**2021 Summer Academy US History**

**Day 19: July 1st 8:00-10:00 Class**

We will do all of these activities together over Zoom. If you are absent from class (or if you want to review what we did) then you can do these activities yourself.

#1) ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. You have one final Test #4 this Friday July 2nd from 8:00-10:00 am
2. You only have 2 “Essay” Questions on Test #4. It is open book. You should write your answers like your Test #1, 2, and 3 but add even more specific examples, details, and analysis.
3. Here are your 2 Questions on Test #4:
4. Analyze the successes (& non-successes) of the ‘civil rights movements’ of African-Americans + one other group (such as women, LGBTQ, Native Americans, hippies, Asian-Americans, Latinos, etc.) from roughly 1950-present.
5. Analyze what you think are the 1 or 2 most important THEMES in USA History and give examples from USA History to support your answer.

#2) Today’s Plan for Class

1. 8:00-8:30: Have one final BIG CLASS PARTICIPATION GRADE discussing in pairs and together as a class. Discuss these topics:
2. Analysis of Civil Rights Movement & Other Social Movements
3. Analysis of US History and Politics 1980s-present
4. Analysis of US Current Events Today & Future Directions

#3) Discussion Topic #1: Analysis of Civil Rights Movement

1. Analyze the successes, failures, and legacy of the Civil Rights Movement

Link to Online Textbook:

-Ch 21 Civil Rights

21.3 Challenges and Changes in the Movement

-Read Pages 722-723

1. Discuss these questions with Breakout Partner and in Group
2. What do you think are the big successes of the civil rights movement and WHY?
3. What do you think are the big ‘failures’ of the civil rights movement and WHY?
4. What is the ‘unfinished work’ of the civil rights movement left up to your generation to carry on?
5. What is your opinion of affirmative action?
6. What is your opinion of slave reparations?

#4) Discussion of ‘Way too Brief Overview’ of US History & Politics 1980s-present

1. Back to Mr. C’s Political Philosophy Chart

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| The Far Left  MARXISM   1. Poor must do a violent revolution 2. No democracy 3. Set up a new system 4. Communism- state redistributes $ equally 5. Socialism- “workers/people’ redistribute $ equally   -WHAT IS A ‘TOTALITARIAN STATE’?  -A communist country whose goal is NO longer equality but rather fascism | The Left  DEMOCRATIC-LIBERALISM   1. Yes keep democracy 2. Regulate capitalism to make more fair for all 3. Government provide services to help poor compete in free market 4. Expand democracy & people control of state | The Right  LAISSEZ-FAIRE CONSERVATISM   1. Yes keep democracy 2. NO government or state interference of free capitalism 3. Let capitalism and free business fix problems 4. Trickle-Down Economics (Top 10% so wealthy they expand business & create new jobs) | The Far Right  FASCISM   1. NO democracy 2. Top 10% wealthy + military total control of government and society 3. Create a permanent military + war state for constant growth & expansion 4. State total control of society 5. Problems blamed on “outsiders” or “minorities” |

1. Discuss with partner: From 1980-present where on this chart have mostly been the USA Republican Party? And the USA Democratic Party?
2. Which President was the ‘great hero’ of Democrats & democratic-liberalism?
3. Which President was the ‘great hero’ of Republicans & laissez-faire conservatism?
4. Let’s learn more about this famous hero of The Republican Party:
   1. Link to Online Textbook:

Ch 25 The Conservative Tide

25.1 A Conservative Movement Emerges

Read Pages 830-831

Discuss- what is the foundation of the “Conservative Right” in the USA 1980-today and what are your opinions about it?

* 1. Go back and click on 25.2 Conservative Policies Under Reagan and Bush

-Read pages 834-837

DISCUSS- What have become some of the most important ideas and issues of the Conservative Republican Party and what are your opinions about it?

#5) Modern Presidents:

* + - 1. Discuss with your partner where you would place each of the following Presidents on Mr. C’s chart and WHY?
         1. Bill Clinton 1993-2001
         2. George W Bush 2001-2009
         3. Barack Obama 2009-2017
         4. Donald Trump 2017-2021
         5. Joe Biden 2021-present
      2. Discuss with your partner which opinion do you agree with and why:
         1. Opinion a: Just like Hamilton vs. Jefferson realized in the 1700s-1800s the greatness and strength of USA democracy is that we have different political parties with different ideas, so Americans can find the correct balance and change when necessary.
         2. Opinion b: This is what is wrong with the USA. We have 2 political parties that can never agree and are always fighting. So no one cares about doing good. People only worry about winning for their side.

#6) Future Directions?

1.Some people argue that the future of the USA will be the fight between these emerging forces on Mr. C’s chart:

FIRST- On the “LEFT”

-Take “socialism” from the far left whose goal is equality for all

-Keep “democracy” from the left so that there is always democracy and never communism

= “DEMOCRATIC-SOCIALISM

-Watch this video: [Democratic Socialism, explained - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmCAP6t_jvg)

SECOND- On the ‘RIGHT’ there is a fight between traditional ‘Conservativism’ and ‘TRUMPISM’- which is a move more to the Far Right. Democracy is not as important as making sure Conservatives remain in power in the USA. Political scientists call this ‘Authoritarianism’. -Watch this video: [Authoritarianism: The political science that explains Trump - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YU9djt_CQM)

-Compare this to more traditional ‘Conservatism’ we learned about with President Reagan today.

OR THIRD- USA will find a way to remain in the ‘Center’ like it did from 1900-2000. These ‘flirtations’ with far left and far right ideas will not last.

DISCUSS WITH YOUR PARTNER YOUR THOUGHTS, OPINIONS, and QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS DEBATE!

#7) TEST #4 and Remainder of Today’s Class

1. You can use the rest of today’s class to prepare for Test #4 and/or do any extra credit work you want to do.
2. Do you have any questions about Test #4? Or extra credit?
3. Tomorrow’s Class:

-Take Test #4 from 8:00-10:00

-We will have a final Zoom Class at 11:30 for a final discussion, answer questions, and say goodbye!