John Brown, above, Thad Stevens, below Abolitionists with different strategies.

Radicalism in America

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Books to be Bought
Zinn, Peoples History
Sinclair, The Jungle
Brown, New Studies in U.S. Communism
Breines, Takin It to the Streets
Johnson, The Making of Donald Trump

Course Work
We will examine radical ideas, individuals and movements in United States history as they have been reflected in the shifting American mainstream, from the beginnings of colonization to the present, centering our attention on the twentieth century. A variety of traditional and non-traditional historical narratives, documents, interviews and documentary films and videos will be used as sources. Students will be expected to have done all of the reading assigned for the week by Wednesday/ Two essay exams, a takehome midterm and a takehome final will be distributed and students will have around one week to complete this exams.
Attendance will be taken and, along with class participation, counted in the assignment of final grades. The midterm will count 35% The final 45% and attendance and participation 10%, although poor attendance, meaning a significant number of unexcused absences can result in a significant grade reduction.

Course Outline
Intro-9/6/17General Theme: Definitions of Radicalism, Colonial Background


W9/20/17-- General Theme Democracy and Manifest Destiny: The Revolution’s Completion or Betrayal Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 102-166 Video, Amistad


10/4/17 General Theme: The Industrial Republic and the Poverty of Progress Readings, Zinn, Peoples History, 247-313

10/11/17 General Theme: Labor and Populist Resistance readings-- Zinn, Peoples History, 314-348 Video, Debs and the American Movement

10/18/17 General Theme: Socialism and Cultural Resistance Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp.350-368 Finish the Jungle Take-home midterm given out.

10/25/17 General Theme: War, Repression, and 100 percent Americanism Video Reds Take-home midterm due Wednesday class.


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12/13--American Radicalism, Past Present and Future, Course Conclusion Readings Johnston, *The Making of Donald Trump*, from empty boxes to epilogue — Takehome final given out