

Spring 2008  
Four (4) credits

Professor Stanley Renshon  
GSUC/Wednesday 4:15-6:15

**P SC. 84608- The Psychology of Immigration and American National Identity**

**COURSE BOOKS:** [all books, and those from which chapters are taken should be available via reserve and ERes system. However, you may wish to add some of these to your personal library]

Samuel P. Huntington, *Who Are We? The Challenges to American National Identity*. New York: Simon and Shuster, 2005. (Paper)

Martha Nussbaum, and contributors. *For Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism*. Boston, MA.: Beacon, 1996. (Paper)

Noah M.J. Pickus (ed). *Immigration and Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Lanham, Md. Rowman & Littlefield, 1998. (Paper)

Stanley A. Renshon. *The 50% American: Immigration and National Identity in an Age of Terror*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2005.

Stanley A. Renshon (ed). *One America? Political Leadership, National Identity, and the Dilemmas of Diversity*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2001. (Paper)

Paul M. Sniderman and Louk Hagendoorn. *When Ways of Life Collide: Multiculturalism and Its Discontents in the Netherlands*. Princeton 2007

Michael Walzer. *What It Means to be an American*. New York: Marsilio, 1996 (paper)

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. *The Disuniting of America*. New York: Norton, 1998 (paper)

**Presidential Reports**

Task Force on New Americans, "Building an Americanization Movement for the Twenty-first Century," Office of Citizenship, Department of Homeland Security, 2008. (<http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/M-708.pdf>)

US Commission on Immigration. *Becoming an American: Immigration and Immigrant Policy*. Washington DC: US Government Printing Office, 1997. (<http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/uscir/becoming/full-report.pdf>)

## Tentative Course Outline

### January 28-Course Introduction and Overview

**Assignment:** Wilfred McClay, "America-Idea or Nation?" *The Public Interest*, Fall, 2001; Minxin Pei, "The Paradoxes of American Nationalism," *Foreign Policy*, May/June, 2003.

### February 1 (Make up class) -The Political/Cultural Context of the Debate on

**American National Identity Assignment:** (1) Michael Barone-John Fonte Immigration Debate, *US News & World Report*, December 2000;

(2) Excerpts: Anthony D. Smith, *National Identity*....

(3) Philip Kasinitz, John H. Mollenkopf, Mary C. Waters, Jennifer Holdaway  
*Inheriting the City: The Children of Immigrants Come of Age*, chapter 3-Ethnic Identities

### February 4-Diversity's Dilemmas

**Assignment:** Schlesinger, Jr. *The Disuniting of America..(all)*  
Bradley Foundation, "E Pluribus Unum," 2008, pp. 15-41.  
(<http://www.bradleyproject.org/EPUREportFinal.pdf>)

### February 11: (No Class meeting) Who Are We?

**Assignment:** (1) Huntington, *Who Are We?* Chapters 1, 4  
(2) Renshon, *The 50% American*, chapters 4, 5

### February 18: (No class meeting) American Identity-Beset from Above and Below

**Assignment:** (1) Kathryn Pearson and Jack Citrin, "The Political Assimilation of the Fourth Wave," in Taeku Lee, S. Karthick Ramakrishnan, and Ricardo Ramírez  
*Transforming Politics, Transforming America: The Political and Civic Incorporation of Immigrants in the United States*. University of Virginia Press, 2007, pp. 217-242.

(2) Jim Sleeper, "American National Identity in a Post-national Age," in Renshon, *One America?*

(3) Renshon, *50% American*, chapters 6, 7.

### February 25: What Does it Mean to be an American?

**Assignment:** (1) Walzer. *What Does It Mean....?* [All]

**NOTE:** At this meeting we will begin with the Huntington reading (above) and proceed through the others assigned for 2/11 and 2/14).

### March 4: American National Character?

**Assignment:** (1) Henry Steel Commanger, *The American Mind* (New Haven, CT.: Yale Press, 1959) Chapter 20 (The Twentieth-Century American);

(2) Francis L.K. Hsu, "American Core Value and National Character," in F.L. K. Hsu (Ed) *Psychological Anthropology*, (Homewood, Ill.: Dorsey Press, 1961), Chapter Six;

(3) Seymour Martin Lipset, *The First New Nation*. (New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction, 1963), chapter 3 (A Changing American Character?)

### **March 11: Growing Up American: Learning to be an American**

**Assignment:** (1) Piaget, Jean. "The Development in Children of the Idea of the Homeland and Relations with Other Countries." *International Social Science Bulletin*, 3 (1951): 561-578.

(2) Weinstein, Eugene A. "The Development of the Concept of Flag and the Sense of National Identity." *Child Development*, 28 (1957): 167-74.

(3) Lawson, E.D. "The Development of Patriotism in Children: A Second Look." *Journal of Psychology*, 55 (1963), 279-86.

(4) Rumbaut, Ruben. "The Crucible Within: Ethnic identity, self-esteem, and segmented assimilation among children of immigrants." *International Migration Review*, 28, no. 4 (1994): 748-794.

### **March 18: The Psychology of Patriotism**

**Assignment:** (1) Walker Connor, "Beyond Reason: the nature of the ethnonational bond," *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 16 (3), 1993, 373-388.

(2) Daniel Drukman, "Nationalism, Patriotism, and Group Loyalty: A Social Psychological Perspective," *Mershon International studies Review*, 38, 1994, 43-68.

(3) Renshon, 50% American, chap. 3-American National Identity-A Theory

(4) Tom W. Smith and Lars Jarkko, "National Pride in Cross-National Perspective," NORC, 2001.

**March 18: NOTE:** Preliminary proposals for seminar paper due

### **March 25: Patriotism and its The Limits**

**Assignment:** Nussbaum, *For Love of Country*.... Chapters by Nussbaum, Appiah, Falk, Glazer, Himmelfarb, Putnam

### **April 1: Lessons from Europe?**

**Assignment:** Sniderman and Louk Hagendoorn. *When Ways of Life Collide (all)*

**April 8: Spring Break**

**April 15: Spring Break (still)**

**April 22: The Dilemmas of American Identity in a Diverse, Post 9/11 World**

**Assignment:** (1) Robert Putnam, "E Pluribus Unum: Diversity and Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 30:2, 137-174.

(2) Robert Putnam, "Social Capital Survey," Especially Questions: 5A1-5A5; 7G-7J; 33L.

(3) Fiona B. Adamsom, "Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security," *International Security*, 31:1 9 (2006), 165-199.

**April 29: American Identity and Citizenship Revised?**

**Assignment:** (1) Charles Kesler, "The Promise of American Citizenship," in Pickus (Ed)

(2) US Commission on Immigration. *Becoming an American: Immigration and Immigrant Policy*. Washington DC: US government Printing Office, 1997, pp. 25-58  
<http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/uscir/becoming/full-report.pdf>

(3) Building an Americanization Movement for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Report to the President of the United States From the Task Force on New Americans. Washington, DC, 2008.  
<http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/M-708.pdf>

**May 6: Class Presentations**

**May 13: Class Presentations**

**May 20: EXAMINATION DAY -Class Presentations**