

Sociology of Prejudice and Violence (SOC 240)

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READINGS

- 1) Jack Levin, *The Violence of Hate: Confronting Racism and Anti-Semitism*, Allyn and Bacon Paperback, 2002.
- 2) Jack Levin and Jack McDevitt, *Hate Crimes Revisited: America's War on Those who are Different*, Westview Press Paperback, 2002.
- 3) John Howard Griffin, *Black Like Me*, Signet Paperback, 1996.

TOPICS

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| 1. | Hate Crimes--An Introduction | <i>Hate Crimes</i> (Introduction: Hate Crimes Reconsidered and Ch1- Reign of Terror) |
| 2. | Prejudice, Hate and Violence in American Life | <i>Hate Crimes</i> (Ch2-Nasty Pictures; Ch3-Hatred is Hot)

<i>Violence of Hate</i> (Ch1- Perspectives) |
| 3. | Roots of Prejudice and Violence | <i>Hate Crimes</i> (Ch4-Resentment; Ch5-For the Thrill;Ch 6-Defending; Ch7-Ridding)

<i>Violence of Hate</i> (Ch2- A Typology) |
| (First Exam) | | |
| 4. | Types of Hate Crimes | <i>Hate Crimes</i> (Ch8-Brotherhood of Bigotry;Ch9-Hate Goes to School; Ch10-Minority; Ch11-Hatred Around the World)

<i>Violence of Hate</i> (Ch3-The Benefits of Bigotry)
<i>Black Like Me</i> : Entire Book |

(Quiz)

5. Responding to Hate

Hate Crimes (Ch15-Community Response & Ch16-Revisiting Hate Crimes)

Violence of Hate (Ch4-The Production)

(Final exam)

REQUIREMENTS

There are two exams and a quiz. Worth 40%, the *first exam* covers topics 1,2, and 3 above. At some point following the first exam, there will be a *quiz* (worth 10%) covering the book *Black Like Me*. The *final exam*--worth 45%--includes 4 and 5 only. Both exams cover reading assignments, lectures, student projects, and videotapes presented during the course. The *final* will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office sometime during examination week, April 15-23. Please make sure that your travel plans do not conflict with the timing of the exam. You may choose either multiple choice or essay as the format for either exam, first or final. The in-class *quiz* covering *Black Like Me* will require you to write a few sentences in response to each of several questions. A final requirement is that you participate as a *respondent* in a study to be conducted during the semester. The results of this study, relevant to course topics, will be presented to the entire class. As an alternative for those students who do not wish to participate in a study, you may instead write a 3-page paper focusing on any of the topics explored in class. Your study participation or paper will be worth 5% of your grade. Finally, you are also to join a group project or the prejudice panel to be announced later in the course. Your participation in either will raise your course grade at least one level on a 12-point scale (for example, if the average of your first exam, quiz, study participation, and final is a B+, your course grade will be raised at least to an A-).