

POL-2130: POLITICS OF RACE

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Subject Code

POL - Political Science

Course Number:

2130

Title:

Politics of Race

Catalog Description:

Analysis of minority group interactions within the American political system. Focus on the strategies employed both within and outside government to achieve political ideals and their roles and political behaviors in national, state, and local levels.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

ENG-1010 College Composition I.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Evaluate the political history of racial minorities in the United States.

Objective(s):

1. Define and apply the concept of race and how it has evolved historically in the United States.
2. Describe the impact of the Constitution and its interpretation by the Supreme Court on racial minority groups.
3. Differentiate between the patterns of race oppression used against various underrepresented groups.
4. Compare and contrast historic events which demonstrate the resistance of minorities to better their political positions.
5. Compare and contrast the experiences of various racial minority groups in the United States including initial contact; reception/immigration: restriction, exclusion; adaptation: accommodation, assimilation, cultural pluralism; and genocide: cultural or demographic.

Course Outcome(s):

Analyze the political behavior of racial minorities.

Objective(s):

1. Evaluate the performance of minority leadership inside and outside of government.
 2. Interpret the theory of democracy and its impact on/meaning for underrepresented racial groups.
 3. Describe the various political strategies used by underrepresented racial groups to achieve social equality and the effects on the American political process.
 4. Identify legislative, executive, and judicial involvement of underrepresented racial groups on the local, state, and national levels.
 5. Compare and contrast the types of leaders emerging from these historical contexts.
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Course Outcome(s):

Evaluate areas of public policy that disproportionately affect racial minority groups including (but not limited to) social welfare policy, drug policy, economic equity, criminal justice.

Objective(s):

1. Describe the policy-making process.
 2. Define and illustrate the policy issue and its effect on under-represented groups.
 3. Evaluate the effectiveness of current policies on the welfare of under-represented groups.
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Methods of Evaluation:

1. Essay exams
2. Objective tests
3. Quizzes
4. Participation in class discussion
5. Projects and research papers
6. Book reviews
7. Oral reports
8. Case studies

Course Content Outline:

1. Race and racism: ideological foundations in the United States.
 - a. The definition of race and racism
 - b. The Constitution and Black and Indian citizenship
 - c. Citizenship and later minorities: Latinos and Asians
 - d. The Constitution and Black and Indian suffrage
 - e. Race and conflicts leading to the Civil War: issues and impact
2. Pivotal events in racial politics in the U.S.
 - a. Reconstruction amendments and legislation
 - b. Jim Crow laws and lynching
 - c. Indian relocation and policies
 - d. Immigration restrictions and exclusions
 - e. Favored worker policies and retreat
 - f. Anti-lynching legislative attempts
 - g. World War II and Japanese detention
 - h. The rise and decline of racial political institutions
 - i. Civil Rights Movement: ideologies and political impact
 - j. The post-racial presidency
3. Behavior of racial minorities in contemporary politics
 - a. Group identity and the perception of discrimination
 - b. Political ideologies
 - c. Partisan identification
 - d. Voting behavior
 - e. Interest group activities and minority leadership
 - f. Inter-minority group relations
4. American racial minorities and the policy making process
 - a. Agenda setting
 - b. Minority representation in government at local, state, and national levels in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches
 - c. Legislative agendas in the era of post-racial politics
 - d. The intersection of race, gender and class issues
5. Contemporary issues affecting racial minorities: policy preferences and policy impact
 - a. Social welfare policy
 - b. Drug policy
 - c. English as Official Language
 - d. Criminal justice
 - e. Education
 - f. Economic equity

- g. Immigration
- h. Reparations

Resources

McClain, Paula and Joseph Stewart. *Can We All Get Along? Racial and Ethnic Minorities in American Politics*. 4th. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2005.

Sears, David O., James Sidanius, and Lawrence Bobo. *Racialized Politics: the Debate about Racism in America*. 1st ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.

Ifill, Gwen. *The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama*. 1st ed. NY: Doubleday, 2009.

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Kelley, Robin D.G. *Race Rebels: Culture, Politics, and the Black Working Class*. 1st ed. NY: Free Press, 1996.

Rueter, Ted. *The Politics of Race: African Americans and the Political System*. 1st ed. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, 1995.

Banting, Keith. *Multiculturalism and the Welfare State: Recognition and Redistribution in Contemporary Democracies*. NY: Oxford, 2006.

Browning, Rufus, ed. *Racial Politics in American Cities*. New York: Longman, 2003.

Hadjor, Kofi Buenor. *The Changing Face of Race: the Role of Racial Politics in Shaping Modern America*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2007.

Kmlicka, Will. *Politics in the Vernacular: Nationalism, Multiculturalism, and Citizenship*. NY: Oxford House, 2001.

Mayer, Jeremy. *Running on Race: Racial Politics in Presidential Campaigns, 1960-2000*. NY: Random House, 2002.

Zelden, Charles L. *Voting Rights ON TRIAL: A Handbook with Cases, Laws, and Documents*. NT: ABC-CLIO, 2002.

Freund, David. *Colored Property: State Policy and White Racial Politics in Suburban America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Resources Other

1. Comparative newspapers, weekly magazines and websites reflective of minority and majority group perspectives.
2. Selected monographs and scholarly articles
3. Selected television and video programs

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