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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
 1. "Last Place Aversion," Race, and the Geography of US Social Welfare Policy
 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*
- Ta-Nehisi Coates, “The Case for Reparation,” *The Atlantic*, June 2014
- 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*
- Kate Pickett and Richard G. Wilkinson, *Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Stronger Societies*
- Richard Rothstein, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*
- Zeynep Tufekci, *Twitter and Tear Gas: The Power and Fragility of Networked Protest*