Gender, Race, Immigration, and Networked Protest, in the Trump Era

I. From Economic Inequality and Precariousness to Status Anxiety: Connections Between This and Last Week’s Themes
   A. How and When Economic Inequality Translates into Status Hierarchy (e.g. Smith, Weber, Veblen and Robert Frank)
   B. How Downward Mobility Combined with Disappointed Expectations Contributes to Status Anxiety
   C. “Last Place Aversion,” Race, Gender and Class in 21st Century America
   D. The Fragility of White Identity: Understanding and Sympathy without Endorsing its Pathologies

II. The Other Thesis I: Race
   A. The Prevalence and Complexity of Status Anxiety
   B. Trends in Immigration and the Racial Diversification of America
   C. Anxiety About the Composition of the Public
   D. Anxiety About Belonging, Inclusion, Privilege and Power
   E. Putting this in the Context of American Race Politics
      2. The (Un)deserving Poor: Racial Attributions of Deservingness and the Political Economy of Redistribution
      3. “Pitied But not Entitled:” Bringing Gender Into the Mix

III. The Other Thesis II: Gender
   A. The Ordeal of a Transition to a Post-Conventional Gender Order
   B. The Complexity of Current Public Opinion on Gender, Harassment, etc.
   C. The Roots of Asymmetrical Vulnerability to Sexual Violence
IV. The Other Thesis III: Immigration
   A. The Demographic Basis for Populist Fears
   B. Some Troubling Evidence about What Immigration Does to Liberal Attitudes (Ryan Enos)

V. The Power and Limits of Networked Politics (Zeynep Tufekci)

VI. Concluding Thoughts: Are We a Nation Coming Apart? And is there Anything We Can Do About It?
   A. Placing the Spectacle of the Last Week in Context: Blasey Ford, Kavanaugh and the Coming Together of Two Cross-Cutting Currents in Contemporary Political Culture
   B. The Two Theses Again: Economic Inequality and Precariousness vs. Race, Immigration, Gender and Status Anxiety
   C. Is it Possible to Ameliorate Status Anxiety through Public Policy? Path Dependence, Political Creativity and Leadership, and Generational Change

Works Drawn On:
- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness*
- Matthew Desmond’s *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*
- Thomas Edsall, “Why We Don’t Always Vote Our Self-Interest,” *New York Times*, July 19, 2018
- Ryan Enos, *The Space Between Us: Social Geography and Politics*
- Robert H. Frank, *The Winner-take-all Society*
- Ezra Klein, “White Threat in a Browning America,” *Vox*, June 30, 2018
- Kate Manne, *Downgirl: The Logic of Misogyny*
- Annelise Orleck, *We Are All Fast Food Workers Now*
- Zeynep Tufekci, *Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest*