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Race, Ethnicity, and the Politics of City Redistricting Joshua G. Behr, 2012-02-01 Why do cities with similar minority populations vary greatly in the adoption of minority opportunity districts and by extension differ in the number of elected Hispanic and black representatives? Through in-depth research of the districting processes of more than 100 cities, *Race, Ethnicity, and the Politics of City Redistricting* provides the first nationwide study of minority opportunity districts at the local level. Joshua G. Behr explores the motives of the players involved, including incumbent legislators, Department of Justice officials, and organized interests while investigating the roles that segregation, federal oversight, litigation, partisan elections, and resource disparity among others play in the election of Hispanics and blacks. Behr's book documents for both theorists and practitioners the necessary conditions for enhancing minority opportunity districts at the local level. *The Effect of Minority Districts and Minority Representation on Political Participation in California* Claudine Gay, 2001 The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior Lee Epstein, Stefanie A. Lindquist, 2017-06-08 The Oxford Handbook of U.S. Judicial Behavior offers readers a comprehensive introduction and analysis of research regarding decision making by judges serving on federal and state courts in the U.S. Featuring contributions from leading scholars in the field, the Handbook describes and explains how the courts' political and social context, formal institutional structures, and informal norms affect judicial decision making. The Handbook also explores the impact of judges' personal attributes and preferences as well as prevailing legal doctrine influence and shape case outcomes in state and federal courts. The volume also proposes avenues for future research in the various topics addressed throughout the book. Consultant Editor for The Oxford Handbooks of American Politics George C. Edwards III *Fair and Effective Representation?* Mark E. Rush, Richard Lee Engstrom, 2001 Two experts on political representation, voting rights, and the election process debate the most pertinent issues of electoral reform and assess them in the context of the Founders' vision of representation and minority rights. Mark E. Rush and Richard L. Engstrom

discuss the promises and pitfalls of electoral reform specifically the merits of converting from the traditional single member district to some form of proportional representation The authors examine the shortcomings of the existing methods of elections such as gerrymandering low turnout voter apathy and underrepresentation of minorities and women debate the merits of converting to proportional representation ask whether it would address the imperfections of the current system and investigate the extent to which proportional representation adheres to the Founders particularly Madison's plan for representation With an introduction by esteemed political scientist Bruce E Cain this is an essential text for courses in voting rights and behavior elections and American political thought *The Handbook of Electoral System Choice* J.

Colomer, 2016-01-05 The topic of electoral reform is an extremely timely one The accelerated expansion of the number of new democracies in the world generates increasing demand for advice on the choice of electoral rules at the same time a new reformism in well established democracies seeks new formulae favouring both more representative institutions and more accountable rulers The Handbook of Electoral System Choice addresses the theoretical and comparative issues of electoral reform in relation to democratization political strategies in established democracies and the relative performance of different electoral systems Case studies on virtually every major democracy or democratizing country in the world are included

Congress in Black and White Christian R. Grose, 2011-01-31 The symbolic importance of Barack Obama's election is without question But beyond symbolism does the election of African American politicians matter Grose argues that it does and presents a unified theory of representation Electing African American legislators yields more federal dollars and congressional attention directed toward African American voters However race and affirmative action gerrymandering have no impact on public policy passed in Congress Grose is the first to examine a natural experiment and exceptional moment in history in which black legislators especially in the U S South represented districts with a majority of white constituents This is the first systematic examination of the effect of a legislator's race above and beyond the effect of constituency racial characteristics Grose offers policy prescriptions including the suggestion that voting rights advocates the courts and redistricters draw black decisive districts electorally competitive districts that are likely to elect African Americans

Ethnic Minority Migrants in Britain and France Rahsaan Maxwell, 2012-03-05 This book addresses why some ethnic minority migrant groups have better economic and political integration outcomes than others The central claim is that social integration leads to trade offs with economic and political integration The logic behind this claim is that socially segregated groups may have difficulties interacting with mainstream society but will have more capacity for group mobilization That mobilization can improve economic and political integration In comparison socially integrated groups may have greater capacity to interact with mainstream society but also less likelihood of developing significant group mobilization resources As a result this can limit their economic and political integration outcomes Rahsaan Maxwell develops this argument with evidence from Britain and France claiming that similar group level dynamics exist despite numerous national level contextual

differences and provides a brief extension of the argument to The Netherlands and the United States

Inventive Politicians and Ethnic Ascent in American Politics Miriam Jiménez, 2013-11-07 This innovative book investigates the process through which ethnic minorities penetrate into higher echelons of political power specifically how they succeed in getting elected to the U S Congress Analysts today see ethnic politicians largely in relation to their collectivities but by actually studying what ethnic minority politicians do and the issues they have faced Jimenez's book offers an original perspective of analysis Jimenez utilizes a ground breaking comparative dataset of elected members of Congress organized upon the basis of national origin the first available Using the cases of Mexican Americans and Italian Americans Jimenez analyzes and compares the different ways that these ethnic politicians have been elected to the national legislature from the beginning of the 20th century until the present Her study examines Italian and Mexican American politicians actions and interactions with local political parties identifies various layers of political power that have influenced their successes and failures and uncovers the strategies that they have used Jimenez argues that the politically active segment of an ethnic group matters in the process of political incorporation of a group She also asserts that regular access of ethnic groups into upper levels of political office and the full acceptance of new ethnic players only occurs as a consequence of an institutional change Jimenez's pioneering documentation and analysis of the strategies of ethnic minority politicians and the ways that political institutions have influenced these politicians is significant to scholars of political incorporation race and ethnicity and congressional elections Her book demonstrates the need to reconsider several standard ideas of how minority representation occurs and deepens our understanding of the role that political institutions play in that process

Hispanics and the U.S. Political System Chris Garcia, 2015-12-22 As the Hispanic population in the U S grows so too does its influence The general election in 2000 marked an era of increased influence and awareness by Hispanics in politics both as voters and politicians While it is clear that Latinos are influencing and changing politics the impact on politics in the U S is still not clear Authored by leading scholar F Chris Garcia and Gabriel Sanchez Hispanics and the U S Political System Moving into the Mainstream focuses on the historical contemporary and future role of Hispanics in the United States

Voting in America H. L. Pohlman, 2020-10-19 This title gives students and other users a clear understanding of the true state of voting and representative democracy in the United States by impartially examining claims surrounding voter fraud voter suppression gerrymandering and other voting related issues in the U S This work is part of a series that uses evidence based documentation to examine the veracity of claims and beliefs about high profile issues in American culture and politics Each book in the Contemporary Debates series is intended to puncture rather than perpetuate myths that diminish our understanding of important policies and positions to provide needed context for misleading statements and claims and to confirm the factual accuracy of other assertions This particular volume examines beliefs claims and myths about voting and elections in the United States Issues covered include constitutional provisions concerning the franchise constitutional

amendments expanding the vote to previously disenfranchised groups the specific provisions of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 and modern day controversies swirling around claims of voter suppression for partisan gain voter fraud and partisan gerrymandering All of these issues are examined in individualized entries with objective responses grounded in up to date evidence

The Crisis ,1999-05 The Crisis founded by W E B Du Bois as the official publication of the NAACP is a journal of civil rights history politics and culture and seeks to educate and challenge its readers about issues that continue to plague African Americans and other communities of color For nearly 100 years The Crisis has been the magazine of opinion and thought leaders decision makers peacemakers and justice seekers It has chronicled informed educated entertained and in many instances set the economic political and social agenda for our nation and its multi ethnic citizens

The New Constitutional Order Mark Tushnet,2009-02-09 In his 1996 State of the Union Address President Bill Clinton announced that the age of big government is over Some Republicans accused him of cynically appropriating their themes while many Democrats thought he was betraying the principles of the New Deal and the Great Society Mark Tushnet argues that Clinton was stating an observed fact the emergence of a new constitutional order in which the aspiration to achieve justice directly through law has been substantially chastened Tushnet argues that the constitutional arrangements that prevailed in the United States from the 1930s to the 1990s have ended We are now in a new constitutional order one characterized by divided government ideologically organized parties and subdued constitutional ambition Contrary to arguments that describe a threatened return to a pre New Deal constitutional order however this book presents evidence that our current regime s animating principle is not the old belief that government cannot solve any problems but rather that government cannot solve any more problems Tushnet examines the institutional arrangements that support the new constitutional order as well as Supreme Court decisions that reflect it He also considers recent developments in constitutional scholarship focusing on the idea of minimalism as appropriate to a regime with chastened ambitions Tushnet discusses what we know so far about the impact of globalization on domestic constitutional law particularly in the areas of international human rights and federalism He concludes with predictions about the type of regulation we can expect from the new order This is a major new analysis of the constitutional arrangements in the United States Though it will not be received without controversy it offers real explanatory and predictive power and provides important insights to both legal theorists and political scientists

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Voting Rights and Minority Representation David A. Bositis,2006-06-23 Proceedings of a one day conference in May 2002 entitled Redistricting 1992 2002 Voting Rights and Minority Representation convened by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

Representation of Minority Groups in the U.S. Charles Menifield,2001-11-12 Seventeen American scholars contributed 15 chapters to this volume examining the changes in the descriptive and substantive representation of women African Americans Latinos Asian Americans and American Indians in the U S political system from 1965 to the present The text is divided into two parts minority representation in Congress and

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