

POLITICAL SCIENCE 608

ETHNIC POLITICS IN AMERICAN CITIES

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THE COURSE

The central focus of this course will be the impact of ethnic and racial factors on politics and governance in American cities. We will explore the nature of ethnic identity and the political impact of immigration in city politics. We will take a penetrating look at the political behavior and experiences of major ethnic and racial groups in America, including The Irish, Italians, Jews, African-Americans, Latinos, Asians, Native Americans and Muslims. The analysis will explore processes of group formation, identity, and political mobilization as expressed through protest, economic development, government lobbying, the building of indigenous institutions and networks, and electoral participation. The course will evaluate prospects for the construction and maintenance of biracial and multiracial alliances. A number of key policy issues affecting ethnic and race relations in the cities will also be explored.

This will be a lecture-discussion class, with great emphasis on student participation. Students are expected to attend all classes and come prepared to discuss the reading assignments. Students will produce a final paper analyzing key issues in the area of American ethnic and racial politics. There will be two examinations, a midterm and a final. Both the midterm and final examinations will count for one third of the final grade. The final third will be based on the quality of the term paper and contributions by students to classroom discussions.

REQUIRED READINGS

Steven Erie, Rainbow's End: Irish-Americans and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985

Rufus P. Browning, Dale Rogers Marshall, and David H. Tabb (eds.), Racial Politics in American Cities, Third Edition

John A. Garcia, Latino Politics in America: Community, Culture, and Interests

Wilbur C. Rich (ed.), The Politics of Minority Coalitions: Race, Ethnicity and Shared Uncertainties

Ronald Walters, White Nationalism, Black Interests

COURSE OUTLINE

1. POLITICS, ETHNICITY AND POWER
Rich, The Politics of Minority Coalitions, Introduction
2. AMERICAN IMMIGRATION
Suggested Readings:
Oscar Handlin, The Uprooted
Marcus Lee Hansen, The Atlantic Migration
Juan F. Perea, Immigrants Out
3. THE IRISH AND MACHINE POLITICS
Erie, Rainbow's End, Chapters 2-7.
4. VILLAGE POLITICS: ITALIAN AMERICANS AND ETHNIC MOBILITY
Suggested Readings:
Nathan Glazer and Daniel P. Moynihan, Beyond the Melting Pot
Mark Levy and Michael S. Kramer, The Ethnic Factor
Edgar Litt, Ethnic Politics in America
5. JEWISH POLITICS: LIBERALISM AND ETHNIC IDENTITY
Lana Stein, "American Jews and their Liberal Political Behavior," in Rich, Part IV;
Terri Susan Fine, "The Impact of Demographic and Social Change on the Jewish Political Agenda in the 1990s," in Rich, Part IV.
Suggested Readings:
L. Sandy Maisel and Ira N. Forman (eds.), Jews in American Politics
Lawrence H. Fuchs, The Political Behavior of American Jews
V.P. Franklin, Nancy L. Grant, Harold M. Kletnick and Genna Rae McNeil
African Americans and Jews in the Twentieth Century: Studies in Convergence
And Conflict
Jonathan Kaufman, Broken Alliance: The Turbulent Times Between Blacks and
Jews In America
Samuel DuBois Cook (ed.), Black-Jewish Relations
6. AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICS: ISSUES OF INCORPORATION AND EMPOWERMENT
Browning, Marshall and Tabb, "Mobilization, Incorporation, and Policy in 10 California Cities," in Browning, Marshall, and Tabb, Racial Politics in American Cities, Chapter 1; Raphael J Sonenshein, " Post Incorporation Politics in Los Angeles," in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 2; John Mollenkopf, "New York: Still the Great Anomaly," in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 4; Dianne M. Pinderhughes, " Chicago Politics: Political Incorporation," in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 5; Michael Leo Owens and Michael J. Rich, " Is Strong Incorporation Enough? Black Empowerment and the Fate of Atlanta's

Low-Income Blacks,” in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 7; Huey L. Perry, “ The Evolution and Impact of Biracial Coalitions and Black Mayors in Birmingham and New Orleans,” in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 8; Ronald Walters, *Black Nationalism, White Interests*

7. LATINO POLITICS: RESOURCES AND GROUP MOBILIZATION

Christopher L. Warren and Dario V. Moreno, “ Power Without A Program: Hispanic Incorporation in Miami,” in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 10; Rodolfo de la Garza, “ The Effects of Primordial Claims, Immigration and the Voting Rights Act on Mexican American Sociopolitical Incorporation,” in Rich, Part III; John Garcia, *Latino Politics in America*, Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 12.

8. BLACK-LATINO COALITIONS

Paula D. McClain, “ Coalition and Competition: Patterns of Black-Latino Relations in Urban Politics, in Rich, Part I; Rodney E. Hero and Susan Clarke, “ Latinos, Blacks And Multiethnic Politics in Denver: Realigning Power and Influence in the Struggle For Equality,” in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 11; Raphael J. Sonenshein, “The Prospects for Multiracial Coalitions: Lessons from America’s Three Largest Cities,” in Browning, Marshall and Tabb, Chapter 12; Garcia, Chapter 11.

9. POLITICS AT THE MARGINS: ASIANS, NATIVE AMERICANS AND MUSLIMS

Don Toshiaki Nakanishi, “ Beyond Redress: The Future of Japanese American Politics on the Mainland,” in Rich, Part II; Arati Rao, “ Bridges Across Continents: South Asians in the United States,” in Rich, Part II; Glenn T. Morris, “Coalitions and Alliances: The Case of Indigenous Resistance to the Columbian Quincentenary,” in Rich, Part V; Walter C. Fleming, “ Politics in the Mainstream: Native Americans As The Invisible Minority,” in Rich, Part V; Mohammed T. Mehdi, “ Arabs and Muslims In American Society,” in Rich, Part VI; Ayad Al-Qazzaz, “ The Arab Lobby: Political Identity and Participation,” in Rich, Part VI.

Suggested Readings:

Don T. Nakanishi and James S. Lai (eds.), *Asian America Politics: Law, Participation and Policy*

William Wei, *The Asian American Movement*

David E. Wilkins, *American Indian Politics and the American Political System*

John M. Meyer (ed.), *American Indians and U.S. Politics: A Companion Reader*

10. ETHNICITY AND THE POLICY PROCESS: THE DEBATE OVER RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATION

Ronald Walters, *White Nationalism , Black Interests*

Suggested Readings:

Harrell R. Rodgers, Jr. *Racism and Inequality: The Policy Alternatives*

Thomas Byrne Edsall and Mary D. Edsall, *Chain Reaction*

W. Avon Drake and Robert D. Holsworth, *Affirmative Action and the Stalled Quest For Black Progress*

George E. Curry (ed.), *The Affirmative Action Debate*

Don Kinder and Lynn M. Sanders, Divided by Color
Allan P. Sindler, Bakke, Defunis and Minority Admissions
Nathan Glazer, Affirmative Discrimination
Paul M. Sniderman and Edward C. Carmines, Reaching Beyond Race
Linda Williams, The Constraint of Race