



Race, Rurality & American Politics

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When we talk about issues of race in the United States, we almost always spend a lot of time talking about social movements happening in urban places: Los Angeles. Chicago. New York. Washington, D.C. But what do the politics of race look like in rural America? How do the issues at the forefront of American politics play out in rural spaces? In this course, **Race, Rurality, and American Politics**, we will explore how the stereotypes assigned to rural people are racially coded and class-based (Who is a hillybilly? A redneck? Who is White trash and why?). We will learn about how race, region, and religion come to shape both rural life and rural politics. We will explore the perspectives of women, people of color, and queer people living in rural places across the country, and we will examine how racism, antiracism, and social justice activism all look different in rural settings. We will discuss how and why rural voters have come to play an outsized role in determining the national political conversation, and why rural people are so important to the future of racial justice. Together, we will chart the urban/rural political divide, and the course will provide a richer understanding of race and politics in all corners of the United States.