Lacewell, *Barbershops, Bibles and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 2004), ch 6, pp. 204-249.

Robert C. Smith, "Black Power and the Transformation from Protest to Policies," *Political Science Quarterly* 96:3 Autumn 1981, pp. 431-443. **(BB)**

Christina Greer, *Black Ethnics*, Chs 3-4

Ruth Milkman, "Labor and the New Immigrant Rights Movement: Lessons from California"

Social Science Research Council, "Border Battles: The US Immigration Debates" September 2006. **(BB)**

Is Minority Politics Gendered?

How do the politics of gender fit in with the politics of race?

Melissa Harris-Lacewell, "Policing Conservatives, Believing Feminists: Reactions to Unpopular Ideologies in Everyday Black Talk" pp. 110-135, Chapter 4 in *Barbershops, Bibles and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 2004).

Jewel Prestage, "In Quest of the African American Political Woman" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* v. 515 May 1991, pp. 88-103. **(BB)**

Deborah King, "Multiple Jeopardy, Multiple Consciousness: The Context of a Black Feminist Ideology," *Signs* 14:1 Autumn 1988, pp. 42-72. **(BB)**

Voting Rights

What was the purpose of the VRA? Has it been effective? Is it consistent with democratic principles? What are the alternatives?

Chandler Davidson, "The Voting Rights Act: A Brief History" in Bernard Grofman and Chandler Davidson eds. *Controversies in Minority Voting: The Voting Rights Act in Perspective* (WDC: Brookings Institution 1992) pp. 7-51. **(BB)**

Lisa Handley and Bernard Grofman, "The Impact of the Voting Rights Act on Minority Representation: Black Officeholding in Southern State Legislatures and Congressional Delegations" in Chandler Davidson and Bernard Grofman eds. *Quiet Revolution in the South: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 1994) pp. 335-350 **(BB)**

Bruce Cain, "Voting Rights and Democratic Theory: Toward a Color Blind Society?" in Bernard Grofman and Chandler Davidson eds. *Controversies in Minority Voting: The Voting Rights Act in Perspective* (WDC: Brookings Institution 1992) pp. 261-277. **(BB)**

Lani Guinier, "The Miner's Canary," Chs. 1-2

Robert C. Smith, "Black Power and the Transformation from Protest to Politics" *Political Science Quarterly* 96:3 Autumn 1983, pp. 431-443. **(BB)**

Electoral Mobilization: Who Votes and Why

How effective has electoral mobilization been? Are there still advantages to other avenues of mobilization? When and why?

Melissa Michelson, "Meeting the Challenge of Latino Voter Mobilization," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* v. 601 September 2005 pp. 85-101. **(BB)**

Tova Wang, "African Americans, Voting Machines and Spoiled Ballots: A Challenge to Election Reform" Issue Brief, The Century Foundation, 2004. **(BB)**

Christopher Uggen and Jeff Manza, "Democratic Contraction? Political Consequences of Felon Disenfranchisement in the United States," *American Sociological Review* 67:6 December 2002 pp. 777-803. **(BB)**

The Limits of Electoral Politics: Representation

Does descriptive representation really help? How and what do minority representatives represent?

Jane Mansbridge, "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent 'Yes'" *Journal of Politics*, 61:3 August 1999 pp. 628-657. **(BB)**

Lawrence Bobo, Franklin Gilliam, "Race, Sociopolitical Participation and Black Empowerment," *American Political Science Review* 84:2 June 1990 pp. 377-393. **(BB)**
Claudine Gay, "The Effect of Black Congressional Representation on Political Participation" *American Political Science Review* 95:3 September 2001 pp. 589-602. **(BB)**
Christine Leveaux Sharpe and James Garand, "Race, Roll Calls and Redistricting: The Impact of Race-Based Redistricting on Congressional Roll-Call" *Political Research Quarterly* 54:1 (March 2001) pp. 31-51. **(BB)**
Yron Orey and Boris Ricks. "A Systematic Analysis of the Deracialization Concept," <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1024&context=poliscifacpub>

Coalitions and Competition

America's minorities are becoming more ethnically diverse. What are the implications for minority politics? Will there be one minority politics or many?

Kwame Ture and Charles Hamilton, *Black Power: The Politics of Liberation* (New York: Random House 1992) pp. 59-84. **(BB)**

Reuel Rogers, "Black Like Who? Afro-Caribbean Immigrants, African Americans and the Politics of Group Identity," Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Syracuse University, Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, April 9, 2004. **(BB)**

James Johnson, Walter Farrell and Chandra Guinn, "Immigration Reform and the Browning of America: Tensions, Conflicts and Community Instability in Metropolitan Los Angeles" *International Migration Review* Winter 1997, pp. 1055-1095.

Claire Jean Kim. 1999. "The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans," *Politics and Society*, 27(1)

Paula McClain et al. 2006. "Racial Distancing in a Southern City: Latino Immigrants' Views of Black Americans," *Journal of Politics* 68(3): 571-584

The Limits of Electoral Politics: Segregation and Racial Discrimination

Douglas Massey, "Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Conditions in U.S. Metropolitan Areas" in N. Smelser, W.J. Wilson and F. Mitchell eds. *America Becoming* v. 1 (Washington D.C.: National Academy Press 2001) pp. 391-434. **(BB)**

Maria Krysan, "The Residential Preference of Blacks: Do They Explain Persistent Segregation?" *Social Forces* 80:3 March 2002 pp. 937-980. **(BB)**

Kirstin Downey, "Disparities Found in Sub-Prime Lending" *Washington Post*, April 11, 2005. **(BB)**

Vincent Hutchings and Nicholas Valentino, "The Centrality of Race in American Politics," *Annual Review of Political Science* 2004 v.7 pp. 383-408. **(BB)**

Rodney Hero, "A Racial/Ethnic Diversity Interpretation of Politics and Policy in the States of the US" *American Journal of Political Science* 40:3 August 1996 pp. 851-871. **(BB)**

J. Eric Oliver and Janelle Wong. 2003. "Intergroup Prejudice in Multiethnic Settings," *American Journal of Political Science*

Inequality

Is the issue in American politics class or race? Does class play a role in minority politics? Do class differences become political differences? If not, why not?

Sarah Staveteig and Alyssa Wigton, "Racial and Ethnic Disparities : Key Findings from the National Survey of America's Families," Urban Institute, Washington DC, 2000. **(BB)**

Nathan Glazer, "Why Americans Don't Care About Income Inequality" m.s. **(BB)**

Michael Dawson, *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press 1994) ch. 1, 2, 3 and 8

Stacey J. Lee "Unraveling the 'Model Minority' Stereotype: Listening to Asian American Youth," Ch. 6 **(BB)**

Affirmative Action/Preferences

What is Affirmative Action? Should we support preferences and if so, on what basis?

Linda Lopez and Adrian Pantoja, "Beyond Black and White: General Support for Race Conscious

Policies among African Americans, Latinos, Asians and Whites” Political Research Quarterly 57:4 December 2004 pp. 633-642. **(BB)**

David Hollinger, “The One Drop Rule and the One Hate Rule” Daedalus Winter 2005 pp. 18-28. **(BB)**

Germine Awad, Kevin Cokley, and Joseph Ravitch. 2005. “Attitudes Toward Affirmative Action: A Comparison of Color-Blind Versus Modern Racist Attitudes,” Journal of Applied Psychology, 35(7): 1384-1399.

Timothy Egan, “Little Asia on the Hill”, New York Times, January 7, 2007.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/07/education/edlife/07asian.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>

Shankar Vdantam, “In Boardrooms and in Courtrooms, Diversity Makes a Difference,” January 15, 2007 **(BB)**

Catherine Horn and Stella Flores, “Percent Plans in College Admissions: A Comparative Analysis of Three States’ Experiences” The Civil Rights Project, Harvard University, 2003, pp. 1-24. **(BB)**

Caitlin Dickison “Claims of Anti-Asian Discrimination at Harvard Reveal a Long, Complicated Fight over Affirmative Action,” May 21, 2015 <http://news.yahoo.com/claims-of-anti-asian-discrimination-at-harvard-reveal-a-long-complicated-fight-over-affirmative-action-231625860.html>

“Asian Americans Support Affirmative Action in Higher Education,” May 14, 2015 <http://asianamericancivilrights.org/letter-equal-opportunity-higher-education>