

CAAS 412 - Black Politics In America, Fall 1975

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In In this course we will look at the various Black Political Movement Movements and organizations which have played important roles in the restructuring of the American Political System. E. Franklin Frazier, wrote in the Black Bourgeoisie, that the Black Man's "primary struggle" in America "has been to acquire a culture" customs, values, and forms of expression which transmitted from generation to generation, provide a people with a sense of its own integrity and collective identity. The major objective of this course will be an vigorous investigation of the approaches utilized by Black leaders and their organizations to achieve the goal of political and economic equality in America. Kenneth Stamp, argued that slavery has resulted in the disintegration of African cultures which has placed Black people in a suspended situation "between two cultures" unable to participate in either. As students of Black politics it is incumbent on us to analyse our historical legacy and its impact on our lives and on American society. Each student is expected to take an active role in class participation without fear or favour of trampling on anyone's racial, religious, sexual and political sensibilities. There will be a Mid-term and a Final exam. A research paper of moderate length dealing with the Black Experience will be expected from every student. It should be noted that class attendance will contribute to the student's final grade.

Textbooks:

1. A Historical view- "The Permanence of Black Oppression."
  - (a) The Concept of Domination and Damnation.
  - (b) The Religious, and Racial rationalizations of Black Inferiority.

\* -William R. Jones-Is God A White Racist.

-Thomas F. Godsett-Race: The History of An Idea  
In America.

-Walter Rodney - How Europe Underdeveloped Africa.  
The Bible.

-Gunnar Myrdal - The American Dilemma.

Ebony, Special Issue-August 1975.

2. The abolition of Slavery ; Abraham Lincoln and the  
reace question.

(a) The Civil War and Europe's Response

(b) Emancipation; Reconstruction and the Aftermath.

\*W.E.B. DuBois - Black Reconstruction in America 1860-1880.

#Rayford Logan - The Betrayal of The Negro.

3. Black Bourgeois Nationalism

(a) The Tuskegan Machine versus radical Integrationism.

(b) Booker T. Washington versus W.E.B. DuBois - \*Souls of  
Black Folk.

\*Harold Cruse - Rebellion or Revolution.

August Meir - Negro Thought in America.

The Seventh Son - The Thought and Writings of W.E.B. DuBois -  
edited by Julius Lester. vol. I.

4. Pan-Africanism, The American Dream and The Back To Africa  
Movement:

\*Amy Jacques Garvey - Garvey and Garveyism.

\*Theodore G. Vincent - Black Power and The Garvey  
Movement.

The Seventh Son - The Thoughts and Writings of  
W.E.B. DuBois - Volumes I and II, edited by Julius  
Lester.

Harold Cruse - The Crisis Of the black intellectuals.

-Rebellion or Revolution.



5. Marxism and The Race Question - The God That Failed - 1848-1945.
- Wilson Record - The Negro and Communist Party.
  - E.M. Essien Udom - Black Nationalism.
  - Harold Cruse - The Crisis Of The Black Intellectuals.
  - Wilson Record - Race and Radicalism.
  - \*John W. Van Zanten - Communist Theory and The American Negro Question, (this article on reserve in CAAS Library).
6. The Seeds of Protest - Revolutionary and Reactionary Violence 1945-1965.
- \*DuBois - Black Reconstruction, Chapter XVI -"Black Toward Savery."
  - \*Christopher Lasch - The Agony of The American Left.
  - Robert L. Allen - Black Awakening in Capitalist America.
  - The Autobiography of Malcolm X.
  - Julius Lester - Look Out Whitey, Black Power Gonna Get Your Mama.
  - Hugh Davis Graham and Ted Robert Guss - Violence in America.
  - \*Franz Fanon - Wretched of The Earth.
  - Richard M. Brown - American Violence.
7. Black Electoral Politics.
- \*Hanes Walter Hr. - Black Politics.
  - Donald Matthews and James W. Prothro - Negroes and The New Southern Politics.
  - Black Political Power In America, - Chuck Stone.
  - \*Harold Cruse -"The Little Rock National Black Political Convention," Black World.
  - November, 1974 - This Article on reserve in CAAS Library.  
See also series of articles on Gary Convention in CAAS Library.
  - S. Carmichael and Charles Hamilton - Black Power.
8. Black Cultural Dependency and The Need for a New Black consciousness.
- (a) The New Vanguards.
- \*Ali A. Mazuri - Black Experience and The World Culture.
  - Franz Fanon - Wretched of The Earth. (See the conclusion).
  - Amiri Baraka - "Why I changed My Ideology: Black Nationalism

- And Socialist Revolution." Black Word. (July 1975 - Article on reserve in CAAS Library.)
- \*Nation Mourns Muslim Leader, Jet ( May 13, 1975 in CAAS Library).
- "The Sixth Pan African Congress and Revolutionary Black Nationalism," Ebony (September, 1974)
- "Taped Conversation with President Julius Nyerere," Don L. Lee and Rowan G. Locke.
- Seppia (May, 1975) - The Black Muslims.
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X.
- Eldridge Cleaver's interview in Rolling Stone Magazine - (September 11, 1975.
- Foner - The Black Panthers.