

PSC 211:

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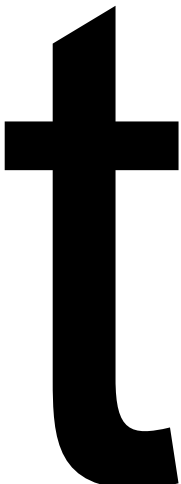
Grading Scale and Late Assignments

100 Ø A Ø 93 > A- Ø 90 > B+ Ø 87 > B Ø 83 > B- Ø 80 > C+ Ø 77 > C Ø 73 > C- Ø 70 > D+ Ø 67 > D Ø 63 > D- Ø 60 > E

If you do not have an extension, and you turn in a paper late, you will be docked one third of one letter grade for every 24 hours that the paper is late, with late penalties accruing from the time the paper is due. For example, if your paper earned a B+, but you turned it in a few hours past the time it was due, you will receive a B; if you turned it in 30 hours past the time it was due, you will receive a B-.

Grade Disputes

Grade disputes will not be accepted for 24 hours after receiving the assignment back. Grade disputes should be accompanied by a memo detailing the reasons that the student believes a higher grade is warranted.



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Anna Merlan. 2019.

. Metropolitan Books.

Nancy Rosenblum. 2019.

. Princeton University Press.

Date	Topic	Reading
Thursday, August 28	Class canceled Professors out of town for conference	None
Tuesday, September 3	Welcome and introduction	
Thursday, September 5	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>: What are three things that these examples have in common?</i></p> <p><i>Due 9/12.</i></p>	<p>Sunstein and Vermeule. <i>Conspiracy Theories</i>.</p> <p>FBI Intelligence Bulletin on Conspiracy Theories!(in Dropbox as FBI_bulletin)</p>
Tuesday, September 10	Defining conspiracy theories	Merlan. Chapters 1-2.
Thursday, September 12	Defining conspiracy theories: What features do they have in common?	Merlan. Chapters 3-4.

Thursday, October 3	Urban-rural and political divides	Kramer. 2016. <i>The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker</i> . Chapters 1 and 3.
Tuesday, October 8	State politics: How are state politics ripe for conspiracy theories?	TBD
Thursday, October 10	The paranoid style : Discuss the relationship between the structure of American politics and the paranoid style. Due 10/17.	Hofstadter. <i>The Paranoid Style in American Politics</i> . Essay.
Tuesday, October 15	FALL BREAK	None
Thursday, October 17	White nationalism	Merlan. Chapter 8. https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/07/trumps-white-nationalist-attack-four-congresswomen/594019/ https://www.mediamatters.org/sean-hannity/baseless-smear-targeting-ilhan-omar-made-its-way-trump-thanks-fox-and-these-far-right
Tuesday, October 22	The role of the media : How does the internet interact with the things we have already studied? The problems of evidence and the internet. Due 10/29.	DellaVigna and The Fox News effect: Media bias and voting. <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> . Durante, Pinotti, and The political legacy of entertainment TV. <i>American Economic Review</i> .
Thursday, October 24	The internet and social media	The Muller Report. <i>Selection. Part II and III of Volume 1</i> .

		https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/06/technology/section-230-hate-speech.html
Tuesday, October 29	How is this phenomenon evolving?	Rosenblum. Section 1.
Thursday, October 31	Evolution continued	
Tuesday, November 5	Affecting democracy? <i>: Why could this be a problem for democracies versus other regimes? Due 11/12.</i>	Rosenblum. Section 2. https://newrepublic.com/article/154133/democratic-rot-origins-american-conspiracism
Thursday, November 7	Presentations	None
Tuesday, November 12	Presentations	None
Thursday, November 14	Presentations	None