

African-American Political Psychology: Identity, Opinion, and Action in the Post-Civil Rights Era

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The experience of the African in America is unique. From the arrival of the first Africans in the 1600s, through slavery and Jim Crow, to the present, the legal, social, and political reality of Blacks remains unparalleled to any other group in American society. How this experience has resonated in the political psychology of Blacks and what that means for how blacks think about the political world, however, remains largely unexplored. While there have been a few attempts to study this topic, such studies have been sporadic and disconnected from one another and currently do not constitute a cohesive subfield of either political science or psychology. Hence, this is the objective of this volume. The editors have assembled a number of papers from both psychologists and political scientists in an effort to combine both disciplines' understanding of this phenomenon. The goal of the volume is to take lessons learned from previous research and incorporate them into new theories and utilize new data sources in an effort to create a unified study of Black political psychology.