

Spring Semester 2010

**ANTI-AMERICANISM**

50:790:429

Dr. Kim Shienbaum, Dept. of Political Science  
401 Cooper Street  
Camden, NJ 08102

Phone: 856/225-2971

Email: [shienbau@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:shienbau@camden.rutgers.edu) ( Please email me for an appointment

***Attendance is considered important by the Instructor and will be assessed as part of your final grade.***

**DEPARTMENTAL LEARNING GOALS**

1. Knowledge Acquisition
2. Critical Thinking
3. Applied Knowledge
4. Oral and written skills

**COURSE CONTEXT**

Anti-Americanism, already well established in Europe and the Arab Street, finds safest home within the U.S. on America's college campuses. Its increasing virulence, however, comes at an even vulnerable moment in contemporary history---just as America's global leadership is facing a challenge from Islamism and China. If present trends continue, by 2030 the second largest economy in the world will overtake America within 20 years, while Islamism's penetration of Europe and Africa, its violent confrontations worldwide, and its agenda of a Pan Islamic Umma ( global community of believers) leaves the future of the West, and American global leadership, in doubt.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Anti-Americanism, a means of challenging American power and global leadership, is defined as a set of negative predispositions towards the U.S. has been energized by the unipolar world following the collapse of Communism. This course will explore and examine three different ( and even contradictory) forms of anti-Americanism: Liberal anti-Americanism which criticizes our foreign policy interventionism and support for dictatorships abroad; Social anti-Americanism ( from Europe mainly) which criticizes our lack of social welfare programs and Sovereign-nationalist anti-Americanism from nations which resist and resent attempts to impose our values because they want to preserve identities which may be at odds with the liberal democratic values America seeks to export.

**COURSE GOALS**

This course will examine the genesis and development of post-war anti-Americanism on college campuses through the growth of critical American Studies as a discipline, as well as the intellectual roots of European and Islamist anti-Americanism. It will also identify and analyze the strategies and tactics of anti-Americanism which include a) selective historical memory b) selective rage c) moral relativism d) reversal of responsibility and the Progressive Left's recent alliance of science with the Islamists (the Red/Green alliance)

The course will conclude by re-evaluating America's positive contributions to global peace and prosperity as well as America's strategic errors and miscalculations and suggest a range of antidotes to anti-Americanism

### **CLASSROOM FORMAT:**

The class format will emphasize lectures. Nevertheless, the class aims to promote active learning and will therefore also expect students to engage in informed classroom discussion (in addition to lectures) in which students are expected to make contributions based on their readings. Where appropriate, films/documentaries will supplement classroom discussion and debate. Since this is a controversial subject, we can expect intense debate and disagreement. Students are expected to respect other people's points of view and to refrain from disrupting the classroom agenda as determined by the Instructor. Students must wait to be recognized by the Instructor before asking questions or making comments.

Students who feel themselves unable to abide by the college rules prohibiting classroom disruption are strongly advised to consider taking an alternate course. This professor does not accept emailed term papers. Students must deliver printed term papers and book reports.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Attendance is mandatory and attendance will be taken every class session. Informed discussion and regular attendance will be taken into consideration by the Instructor whenever a grade is in doubt.

Your grade for this course will be based on the following assignments:

1. Part of the course ([4 sessions](#)) [will be web enhanced](#) and students will be required to complete a web assignment and post their comments.

The dates for these web enhanced sessions are as follows:

Thursday February 18 (5 points)  
 Thursday March 11 (5 points)  
 Tuesday March 30 (5 points)  
 Thursday April 15 (5 points)

Sub total: 20 points to be completed on dates indicate

2. **Book Report** ( 20 points) and Presentation (10 points)
3. **Final Exam** ( 50 points, True/False, Multiple Choice)

### REQUIRED READING LIST

1. Noam Chomsky, HEGEMONY OR SURVIVAL ( Henry Holt, 2003, Owl, 2004
2. Jean Francois Revel, ANTI-AMERICANISM (Encounter Books , 2003
3. The Wall Street Journal

### COURSE OUTLINE

1. Who Hates America and Why: The Myth of America the Strong
2. What Strategies Do They Use to Marginalize, Isolate and Demonize America
3. Assessing America in the World What Have We Done Right? What Have We Done Wrong
4. America the Vulnerable: External Threats, Internal Challenge

### SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:

[OP/ED, Adam Lowther, " Iran's Two Edged Bomb, " \*The New York Times\* , Tuesday February 9, 2010.](#)

Andrew Bacevich, *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism* (Also hear interview Sept.11, 2008 on Terri Gross, Fresh Air)

Thomas L Friedmar *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America* , Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008 ( Hear interview with Terri Gross, Sept.7 or 8, 2008

Philip Bobbitt, *Terror and Consent: the Wars for the Twentyfirst Century* ( Alfred Knopf, 2008)

Fareed Zakaria, *The Post American World* ( WW. Norton 2008) ( ATC NPR, 4/29/08 audio)

Robert Kaplan, *Daydream Believers: How a Few Grand Ideas Wrecked American Power* ( 2008)

John Bolton, *Surrender is Not An Option* ( 2007)

Peter Navarro,author of "*The Coming China Wars: Where They Will Be Fought and How They Can Be Won,*"

Michael Mandlebaum, *The Case for Goliath*

Walter Laquer, *The Last Days of Europe: Epitaph for an Old Continent* ( Thomas Dunne, 2007

Bruce Thornton, *Decline and Fall: Europe's Slow Motion Suicide* ( Encounter, 2007)

Ziauddin Sardar and Merryl Wyn Davies *WHO DO PEOPLE HATE AMERICA ?* (The Disinformation Company,2004) ( Radical left view)

Daniel Flynn *WHY THE LEFT HATES AMERICA* ( Three Rivers Press/ Crown Forum 2004

Chalmers Johnson *BLOWBACK*, Owl Books, 2001

David Reiff, *At The Point of A Gun,; Democratic Dreams and Armed Intervention* (Simon and Schuster 2005)

Chalmers Johnson *THE SORROWS OF EMPIRE* (Owl Books)

Paul Hollander *Understanding Anti-Americanism: Its Origins and Impact at Home and Abroad*

Judith Colp Rubin and Barry Rubin, "Hating America: A History" (Oxford University Press, 2004). This essay is based on his FPRI BookTalk

Dore Gold, *Tower of Babel: How the United Nations Has Fueled Global Chaos*

Natan Sharansky et al, *The Case for Democracy* (2005)

David Horowitz, *The Anti Chomsky Reader*

Thomas Barnett, *Pentagon's New Map* GP Putnam's Sons, 200

David Reiff, *At the Point of a Gun* (Simon and Shuster, 2005)

Bat Yeor *Eurabia* (Fairleigh Dickenson University Press, 2005)

Niall Ferguson, *COLOSSUS: The Price of America's Empire* (Penguin, 2004)

Michael Mandelbaum, *THE IDEAS THAT CONQUERED THE WORLD: Peace, Democracy and Free Markets* (Public Affairs 2004)

Jagdish N. Bhagwati *In Defense of Globalization* (Oxford University Press, 2004)

Martin Wolf, *WHY GLOBALIZATION WORKS* (Yale University Press, 2004)

Benjamin Barber, *JIHAD Vs MACWORLD* (1997)

Thomas Friedman, *THE LEXUS AND THE OLIVE TREE: Understanding Globalization*

Richard Langhorne, *THE COMING OF GLOBALIZATION* (Palgrave 2000)

Raghuram G. Rajan and Luigi Zingales *SAVING CAPITALISM FROM THE CAPITALISTS* (2003)

Kim E. Shienbaum *AMERICAN SHOCKWAVE: Entrepreneurial Capitalism and Its Global Impact* (Praeger, 2002)

Peter Berger and Samuel Huntington *MANY GLOBALIZATIONS: Cultural Diversity in the Contemporary World* (Oxford University Press, 2003)

James Rosenau, *DISTANT PROXIMITIES: Dynamics Beyond Globalization* (Princeton University Press 2003)

Tyler Cowen, *CREATIVE DESTRUCTION: How Globalization is Changing the World's Cultures* (Princeton University Press, 2004)

William Odum and Robert Dujarnic *AMERICA'S INADVERTENT EMPIRE* (Yale University Press, 2004)

Francis Fukuyama *STATE BUILDING: Governance and World Order in the 21st. Century* (Cornell University Press, 2004)

Surjit S. Bhalla *Imagine there's no Country: Poverty, Inequity, and Growth in the Era of Globalization* Institute for International Economics, Washington 2002

Using statistics from many developing countries, Indian economist Surjit Bhalla shows that globalization has led to a decrease in poverty and injustice. Between 1980 and 2000, the economies of poor countries grew twice as fast as in the industrialized world. In the same time, the number of poor as a percentage of the total population sank worldwide by more than two thirds. This is the largest reduction of poverty in human history.

Critiques of Globalization/ Militarism: What America Has Done Wrong

Noam Chomsky, *Failed States* ( Holt Paperbacks, 2007)  
 Noam Chomsky, *Rogue States* ( Pluto 2007) ( May not be available in the USA  
 Time Weiner *Legacy of Ashes : The History of the CIA* ( Doubleday, 2007)  
 Mark Steyn, *America Alone* ( Regnery, 2006)  
 Chalmers Johnson *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*

Noam Chomsky, *Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance* ( Owl Bo, 2004)  
 Walter M. Brasch, *America's UNPatriotic Acts*, Peter Lang Publications, 2004  
 Anonymous, *Imperial Hubris*, ( 2004  
 Paul Hollander, *ANTI AMERICANISM: Its Origins and Impact at Home and Abroad* (Ivan Ge, 2004)  
 Patrick Buchanan, *THE GREAT BETRAYAL* ( 1998  
 John Gray, *FALSE DAWN: The Delusions of Global Capitalism* ( New Press/ WW Norton, 198  
 Amy Chua, *THE WORLD ON FIRE: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability* ( Doubleday, 2002)  
 Joseph Stiglitz, *GLOBALIZATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS* ( 2002  
 Charles Derber, *PEOPLE BEFORE PROFIT: The New Globalization in an Age of Terror, Bi Money and Economic Crisis* ( 2003)  
 Mahmood Mamdami, *GOOD MUSLIM, BAD MUSLIM: America, the Cold War and the Roots of Teror* ( Pantheon, 2004)  
 Noam Chomsky, *HEGEMONY OR SURVIVAL: America's Quest for Global Domina*  
 George Soros, *THE BUBBLE AMERICA: Correcting the MisUSE of American Power* ( Public Affairs, 2004)  
 Howard Zinn, *A People's History of the United States*  
 Stefan Halper and Jonathan Clarke, *AMERICA ALONE: The Neo-Conservatives and the Global Order* ( Cambridge University Press, 2004  
 Chalmers Johnson, *THE SORROWS OF EMPIRE : Militarism, Secrecy and the End of the Republic* ( Metropolitan Books, 2004)  
 Samantha Power, *A Problem From Hell : America in an Age of Genocide* ( Harper Collir, 2002)  
 Stephen Shulhofer, *THE ENEMY WITHIN* ( Brookings Institution Press, 2002)

Challenger Civilizations: *THE THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAM: ( OR JIHAD)*

Michael Ledeen, *The Iranian Time Bomb* ( St. Martin's Press, 2007)  
 Zachary Shore, *Breeding Bin Ladens: America, Islam and the Future of Europe* ( 2007  
 Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer, *The Israel Lobby* ( Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007)  
 John Bolton, *Surrender is Not an Option: Defeating America at the UN and Abroad* ( Simon and Schuster 2007)  
 Kim Ezra Shienbaum and Jamal Hasan, Editors, *Beyond Jihad: Critical Voices from Inside Islam* ( Academica Press, 2006)  
 Marc Sageman, *UNDERSTANDING TERROR NETWORKS* ( Penn Press: 2002  
*ONWARD MUSLIM SOLDIER* ( Regnery Books, 2003  
 Paul Fregosi, *Jihad in the West* ( Prometheus Books, 2003) *Historical*

Noah Feldman, *After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2003)

Kenneth Timmerman, *PREACHERS OF HATE: Islam and the War on America*, Crown Forum Bos, 2003

Gerald Posner, *Why America Slept* ( Random House, 2003

Bernard Lewis, *WHAT WENT WRONG* (2002

William Bennett, *WHY WE FIGHT* (2002

Gilles Kepel , *JIHAD: The Trail of Political Islam* (2002

Michael Ledeen, *THE TERROR MASTERS* ( St. Martin's Press, 2002

Ralph Peters, *BEYOND TERROR*

Peter Bergen, *HOLY WAR INC.: Inside the Secret World of Osama Bin Laden* ( Touchstone Books, 2002)

Fereydoun Hoveida, *THE BROKEN CRESCENT: The Threat of Militant Islamic Fundamentalism* (Praeger, 2002)

Capt. Russell Howard and Reid Sawyer, *TERRORISM AND COUNTER TERRORISM* ( McGraw Hill, 2002)

Daniel Pipes, *MILITANT ISLAM REACHES AMERICA* (2002

Daniel Pipes, *IN THE PATH OF GOD: Islam and Political Power* (Revised Edition, 2002

Simon Reeve, *THE NEW JACKALS*

Alan M Dershowitz, *WHY TERRORISM WORKS* ( Yale University Press, 2002

Karen Armstrong, *THE BATTLE FOR GOD* ( Random House, 2002

Stephen Schwartz, *THE TWO FACES OF ISLAM : The House of Saud From Tradition to Terror* ( Doubleday, 2002)

Thierry Meyssan, *L'Effroyable Imposture (THE HORRIFYING FRAUD/ THE BIG LIE)* ( 2002 French libertarian argues that 9/11 was the work of U.S. officials looking for an excuse to launch war on Afghanistan and Iraq. On French best-seller list. Should be available in English

Daniel Benjamin and Steven Simon, *THE AGE OF SACRED TERROR* ( Random House, 2002

Robert Spencer and David Pryce Jones, *ISLAM UNVEILED: Disturbing Questions About the World's Fastest Growing Faith* ( Encounter Books, 2002

Colleen Carroll, *THE NEW FAITHFUL* ( 2002

Philip Jenkins, *THE NEW CHRISTENDOM* ( Penn State Press, 2002

Dore Gold, *HATRED'S KINGDOM: How Saudi Arabia Supports The New Global Terrorism* ( Regnery 2003)

Michelle Malkin, *INVASION: How America Still Welcomes Terrorists, Criminals and Other Foreign Menaces to our Shores* ( Regnery Books, 2003)

Stephen Schwartz, *THE TWO FACES OF ISLAM : The House of Saud From Tradition to Terror* ( Doubleday, 2002)

Peter Lance, *1000 YEARS FOR REVENGE* ( Regan Books: 2003

Robert Baer, *SLEEPING WITH THE DEVIL* ( 2003

Murray Weiss, *THE MAN WHO WARNED AMERICA* (FBI agent who died in 9/11) (Regan Book 2004)

Rachel Ehrenfeld et al., *FUNDING EVIL: How Terrorism is Financed and How to Stop It* ( Bonus Books 2003)

Loretta Napoleoni et al., *MODERN JIHAD* ( Pluto Books, 2003

Gerald Posner, *WHY AMERICA SLEPT* ( Random House 2003

Richard Perle and David Frum, *AN END TO EVIL: How To Win The War on Terror* (2002

Kenneth Timmerman, PREACHERS OF HATE: Islam and the War on America (Crown Forum, 2002)  
Maria Ressa, SEEDS OF TERROR (Free Press, 2004)  
V.S. Naipaul, AMONG THE BELIEVERS/ BEYOND BELIEF ( 2 books  
Judith Stern  
Jean Paul Revel, AntiAmericanism, Encounter Books, 2002  
Gore Vidal, DREAMING WAR , Nation Books, 2002  
Asaad AbuKhalil, Bin Laden, Islam and America's New War on Terrorism. (Islamistpoint)  
Geneive Abdo, NO GOD BUT GOD ( Oxford University Press, 2000) ( Sympathetic to Islam)

Miscellaneous Books suggested by student:

Amy Chua, WORLD ON FIRE  
Michael Parenti, SUPERPATRIOTISM (San Francisco: City Lights Books, 2004)  
Spring Semester 2010 ANTI-AMERICANISM 50:790:429

I



Amy Chua, WORLD ON FIRE  
Michael Parenti, SUPERPATRIOTISM (San Francisco: City Lights Books, 2004)