

The Roots of Voter Suppression and Advances in Voter Turnout

The class is honored by a presentation by Hal Malchow, who has been a leading national political consultant for Democratic candidates since the late 1980's. Mr. Malchow has worked for five Democratic presidential candidates and a number of progressive organizations including the Democratic National Committee, the AFL-CIO, Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club and many other organizations and candidates. In 2016, he was inducted into the American Association of Political Consultants Hall of Fame primarily for his leadership in bring advanced data analytics and control group testing to American campaigns. Disappointed by trends in American campaigns, Hal left Washington two years ago to move to Santa Fe. He recently released his new book, *42 Million to One*, a political thriller about voting machine manipulation.

Goal for Class

The goal of this class is to explain the demographic changes that are driving voter suppression strategies, the methodologies of suppression and advances in voter turnout tactics.

Questions for Discussion

After the presentation by Mr. Malchow, the class will be able to ask him questions.

Resources

- **"The Rise of the New American Majority,"** Aisha Moodie-Mills, Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics, Spring 2019. <https://iop.harvard.edu/get-involved/study-groups-0/spring-2019-aisha-moodie-mills>
- **"Block the Vote: Voter Suppression in 2020,"** ACLU News and Commentary, February 3, 2020. <https://www.aclu.org/news/civil-liberties/block-the-vote-voter-suppression-in-2020/>
- **"Social Pressure and Voter Turnout: Evidence from a Large-Scale Field Experiment,"** Alan S. Gerber and Donald P. Green, American Political Science Review. February 2008. <https://isps.yale.edu/sites/default/files/publication/2012/12/ISPS08-001.pdf>
- **"The Constitutional Amendment America Really Needs,"** CNN Opinion by K.Sabeel Rahman, 8/31/20 <https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/31/opinions/voting-rights-amendment-2020-election-rahman/index.html>

- **"What Matters,"** CNN by Zachary B. Wolf, 9/14/20.
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/14/politics/what-matters-september-14/index.html>
- ***One Person, No Vote*** by Carol Anderson, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2018.

Resources Mentioned in 9/18/2020 class

- ***Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do*** by Jennifer Eberhardt, Penguin Books 2020.
- ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*** by Isabel Wilkerson, Random House, 2020.
- **"Race, Trauma and the Doctrine of Discovery,"** Mark Charles, 1 hour video,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYZ2rj2Jooc>.
- ***Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*** by Ibram X. Kendi, Nation Books, 2016. For young adult readers: ***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*** by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, Bold Type Books, 2020.
- ***The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*** by Michelle Alexander, The New Press, 2012
- ***Getting Smart about Race: An American Conversation***, by Margaret L. Anderson, Rowman & Littlefield Publishing, 2020.