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Legislative Affairs
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Politics and Race
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Wednesday 6 pm – 8 pm
Hall of States

BASIC INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Instructor: Rev. Prof. Quardricos Bernard Driskell manages a medical professional trade association's legislative and political affairs department. Based in Washington, DC, Prof. Driskell represents his company before the federal government. During Driskell's typical workday, he engages Members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, and other government stakeholders to develop and progress laws that affect healthcare.

Prof. Driskell is also an opinion contributor for the Washington D.C. top political news site, *The Hill*. In addition, his work and insights have been featured in several national and international news outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Voice of America*, *NBC News*, *MSNBC*, *Religion News Service*, *Religion&Politics*, the *BBC*, and *Showtime's Documentary*, "*The Fourth Estate*."

Devoted to religion, race, politics, and other social issues imbue his writings, media interviews, speaking engagements, and sermons. Rev. Professor Driskell completed undergraduate studies at Morehouse College and graduate studies at Harvard University and The George Washington University.

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Communication

I am available via email or phone, though it is best to reach me via email. I will respond within 24 hours. Also, note, I am available before/after class, but only by appointment.

Academic Integrity

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Attendance Policy

Class participation will be critical for your learning. My goal is to have you discussing the material and learning from each other much more than I lecture. **Perfect attendance is not enough to earn an A for participation – you must also actively participate in class discussions and activities. Class discussions, especially at the beginning of the course, will allow you to practice using the vocabulary and solidify your understanding of key concepts.** As we move through the course, our class discussions will deepen your knowledge of the material by challenging you to apply the fundamental facts to current events and other examples and critically evaluate evidence. I will provide you with a rubric that I will use to assess your contributions to our class discussions.

Independent Learning Expectation

Students will spend at least 2 hours (100 minutes) per week in class for the semester. In addition, required reading for the class meetings and written response papers or projects are expected to take up, on average, 7 hours (350 minutes) per week.

Course Evaluation

Students will be allowed to evaluate the course through GW’s online course evaluation system at the end of the semester. You must take the time to complete an evaluation. Students are also encouraged to provide feedback throughout the semester by contacting any/all of the following:

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THE COURSE

Legislative Affairs Program Objectives

Upon completion of the Master’s degree in Legislative Affairs, students will:

1. Gain both theoretical and practical knowledge related to the U.S. Congress, general issues in the legislative arena, and how to advance legislation effectively;
2. Hone their oral and written communication skills in both theoretical and technical aspects of legislative affairs;
3. Be able to conduct cutting-edge research and engage in practical problem solving by learning critical thinking skills;
4. Learn how to work effectively with others, the value of collaborative work, and understand ethical issues involved in the legislative arena.

Graduate School Expectations

Students enrolled in a graduate program should take their academic responsibilities seriously and be prepared to meet the following expectations:

1. Utilize effective time management skills to complete and submit their assignments on their required due dates and times.
2. Have attained mastery of written communication skills, including proper sentence structure, grammar, spelling, and word usage.
3. Understand how to properly format in-text citations and references for resources and information integrated into their written assignments.

Course Description and Overview

Politics is “who gets what, when, and how” (Lasswell 1939). In this course, *Politics and Race*, we will consider how race and ethnicity affect who gets what, when, and how. We will begin by surveying the historical issues of racial and ethnicities in politics in the United States. In so doing, we will consider why race and ethnicity can be political. From this foundation, we will explore how race and ethnicity affect political attitudes, participation, voting, public policy, representation, and vice versa. We will conclude this course by evaluating whether we are in a post-racial or most-racial society and will examine widely divergent understandings of America's

“race problem” both to provide a more informed assessment of the problems and evaluate various solutions.

Course Learning Objectives

Students should be able to explain the foundations of the complicated connections between race and ethnicity in American politics, past and present. Next, students should identify and describe patterns in political attitudes, participation, policy, and representation between different racial and ethnic groups in the United States. Next, students should explain political science theories and praxis that address why these patterns exist. Finally, students will be able to identify and ideally create solutions to the racial-political tension.

1. A solid substantive understanding of how race and ethnicity are connected to the American political system and how racial difference shapes American political institutions and our civil and public life more broadly.
2. Critical thinking skills about contemporary racial-political issues.
3. Be able to comprehensively explain why and how race can be political and how that plays out in political representation and policy.
4. Explore and create practical policy solutions to address the “race problem” in the United States.

Course Requirements

Politics is a dialogical enterprise, meaning that most of the work completed in politics occurs in dialogue and interacting with others. As students engaging in the study of applied politics and policy, you are expected to come to class to discuss assigned texts *and* engage in class discussions regularly. Participation is a measure of the contributions students make to classroom discussions.

Please keep in mind that participation is not the same as attendance. Please also keep in mind that there is a difference between productive and unproductive contributions, of which the latter is strongly discouraged. It is an essential aspect of my teaching philosophy to create a learning space that welcomes all voices. Therefore, the class will not end without each student contributing something to the discussion. This is a vital aspect of class participation.

A Note on Classroom Etiquette: *Since we will discuss sensitive and often controversial topics; to create a healthy and productive environment conducive to proper class discussion, students are asked to do the following: (1) think through the thought before you voice the opinion, this does not mean that you are prohibited from asking “stupid” questions but that you should tailor your contributions in a way that prevents people from becoming easily offended; (2) be respectful to all views shared by others--this class should be a safe environment for students to express their ideas openly, even if they oppose majority opinions; (3) be a sensitive speaker, and active listener– students should not interrupt other students nor should they personally attack students.*

Teaching Philosophy

Three fundamental goals guide my approach to teaching. First, I aim to foster the development of critical thinking skills. Second, I seek to prepare students to achieve their academic and professional goals by giving them opportunities to enhance the skillsets that most closely relate to their destinations. Third, I strive to promote an inclusive classroom where students of all demographic, ideological, or political backgrounds are comfortable engaging with one another in class discussions.

My Expectations

I have high expectations for my students! This class will be challenging, but I am confident that you can succeed if you take the assignments seriously, actively engage with the material—and each other—in class, and seek help when needed. My goal is to make this course, including lectures and assignments, worth your time. I expect that you read the assigned material and complete reading assignments before the beginning of class. I acknowledge that everyone learns differently, which is why I assess learning in a variety of ways. However, if you feel that you are falling behind in the course, I encourage—and expect—you to talk with me so that we can work out a solution together. The sooner you come to me, the better I will be able to help you. This class covers a variety of sensitive topics. I expect my students to be respectful of one another in class discussions and written material. I encourage students to express disagreement; we will learn tremendously from hearing diverse perspectives. However, I expect that students will communicate their disagreement respectfully and in line with the principles of community and etiquette.

Reading Summaries and Evaluations

You will be required to hand in **two** two-page (single-spaced) critical assessments of the course readings. In these two-pagers, you should answer three questions: first, *very* briefly synthesize and summarize the main point, position, or argument of the material. Second, **heavily offer your analysis** and evaluation of the readings. How, if any, does it relate to you? Do you agree or disagree with the author's thoughts? Why or Why not? What impact does it have regarding politics and race now or in the future? Third, how do the readings support the course objective, and what do they mean for society in understating the intersection of race and politics? Fourth, what do you recommend for the future? Should we read them, or is there something else that would be better? Other voices, authors/scholars outside of course readings on this issue are welcomed and encouraged as a comparative analysis. Outside authors should not constitute the majority of your analysis, however. Grading points will be reduced if this is the case. For this assignment, either you should analyze all readings, etc., in one section or compare and contrast all the readings in one section with all the readings in another. An analysis of one reading is not sufficient. **These two-pagers can either be done at any time during the course before April 13, 2022.**

**Please note: Style: 12pt. Times New Roman; single-spaced; Chicago/Turabian format; •
References: academic references (e.g., Wikipedia and similar sources do not count) •**

Analysis: Thorough, graduate-level comparative analysis of the issue. The stronger the analysis, the better you will succeed.

Paper 1: Political-Racial Narrative (2 pages)

What are your political-racial experiences (past and/or present)? Before the course, have you ever thought about race and politics? If so, in what context? When was your first introduction to race or politics? How has, if at all, race shaped and informed your political experiences or political views? Alternatively, how has your politics influenced your views on race in politics, public policy, or public life? Finally, I want you to reflect on how that influence has taken place in your own life and/or how it ought to take form in the legislative process and/or public life, if at all. There is no right or wrong answer here, nor will you be judged on your race or personal narrative, but rather on your thoughtful, reflective analysis. However, you must be reflective and analytical. Though this assignment is short, it needs to show some evidence that you have spent some time reflecting on this question through your personal experiences, the readings, class discussion, etc. **This is due March 23, 2022.**

Paper 2: Post-Racial Critique: Your third paper is to write a 1,000-word essay responding to whether the U.S. is currently post-racial or most-racial. You should develop an original argument in response to this prompt and support that argument with evidence from class readings, lecture material, current events, and reliable news sources. You may choose a pressing aspect of America’s “race problem.” You may choose something that you care about – 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 and discussions and other creditable sources, but mainly from the course. If you take the readings seriously and incorporate your classmates’ feedback, you should be making satisfactory progress toward this paper throughout the term. While the final paper is not long, it must be solid in its content and well written. Concise communication is an essential skill in almost every job sector, and this is an excellent opportunity to develop that skill. This is due **April 6, 2022.**

Paper 3: Political-Racial Engagement Project (4-6 pages)

This assignment can take shape in several ways. This assignment is intended to be more practically focused on politics and race than theoretical. How might you apply the intersection of race and politics to your current or future work? Below are suggestions; I am open to other ideas. Happy to share past students’ work as an example. Prior approval is required.

- Write a speech on the intersection of politics and race and how it should or should not play in public life.
- Analyze a legislative bill or write one that addresses voting, racial disparities, racial inequality, “race problem,” etc.
- A policy memorandum to a member of Congress on how to engage race and politics regarding any of the topics discussed in the course (voting; race, politics and religion; how to engage a religious community, etc.)
- A messaging campaign memorandum to a real or fictional candidate (though a real candidate is preferred) on how to get the candidate to speak to the issues of race and politics, engage specific minority communities, win the votes of a district state, etc.
- A case study on an advocacy organization engaged at this intersection providing a policy recommendation to improve their efforts on race or equity. List of organizations as examples: Anti-Defamation League, NAACP, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) (This could also include an interview with organization’s leaders)
- A lobbying strategy memorandum on how to target, lobby the Tri-Caucus (Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, Congressional Black Caucus, and Congressional Hispanic Caucus) or any member of Congress.

- Opening statement or testimony on the subject of race and politics before Congress, actual legislation is preferred.
- Stimulated Class Debate (More discussion)
- A virtual racial-political event. You are to fully document your experience – with a full critical assessment of thoughts, feelings, recommendations, etc. You can either attend a racial-political event, forums, a community town hall during the semester. These events can be at either a church service, a seminar, workshop, event, a film, or rally, etc. Look for political and racial cues presented during the experience. Discuss your observations and reflections. Ideally, I would like to know what event, forum, or service you are attending beforehand. Be sure you describe and analyze the full range of political-racial cues that we will be learning and that you reflect broadly on what you have learned from this experience. If there are any questions or concerns, please do let me know. **Ideas for the project are due on March 9; Projects are due on April 20, 2022.**

Course Grading

Two-Page paper	100
Paper 1	100
Paper 2	200
Paper 3	400
Class Participation	200
Total	1000

*Please note that you may be penalized for late submission of assignment(s).

Following is the grade scale for all GSPM classes:

Grade*	Grading Standard
A 94-100	Your work is outstanding and ready for submission in a professional environment. Your material, effort, research, and writing demonstrate superior work.
A- 90-93	Represents solid work with minor errors. Overall, excellent work.
B+ 87-89	Very good. Represents well-written material, research, and presentation but needs some minor work.
B 83-86	Satisfactory work, but needs reworking and more effort. Note that although not a failing grade, anything below a “B” is viewed as unacceptable at the graduate level.
B- 80-82	You have completed the assignment, but you are not meeting all of the requirements.
C+ 77-79	Needs improvement in content and effort. Shows some motivation and concern.
C 73-76	Needs reworking, improved effort, and additional research. Shows minimal motivation and concern.
C- 70-72 (lowest grade to pass)	Poor performance. Significant errors, too many misspellings, problems with accuracy, etc.
F Below 70	Unacceptable performance or inability to submit the assignment.

*Please note that you may be penalized for late submission of assignment(s).

* Five points are deducted for each error or lack of analysis in writing assignments.

Required Text and Learning Materials

Jonathan M. Metzler. *Dying of Whiteness: How the Politics of Racial Resentment is Killing America's Heartland.* (2019)

Zoltan L. Hajnal. *Dangerously Divided: How Race and Class Shape Winning and Losing in American Politics* (2020)

John A. Garcia. *Latino Politics in America: Community, Culture and Interests 4th Edition* (2021)

Richard Rothstein. *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* (2017)

Additional Reading/Current Events:

In addition to the text, you will be required to maintain knowledge and understanding of current racial-political issues and events. There will be articles emailed to the class, which will be discussed in the class. I encourage you to also email articles to the class about race and politics. This is an essential part of the course that should be taken seriously. In addition to reading the newspaper, you will benefit from following other racial-political news sources while taking this course.

Tentative Course Calendar*

* The instructor reserves the right to alter course content and adjust the pace to accommodate class progress. Students are responsible for keeping up with all adjustments to the course calendar.

Note: Because this course focuses on current events, some weekly topics may shift based on the timing of the State of the Union address and the President's budget submission.

January 12: Race as a Political Concept

Introductions & Overview of the course; Lecture

Guiding questions: What is race? How is race political? How does class affect race? What is your impression of politics and race in America?

Readings before class

Dangerously Divided, Introduction pgs. 1-11

Dying of Whiteness, Introduction

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 1-2

Watch: *A Conversation with Native American on Race*

<https://youtu.be/siMal6QVbIE>

What is Critical Race Theory?

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/education/so-much-buzz-but-what-is-critical-race-theory>

Secondary Read

How Christians of color in Colonial Virginia became 'black'

<https://religionnews.com/2019/12/12/how-christians-of-color-in-colonial-virginia-became-black/>

The Souls of Black Folk Part 1

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/408/408-h/408-h.htm#chap00>

Latinos' rejection of Latinx rattles world of the woke

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/dec/12/latinos-rejection-reference-term-latinx-rattles-wo/?utm_source=Boomtrain&utm_medium=manual&utm_campaign=newsalert&utm_content=newsalert&utm_term=newsalert&bt_ee=B%2FjGQqYrrbv2I2DDipJvOXIWpAUftG3MgEqdUiktzHU%3D&bt_ts=1639393564597

January 19: Racial discrimination, Segregation, the law and the Court

Guiding questions: How do political attitudes vary (or not) between racial and ethnic groups? How do individuals from different ethno racial groups learn about politics differently? What is racism and discrimination and how do we measure them? How did the government legalize discrimination? How does ethnorace affect political participation? Why?

The Color of Law, Preface - Chapter 5

Biden's anti-Trump approach to racial justice flashpoints

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/11/26/biden-anti-trump-racial-justice-523377>

The serious and growing danger of vigilantism

<https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/583282-the-serious-and-growing-danger-of-vigilantism>

How a Prosecutor Addressed a Mostly White Jury and Won a Conviction in the Arbery Case

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/25/us/prosecutor-white-jury-conviction-ahmaud-arbery.html>

Race Discrimination: U.S. Supreme Court Cases

<https://civilrights.findlaw.com/discrimination/race-discrimination-u-s-supreme-court-cases.html>

Morton v. Mancari

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1973/73-362>

Plessy v. Ferguson

<https://www.oyez.org/cases/1850-1900/163us537>

January 26: White-Majority Political Attitudes

Guiding questions: Why are political views between whites and other racial groups especially African Americans so vast differently? What are political attitudes and how do attitudes toward the political system vary between ethnoracial groups?

The Color of Law, Chapters 6-9

Dying of Whiteness, Part 1

Obama Rejected Race-Based Politics. The Woke Left Demands It

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/11/26/obama-rejected-race-based-politics-the-woke-left-demands-it/>

No to ‘Racial Impact Statements’

<https://www.heritage.org/crime-and-justice/commentary/no-racial-impact-statements>

The 2020 Census Continues Whitewashing Middle Eastern Americans

<https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/2020-census-continues-whitewashing-middle-eastern-americans-ncna1212051>

White Republicans and White Democrats are moving farther apart on race. Or is that just an education gap?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/08/02/white-republicans-white-democrats-are-moving-farther-apart-race-or-is-that-just-an-education-gap/>

Opinion | Why A ‘Sister Souljah Moment’ Won’t Save Biden

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/11/29/joe-biden-sister-souljah-moment-523448>

Secondary Reading

The G.O.P. Has a Bad Men Problem

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/19/opinion/trump-gop-misogyny.html>

February 2: Blacks, Asian Americans, and Latinos, as Political Groups; Political Attitudes

Guiding questions: Is everyone represented? How do we measure political representation? How do racial attitudes affect political behavior? What is the impact of Black Lives Matter on policy? What about other forms of protest? What about Asian American politics? Why are ethnoracial groups viewed as a voting block? Why do political views between are whites and other racial groups, especially African Americans, so vast differently? What are political attitudes, and how do attitudes toward the political system vary between ethnoracial groups?

Dying of Whiteness, Part 2

Latino Politics in America, Chapters 4, 5 and 6

I am Middle Eastern Not White

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/08/12/i-am-middle-eastern-not-white/>

The U.S. is more racially diverse than ever. Will people of color unify politically?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/08/31/us-is-more-racially-diverse-than-ever-will-people-color-unify-politically/>

February 9: The Role of Race in American Politics

Guiding questions: Does race politically divide the U.S.? Is there a “race problem” in U.S. politics? What role does wealth have in our understanding of politics and race? What about social media? How are political attitudes informed and developed? Does the media help with clarifying political attitudes? Or does the media contribute to the political-racial divide?

Dying of Whiteness, Part 3

The Color of Law, Chapter 10

The Invention of Hispanics: What It Says About the Politics of Race

<https://www.heritage.org/civil-society/commentary/the-invention-hispanics-what-it-says-about-the-politics-race>

Why Identity Politics isn't working for Asian American

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/17/opinion/the-argument-asian-american-identity.html>

Democrats Still Don't Understand Asian American Voters

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/15/opinion/republican-democrat-asian-voter.html>

Politics must accept the reality of multiracial America and disavow racial backlash

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/584067-politics-must-accept-the-reality-of-multiracial-america-and-disavow-racial>

Assignment: TBD Watch President Biden's State of the Union & analyze speech for legislation addressing race and class.

February 16: The Politics of Immigration

Guiding questions: Why is immigration policy important? How do experiences and connections to their native countries continue to shape the American experience? How do racial attitudes affect immigration policy attitudes? How do immigration laws, executive orders affect minority representation and political engagement? Immigration vs. race?

Dangerously Divided, Chapters 5 and 6

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 3 and 9

Who is Hispanic?

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/09/23/who-is-hispanic/>

Democrats Worry Their Grip on Hispanic Vote

<https://thehill.com/latino/585381-democrats-worry-their-grip-on-hispanic-vote-is-loosening?rl=1>

This congressman says Republicans should talk about race

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/the-recast/2021/12/17/gonzales-republicans-race-congress-495515>

February 23: The Media: Understanding Political Attitudes and Perspectives on Race

Guiding questions: What role does the media play in our understanding of politics and race? What about social media? How are political attitudes informed and developed? Does the media help with clarifying political attitudes? Or does the media contribute to the political-racial divide?

Thanks to conservative politicians and the media, the education wars echo the 1960s

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/11/19/thanks-conservative-politicians-media-education-wars-echo-1960s/>

What Black History Month in 2021 Means for a Rising Spiritual and Ethical Movement

Listen: <https://theharvardreligionbeat.simplecast.com/episodes/what-black-history-month-in-2021-means-for-a-rising-spiritual-and-ethical-movement>

Crosstalk: Ideology vs. Justice

Watch: <https://www.rt.com/shows/crosstalk/541095-ideology-justice-rittenhouse-verdict/>

Majority of Black Americans Value Social Media For Amplifying Lesser-Known Issues

<https://www.npr.org/2018/08/05/635127389/majority-of-black-americans-value-social-media-for-amplifying-lesser-known-issue>

Black journalists push media to cover ‘hyper-racial’ moment in politics

<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/07/29/black-journalists-racial-politics-1440628>

What Biden’s dismal polling teaches us about our leadership and ourselves

<https://cdispatch.com/opinions/2021-11-27/armstrong-williams-what-bidens-dismal-polling-teaches-us-about-our-leadership-and-ourselves/>

March 2: The Role of Race in the Voting Booth

Guiding questions: What are voter identification laws? How do voter identification laws affect voter turnout, particularly among minorities? How will our conception of race in American politics change as the U.S. electorate changes?

Readings before class: *Dangerously Divided*: Chapter 1

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 10 (Later half of the chapter; sections detailing Voting Rights, Voting Rights Act and Barriers to Voting for Latinos till end of the chapter)

Voting Laws Roundup

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/voting-laws-roundup-october-2021>

The Battle of the Ballot

<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2021/02/16/the-battle-for-the-ballot>

Read the following information on felon voting rights by state from the National Conference of State Legislatures: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/felon-voting-rights.aspx>

March 9: Race as a Problem: Public Policy

Guiding questions: Race as a problem? Why focus on communities of color? Why cooperation and conflict between communities of minority racial groups? Do certain ethnoracial groups win or lose over policy?

Dangerously Divided, Chapter 4

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 10 (first half of the chapter)

Listen: 'Sum Of Us' Examines The Hidden Cost Of Racism — For Everyone

<https://www.npr.org/2021/02/17/968638759/sum-of-us-examines-the-hidden-cost-of-racism-for-everyone>

Assignment Due: Thoughts about class project

March 23: Racial-Politicalized Minority Representation in American Politics

Guiding questions: What is representation? How do racial-politicalized groups vote? What is the difference between descriptive, substantive, and symbolic representation? Why does it matter? How does political participation vary between ethnoracial groups? Why? How do various ethnoracial groups participate in politics? Why? How do we measure participation? How does political knowledge vary between ethnoracial groups? Alternatively, does it? How do we measure political knowledge?

Dangerously Divided, Chapter 2

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 7 and 8

Earthquake: Black candidates rack up city wins

<https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/559979-earthquake-black-candidates-rack-up-city-wins?userid=256097&rl=1>

Why more Black elected officials hasn't necessarily meant better lives for Black Americans

<https://www.mic.com/p/why-more-black-elected-officials-hasnt-necessarily-meant-better-lives-for-black-americans-46871404>

Gerrymandering Latinos out of Political Power

<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/its-time-stop-gerrymandering-latinos-out-political-power>

Asian Americans made rapid rises in US politics

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/nov/09/asian-americans-rapid-rise-us-politics-pandemic-racism>

NPR panned again after apology for 'causing harm' with tweet on Michelle Wu becoming Boston mayor

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/npr-panned-apology-causing-harm-michelle-wu>

K Street executives under pressure on diversity

https://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/business-a-lobbying/468013-k-street-executives-under-pressure-on-diversity?utm_source&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=25719&fbclid=IwAR2kzIF-MrDUH6XrpgOdOC0bLZ_9eTSmrShO9IdaZNxJIPoEDDvVmFzQ0bM

Lobbyists Launch Coalition to Solve K Street Diversity Problem

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-influence/2021/03/15/lobbyists-launch-coalition-to-solve-k-streets-diversity-problem-793999>

Black lawmakers threaten to cut off K St unless it diversifies

<https://www-politico-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/www.politico.com/amp/news/2021/12/19/black-lawmakers-diversity-lobbying-firms-525362>

Assignment Due: Political-Racial Narrative Paper 1

March 30: Republican and Democratic parties Congress and Race

Guiding questions: Can a Democratic control Congress shift the economic fate of racial ethnoracial groups? Does the Republican Party have an increasingly limited demographic? Can Congress, through legislation, reduce racial inequality that exists in the U.S.? Gerrymandering

Dangerously Divided, Chapters 3, 7 and 8

Democrats can win in 2022 — here's how

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/585280-democrats-can-win-in-2022-heres-how>

Why race has bedeviled Republicans for more than half a century

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/10/30/why-race-has-bedeviled-republicans-more-than-half-century/>

Racial attitudes shifted over the past decade, leaving the two parties further apart than ever

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/racial-attitudes-shifted-over-the-past-decade-leaving-the-two-parties-further-apart-than-ever/2021/11/13/2857cbd6-4406-11ec-a3aa-0255edc02eb7_story.html

Is conservatism dying, or is it just the GOP?

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/is-conservatism-dying-or-is-it-just-the-gop>

Incoming Congress Looks More Like America

<https://thehill.com/homenews/house/527890-incoming-congress-looks-more-like-america>

Racial Diversity of Top Staff of New Members in the US Senate

<https://jointcenter.org/117th-congress-tracker/>

Republican gerrymandering promises even more polarized Congress

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/579282-republican-gerrymandering-promises-even-more-polarized-congress>

Minorities and women are leading the red wave

<https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/583755-minorities-and-women-are-leading-the-red-wave>

April 6: Guest Speaker Paper 2 Due

April 13: Race Relations in America in 21st Century Politics

Guiding questions: What contributed to the election of Presidents Obama, Trump and Biden? Where are we now? Where are we going? How does racial campaign messaging impact political participation and vote choice? Did racial attitudes affect voter choice in 2020, 2021, and 2022? How and why? What current events and legislative efforts are affected by race and ethnicity? How do racial attitudes shape our perceptions of contemporary issues in the U.S.? What role did race and ethnicity play in recent elections? Are we currently in a post-racial or most-racial world? Are coalitions important? How do felon (dis)enfranchisement laws affect voter turnout, particularly among minorities?

Dangerously Divided, Chapter 9

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 11

The Color of Law, Chapter 11 and 12

Watch: “America’s Original Sin”

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2016/01/29/january-29-2016-americas-original-sin/28859/>

AND

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/video/page/2/#28906>

Why America needed Donald Trump

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/472155-why-america-needed-donald-trump>

How big a factor is race in state politics?

<https://www.dailyleader.com/2019/12/04/how-big-a-factor-is-race-in-state-politics/>

Our Nation Is Not Yet Cleansed of Racism. Here’s What We Should Do

<https://www.heritage.org/civil-rights/commentary/our-nation-not-yet-cleansed-racism-heres-what-we-should-do>

Assignment Due: Reading Summaries

April 20: Contemporary Issues and the Future of Race and Ethnicity in America

Dangerously Divided, Chapter 9

Latino Politics in America, Chapter 12 and 13

1619' author, Nikole Hannah-Jones opens up about race and identity | Nightline

Listen and Watch: <https://youtu.be/Yq1mxhQXFYc>

Latino activists flex redistricting muscle after decade of growth

https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/582416-latino-activists-flex-redistricting-muscle-after-decade-of-growth?rd=1637357335&rl=1&utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=44781

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Color and Incarceration

<https://harvardmagazine.com/2019/09/elizabeth-hinton>

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