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U.S. History, 1945-present, summer course/ Office Hours, Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30-5:30 PM

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Books to Be Consulted

Chafe, Unfinished Journey ISBN Number 0195036995 any edition link to Haithi Trust

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Chafe Ed, History of Our Time ISBN Number19508277X any edition

[\*\*Democratic empire: the United States since 1945\*\*](#)

Cullen, Jim, 1962- Link <https://bit.ly/2LoRVmA>

[\*\*A companion to post-1945 America\*\*](#) Agnew, Jean-Christophe, editor.;Rosenzweig, Roy,

editor. Link <https://bit.ly/2SZfWVD>

### Work to be done

We will analyze online on Canvas the major developmental trends in U.S. history from 1945 to the present. I will send you a week in advance audio recorded lectures and video clips and video materials which we will then discuss in chatroom sessions. All material will be archived on Canvas and available to you through the course. You will be responsible for a take-home midterm, and a take-home final which you will send to the assignment tab in our Sakai site. The midterm will count around 35 percent, the final around 50 percent, chatroom participation around 15 percent. I have also assigned two eBooks, as substitute readings for you if you cannot get the two Chafe book or prefer not to purchase them.

### Outline

July 13 –Introduction: The Old Deal, the New Deal, and WWII– video: Rosie the Riveter  
Democratic Empire, prelude, pp. 16-22 Companion, Lawanda and Self from part 1

July 15 the International Cold War Synthesis: Causes and Consequences Chafe, Journey chaps 1-3 Chafe, Our Time, pp.1-22-  
-Film Atomic Café  
Democratic Empire, chap 1 Companion, Eisenberg, Murray, And Walker from part 3

July 20– The Domestic Cold War Synthesis: “McCarthyism and McCarthy Chafe, Journey chap 4 Chafe, Our Time pp. 37-63  
Film Trumbo  
Democratic Empire, Chapter begin chapter 2 Companion Freeman from Part 2, Schrecker from part 3

July 22 – Consumerism as “Americanism” Chafe, Journey chap 5, Chafe, Our Time pp. 65-80  
Democratic Empire, complete chapter 2 Companion, Lasande and Douglas from part 1  
Film: You Can’t Get There From Here

July 27 The Civil Rights Movement and Another Kind of “Americanism” Chafe, Journey chaps 6-7, Chafe, Our Time, pp. 108-120, pp. 119-150. Democratic Empire, “the long 1960s, chap. 3 Companion, Self and Sugrue from part 1, and Gaines from Part 2

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Take-home midterm given out,  
Film–No Easy Walk

July 29 The 1960s and Peace and Freedom-Chafe, Journey chaps 8-12 Chafe, Our Time pp. 81-118. 166-222 Democratic Empire, chap. 5, Companion, Gosse, MacLean, and Bailey from part 2

Film, excerpts from Berkeley in the 1960s and the major peace demonstrations

Take-home midterm due, August 2

August 3 Richard Nixon and “Presidential McCarthyism” Chafe, Journey chap 13 Chafe, Our Time, pp.277-330 Democratic Empire, chap 4 , 6 Companion, King from part2, Hunt from part 3

Film Tricky Dick–

August 5 the New World Economy of the 1970s and beyond. Chafe, Journey chap 14 Chafe, Our Time, 333-354. Democratic Empire chap 8 Companion, Tyrell from part 2

Aug 10—Back to the Future I—The Reagan Bush I, Clinton era Chafe, Journey chap 15 Chafe, Our Time, p. 355-392 Democratic Empire, chap 7 Companion, excerpts from Chappell and Jacobson, part 2

Take home final posted, Friday, August 11

Excerpts from Which Killed Vincent Chin? And clip the “Reagan Revolution” starring Ronald Reagan with George HW Bush

Aug 12 --Back to the Future II? Bush 2, Obama The Crisis of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—The rise and fall of the post-cold war era/ Chafe, Journey chaps 16-17 Chafe, Our Time, pp 393-436 447-487 Democratic Empire, chaps 9-10 Companion, Palmer and Blanton from part 3 Allitt and Fisher from part1

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Aug 17- Conclusion Who is Donald Trump and Who Are We? Film. America’s Great Divide  
Take-home finals due, August 18