





John Brown, above, Thad Stevens, Above Abolitionists with different strategies Bernie and Alexandra and the " Democratic Left" Today and A Neo-Nazi "defending" Confederate statues today

### Radicalism in America

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Office Hours 4-5 PM MW

Books to be Bought

Zinn, Peoples History of the United States. Available free as eBook on internet

[mvlindsey.files.wordpress.com > peoples-history-zinn-1980](http://mvlindsey.files.wordpress.com/peoples-history-zinn-1980)

Sinclair, The Jungle, available free as eBook, on internet

**[The Jungle by Upton Sinclair - Free eBook - Project Gutenberg](#)**

Pecinovsky, Let Them Tremble: 100 Years of the CPUSA

Breines, ed, Takin it to the Streets free eBook available on internet

**['Takin' it to the streets' A Sixties Reader - PDF Free Download](#)**

[epdf.pub > takin-it-to-the-streets-a-sixties-reader](#)

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.

History is the understanding of the relationship of the past to the present, without which one can neither understand the present nor make any informed predictions about the future. Our course will seek to encourage students, through readings, class lectures/discussions, films and video clips both to develop their analytical and critical skills and expand their knowledge of the content of U.S. history. We will have a takehome final and a take-home midterm which will be posted in the Canvas assignment tab. The midterm will count 35% and the final 50% for the course grade. Attendance and participation will count 15% for the course grade

## Course Outline

Week 1 9/14/23 General Theme: Definitions of Radicalism: The American Revolution as a Radical Revolution? Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 1-101 -Video Revolutionary Etiquette

Week 2 9/21/23-- General Theme Democracy and Manifest Destiny: The Revolution's Completion or Betrayal? Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 102-166 Video Amistad

Week 3 9/28/23 General Theme: The Civil War: Social Revolution and Liberation? Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp.167-246 Video 1877: Grand Army of Starvation

Week 4 10/5/23 General Theme: The Industrial Republic and the Poverty of Progress Readings, Zinn, Peoples History, 247-313 start reading The Jungle

Week 5 10/12/23 General Theme: Labor and Populist Resistance readings--Zinn, People's History, 314-348 Continue reading The Jungle

Week 6 10/19/23 General Theme: Socialism and Cultural Resistance Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp.350-368 Takehome Midterm handed out and posted in Canvas assignment tab

Week 7 10/26/23 General Theme: War, Repression, and 100 percent Americanism  
Take-home midterm due in Canvas assignment tab

Week 8 11/2/23 General Theme: Communists and a New Left: Strengths and Weakness Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 368-397 Pecinovsky, Tremble chaps 3-5 Video, Union Maids

Week 9 11/9//23 General Theme: War, Repression and a New a Manifest Destiny readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 398-434, Video: The Good Fight

Week 10 11/16/23 General Theme: Civil Rights and the Meanings of Democracy Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 435-459 Brines, Streets pp. 3-44, 135-201 Pecinovsky, Tremble, chaps 1-2

Week 11 11/21/23 General Theme: Anti-War, Women's Rights, and the Meaning of Democracy Readings Breines, Streets pp.450-557 Video Berkeley in the 1960s

Week 12 11/30/23 General Theme: Environmentalism and Animal Rights in an Age of Fragmentation Readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 493-569, Breines, Streets pp. 559-636 Johnston, Making of Donald Trump, from Family History to Income Taxes Video, Roger and Me

Week 13 12/7/23 General Theme: American Radicalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Past Present and Future, in the time of "neo liberalism" and the danger of "neo fascism" readings Zinn, Peoples History, pp. 570-582 Johnston, The Making of Donald Trump empty books to epilogue

Final exam posted 12/9/22 in assignment tab

Conclusion 12/12/23—The Meanings of Radicalism Today Discussion of Course and Final Exam. Final Exam due date to be announced in class