To: POSC 108: Race and Ethnic Politics

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Please answer each of the questions. Best of luck! Four will appear on the final.

1. Michelle Alexander argues that mass incarceration is the New Jim Crow. 1) Trace her argument, which makes a series of historical linkages. 2) How has the language of color-blindness helped to aid this system (i.e., in courts, in prosecutor discretion)?

2. Mindbugs. Using Banaji and Greewald, 1) Explain the psychological underpinnings behind stereotypes and prejudice. 2) Why are many/most of us susceptible to such information-processing mistakes? In your answer be sure to cover automaticity.

3. Implicit Association. Define and explain the implicit association test. What is it? How is it typically implemented? What is it designed to show? How is it useful in helping us understand the development and maintenance of racial attitudes?

4. Stereotypes. What are stereotypes, as studied scientifically? Why do people use them? Use what you know about how the mind uses categorization methods to explain the use of stereotypes.

5. Legacy of Slavery 1. Describe the three major dependent variables Archarya, Blackwell, and Sen use to make the case that chattel slavery continues to influence modern-day southern politics. Why do they choose these particular variables?

6. Legacy of Slavery 2. What is behavioral path dependence and why is it important in understanding slavery's persistent effects on southern politics? In your answer be sure to discuss path dependency in general and critical junctures.

7. Immigration Industrial Complex. Explain the theoretical underpinnings to the carceral market expansion theory. What evidence do the authors put forth to test this theory and what do they find?

8. Prison Stocks. Explain the contractor politics theory. What data do the authors collect and how do they go about testing their theory of contractor politics?