Political Science 110EB: American Political Thought from Civil War to Civil Rights

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Email policy: Email should never be used for substantive historical or philosophical issues. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE OFFICE HOURS. On the other hand, if you need to set up an appointment you are welcome to do so via email.

Textbooks (for purchase at the UCSD Bookstore):
Africans in the Americas: A History of the Black Diaspora by Coniff, Michael I and David, Thomas J.
The American Intellectual Tradition: A Sourcebook by David A. Hollinger (Editor), Charles Capper (Editor).
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court, Mark Twain
Capitalism and Freedom, Milton Friedman
War is a Racket, Smedley Butler
The Feminine Mystique, Betty Friedan

Grading:
First paper – 25%
Second paper – 35%
Final Exam (take-home) – 25%
3 reading quizzes/homework: 15%

Extra Credit: Politics in Action!
A small amount of extra credit (increasing a paper grade ONE partial grade, i.e. from a B to a B+) will be given to those who engage in a minimum of 5 hours of political activity, write a 1-2 page report of your experience, and then present to the class for 3 minutes.

Plagiarism policy:
Any and all plagiarism will be prosecuted to the full extent of university policy.

Extension policy:
One extension will be granted on either the first or the second paper. The extension must be requested IN WRITING (NOT EMAIL) on or before the paper due date. Extension is good for ONE CLASS session only (i.e. if the paper is due on Monday, the extension will give you until Wednesday).

All other policies policy:
Grandma die? Dog eat your homework? A note from the doctor solves all of these kinds of problems. No note, no leniency.

Weekly Schedule:
Unit One: Race from Reconstruction to Civil Rights
Week One: Intro to the class and the history of race in America
    Reading Assignment: Africans in the Americas. If you took 110EA then read the ENTIRE BOOK (you’ve read parts of it before, so it’s easier on you); if you did not take 110EA then read p. vii-30; 46-64; 89-154; 175-268; Gunnar Myrdal in AIT, 276-285; John Crowe Ransome, “Reconstructed but Unregenerate”, 233-245; Du Bois, “The Souls of Black Folk”, 155-160.
Week Two: The Problems of Reconstruction and Twain’s Connecticut Yankee
    Reading Assignment: Twain, Connecticut Yankee (entire).
Week Three: What is to be Done?

Week Four: Paper Writing Workshop.
Monday: Paper Writing Suggestions
Wednesday: NO CLASS
Friday: Discuss/help with paper topics.

**Unit Two: The Gilded Age to the Cold War; or, is the market a system of freedom or domination?**

Week Five: Introducing the free market
Monday: first paper due.

Week Six: Perspectives on the market: freedom, constraint, and progressive social reform
Read: *War is a Racket* (entire) Herbert Marcuse, *AIT* 490-500; Thorstein Veblen; 132-147; Sidney Hook, 245-257; C. Wright Mills 435-443. Selections from “The Marxist Dictionary” and Gaventa “Power and Powerlessness.”

Week Seven: Is a third way possible?
Monday, Discussion
Wednesday, Discussion
Friday, Introduce Feminism

**Unit Three: Civil Rights and Identity Politics: from race to sex and gender in the second half of the American twentieth century**

Week Eight: First to Second Wave Feminism
Monday: Second paper due.

Week Nine: From Second to Third Wave
Read: Susan B. Okin “Gender and Multiculturalism” (ONLINE); *American Intellectual Tradition*: Susan Sontag, 483-490; Nancy Chodorow, 521-533; Richard Rorty, 533-544; Gloria Anzaldua, 499-504; Joan W. Scott, 585-597.

Week Ten: Discuss and write papers.
Monday: discussion
Wednesday: more discussion, what is to be done?
Friday: wrap-up.

**Final Exam DUE, Friday June 8th, 2011. 8-10:50 CSB 002.**