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RACE AND POLITICS

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WHEN IN 2008, AMERICANS ELECTED THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT, MANY IN THE UNITED STATES EITHER THOUGHT OR HOPED THAT THIS SIGNALLED THAT WE LIVE IN A POST-RACIAL SOCIETY AND RACE IS NO LONGER A DOMINANT ISSUE IN OUR POLITICS. HOWEVER, AS SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOWS OUR SOCIETY AND OUR POLITICS BECAME NOT LESS RACIALIZED BUT MORE.

THIS COURSE WILL ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BY EXAMINING THE ROLE OF RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND ITS CONTEMPORARY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE NATION'S CITIZENS, POLITICIANS, AND GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS.

THIS COURSE COUNTS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES' U.S. MULTICULTURAL OVERLAY!