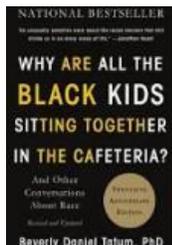


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BLACK YOUTH AND THE SCHOOL SYSTEM



20th Anniversary Edition: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria

by Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD

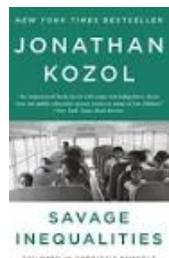
Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. This classic, bestselling book on the psychology of racism discusses whether self-segregation is a problem to address or a coping strategy.



Push Out: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School

by Monique Morris

Black girls make up just 16 percent of female students and are more than one-third of all girls with a school-related arrest. For four years Monique Morris chronicled the experiences of black girls whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish.

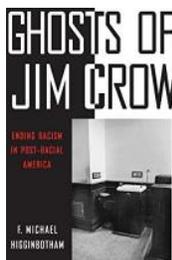


Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools

by Jonathan Kozol

Savage Inequalities delivers a searing examination of the extremes of wealth and poverty and calls into question the reality of equal opportunity in our nation's schools.

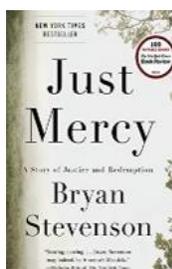
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL INEQUALITY



Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America

by F. Michael Higginbotham

The shadows of Jim Crow era laws and attitudes continue to perpetuate insidious, systemic prejudice and racism in the 21st century. Higginbotham's extensive research demonstrates how laws and actions have been used to maintain a racial paradigm of hierarchy and separation, historically, legally, economically, educationally, and socially.

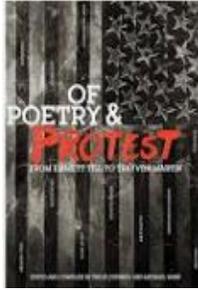


Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

by Bryan Stevenson

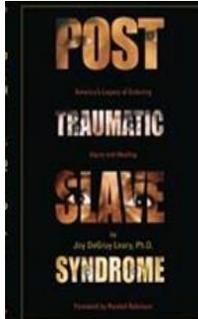
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER. A powerful true story about Bryan Stevenson, a young lawyer who founded the Equal Justice Initiative. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he insisted he did not commit. The case drew Stevenson into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, and legal brinksmanship—and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice. (SOON TO BE A MOTION PICTURE STARRING MICHAEL B. JORDAN AND JAMIE FOXX.)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL INEQUALITY (CONT'D)



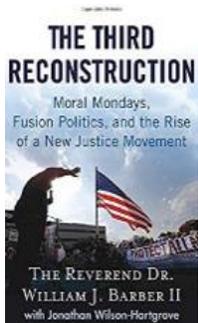
Of Poetry and Protest: From Emmett Till to Trayvon Martin by Phil Cushway, Michael Warr, et al.

This stunning work illuminates today's black experience through the voices of our most transformative and powerful African American poets. Of Poetry and Protest gives voice to the current conversation about race in America while also providing historical and cultural context.



Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: America's Legacy of Enduring Injury and Healing by Dr. Joy DeGruy Leary

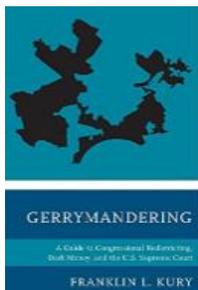
While African Americans managed to emerge from chattel slavery and the oppressive decades that followed with great strength and resiliency, they did not emerge unscathed. Slavery produced centuries of physical, psychological and spiritual injury. Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome lays the groundwork for understanding how the past has influenced the present and opens the discussion of how we can use the strengths we have gained to heal.



The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

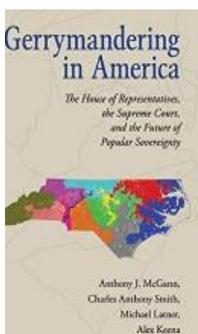
In 2013, Rev. Barber led more than a hundred thousand people at rallies to protest restrictions to voting access and an extreme makeover of state government. At a time when divide-and-conquer politics are exacerbating racial strife and economic inequality, Rev. Barber argues that Moral Mondays are hard evidence of an embryonic Third Reconstruction in America. He offers a trenchant analysis of race-based inequality and a hopeful message for a nation grappling with persistent racial and economic injustice.

GERRYMANDERING AND GEOGRAPHICAL IMPACT



Gerrymandering: A Guide to Congressional Redistricting, Dark Money, and the U.S. Supreme Court by Franklin L. Kurt

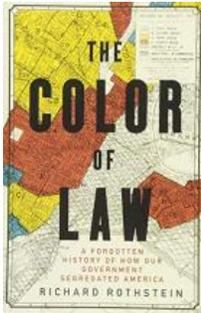
After describing the importance of legislative representation, Kurt describes the anatomy of redistricting and the efforts to bring changes to redistricting through the legislatures, including the unseen but omnipresent use of dark money to oppose reforms.



Gerrymandering in America: The House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, and the Future of Popular Sovereignty by Anthony J. McGann, Charles Anthony Smith, et al.

This book considers the political and constitutional consequences of Vieth v. Jubelirer (2004), where the Supreme Court held that partisan gerrymandering challenges could no longer be adjudicated by the courts. Through a rigorous scientific analysis of US House district maps, the authors argue that partisan bias increased dramatically in the 2010 redistricting round after the Vieth decision. From a constitutional perspective, unrestrained partisan gerrymandering poses a critical threat to a central pillar of American democracy, popular sovereignty.

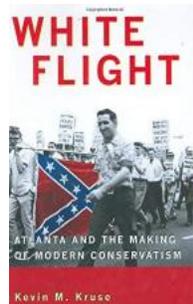
GERRYMANDERING AND GEOGRAPHICAL IMPACT (CONT'D)



The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America

by Richard Rothstein

Longlisted for the National Book Award, Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation—that is, through individual prejudices, income differences, etc. Rather, The Color of Law incontrovertibly makes clear that it was de jure segregation—the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state, and federal governments—that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.

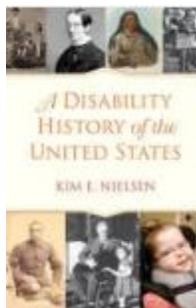


White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism

by Kevin M. Kruse

In this reappraisal of racial politics in modern America, Kevin Kruse explains the causes and consequences of "white flight" in Atlanta and elsewhere. Seeking to understand segregationists on their own terms, White Flight moves past simple stereotypes to explore the meaning of white resistance. In the end, Kruse finds that segregationist resistance, which failed to stop the civil rights movement, nevertheless managed to preserve the world of segregation and even perfect it in subtler and stronger forms.

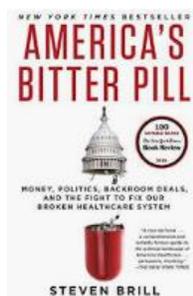
HEALTH CARE AND REFORM



A Disability History of the United States

by Kim E. Nielsen

A Disability History of the United States places the experiences of people with disabilities at the center of the American narrative. The book casts new light on familiar stories, such as slavery and immigration, while breaking ground about the ties between nativism and oralism in the late nineteenth century and the role of ableism in the development of democracy. Throughout the book, Nielsen deftly illustrates how concepts of disability have deeply shaped the American experience—from deciding who was allowed to immigrate to establishing labor laws and justifying slavery and gender discrimination.



America's Bitter Pill: Money, Politics, Backroom Deals, and the Fight to Fix Our Broken Healthcare System

by Steven Brill

According to The New York Times Book Review, America's Bitter Pill is, "[a]n energetic, picaresque, narrative explanation of much of what has happened in the last seven years of health policy. . . . [Steven Brill] has pulled off something extraordinary—a thriller about market structure, government organization and billing practices."



Inside National Health Reform

by John E. McDonough

This indispensable guide to the Affordable Care Act lends an insider's deep understanding of policy to a lively and absorbing account of the legislative effort to reform the nation's health care system. McDonough explains the ACA's inner workings, revealing the rich landscape of the issues, policies, and controversies embedded in the law yet unknown to most Americans. Inside National Health Reform provides the essential information for Americans to make informed judgments about this landmark law.

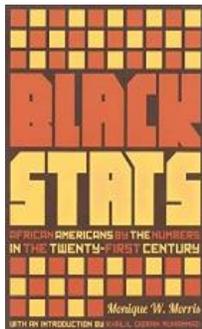
HISTORY AND JOURNEY OF BLACK POLITICS



Becoming a Citizen Activist: Stories, Strategies & Advice for Changing Our World

by Nick Licata

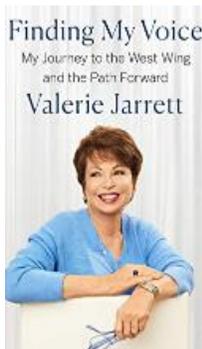
From post-inauguration rallies to #NoDAPL and the Black Lives Matter movement to the global Women's March on Washington, the people are exercising their power through protest and community organizing in a way that hasn't been seen in years. A longtime Seattle city councilmember, Nick Licata outlines how to get organized and master the tactics to create change by leveraging effective communication strategies (such as creating community through online channels like Facebook and Twitter), how to effectively engage traditional media channels, and how to congregate local and national people power.



Black Stats: African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-first Century

by Monique W. Morris

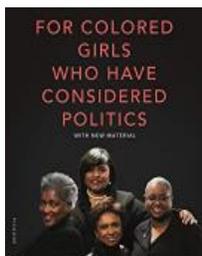
Black Stats is a comprehensive guide filled with contemporary facts and figures on African Americans. With fascinating and often surprising information on everything from incarceration rates, lending practices, and the arts to marriage, voting habits, and green jobs, this contextualized material will better attune readers to telling trends while challenging commonly held, yet often misguided, perceptions. A compilation that highlights measures of incredible progress and enumerates the disparate impacts of social policies and practices, this book is a critical tool for advocates, educators, and policy makers.



Finding My Voice: My Journey to the West Wing and the Path Forward

by Valerie Jarrett

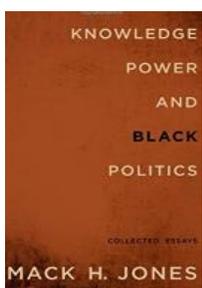
When Valerie Jarrett interviewed a promising young lawyer named Michelle Robinson in July 1991 for a job in Chicago city government, neither knew that it was the first step on a path that would end in the White House. From her work ensuring equality for women and girls, advancing civil rights, reforming our criminal justice system, and improving the lives of working families, Jarrett shares her forthright, optimistic perspective on the importance of leadership and the responsibilities of citizenship in the twenty-first century, inspiring readers to lift their own voices.



For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics

by Donna Brazile, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry, Minyon Moore

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics is a sweeping view of American history from the vantage points of four women who have lived and worked behind the scenes in politics—a group of women who call themselves The Colored Girls. This book is filled with personal stories that bring to life heroic figures we all know and introduce us to some of those who've worked behind the scenes but are still hidden. The Colored Girls are always focused on the larger goal of "hurrying history" so that every American — regardless of race, gender or religious background — can have a seat at the table. This is their story.



Knowledge, Power, and Black Politics: Collected Essays

by Mack H. Jones

In Knowledge, Power, and Black Politics, Jones demonstrates how American social science creates a misleading caricature of African American life. He examines a broad range of topics such as the history of black politics from the period of enslavement to the modern era and the dynamics of the civil rights movement, as well as a range of contentious public policy issues, including public welfare, affirmative action, the black underclass, and racism and multiculturalism.

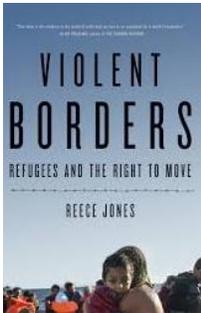
HISTORY AND JOURNEY OF BLACK POLITICS (CONT'D)



Lead from the Outside: How to Build Your Future and Make Real Change by Stacey Abrams

Lead from the Outside is the handbook for outsiders, written with an eye toward the challenges that hinder women, people of color, the working class, members of the LGBTQ community, and millennials ready to make change. Abrams uses her hard-won insights to break down how ambition, fear, money, and failure function in leadership. She also includes practical exercises to help you realize your own ambition and hone your skills. Abrams candidly discusses what she has learned over the course of her impressive career in politics, business and the nonprofit world: that differences in race, gender, and class provide vital strength, which we can employ to rise to the top and create real and lasting change.

IMMIGRATION REFORM



Violent Borders: Refugees and the Right to Move by Reece Jones

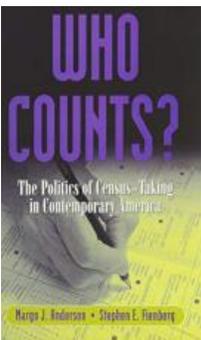
In Violent Borders, Jones crosses the migrant trails of the world, documenting the billions of dollars spent on border security projects and their dire consequences for countless millions. While the poor are restricted by the lottery of birth to slum dwellings in the aftershocks of decolonization, the wealthy travel without constraint, exploiting pools of cheap labor and lax environmental regulations.

UNDERSTANDING THE CENSUS



The American Census: A Social History, Second Edition by Margo J. Anderson

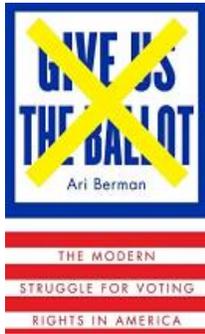
This book is the first social history of the census from its origins to the present. It traces census developments since 1980, including the undercount controversies, the arrival of the American Community Survey, and innovations of the digital age. Anderson's scholarly text effectively bridges the fields of history and public policy, demonstrating how the census both reflects the country's extraordinary demographic character and constitutes an influential tool for policy making.



Who Counts: The Politics of Census-Taking in Contemporary America **1st Edition** by Margo J. Anderson, Stephen E. Fienberg

Ever since the founding fathers authorized a national headcount as the means of apportioning seats in the federal legislature, the decennial census has been a political battleground. Political power and the allocation of federal resources depend directly upon who is counted and who is left out. *Who Counts?* is the story of the lawsuits, congressional hearings, and bureaucratic intrigues surrounding the 1990 census. These controversies formed largely around a single vexing question: should the method of conducting the census be modified in order to rectify the demonstrated undercount of poor urban minorities?

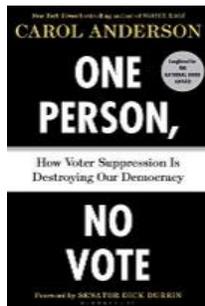
VOTING RIGHTS



Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America

by Ari Berman

Countless books have been written about the civil rights movement, but far less attention has been paid to what happened after the dramatic passage of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in 1965 and the turbulent forces it unleashed. In this groundbreaking narrative, Berman charts both the transformation of American democracy under the VRA and the counterrevolution that has sought to limit voting rights. Berman brings the struggle over voting rights to life through meticulous archival research, in-depth interviews with major figures in the debate, and incisive on-the-ground reporting. He takes the reader from the demonstrations of the civil rights era to the halls of Congress to the chambers of the Supreme Court.



One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy

by Carol Anderson

With One Person, No Vote, Anderson chronicles a related history: the rollbacks to African American participation in the vote since the 2013 Supreme Court decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Known as the Shelby ruling, this decision effectively allowed districts with a demonstrated history of racial discrimination to change voting requirements without approval from the Department of Justice. Focusing on the aftermath of Shelby, Anderson follows the astonishing story of government-dictated racial discrimination unfolding before our very eyes as more and more states adopt voter suppression laws.