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HISTORY 553

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Required texts: Joan Hoff Wilson, Herbert Hoover: Forgotten Progressive
Paul Conkin, The New Deal (3rd ed.)
Allan Winkler, Home Front, USA (3rd ed.)
Thomas Paterson, On Every Front (revised ed.)
Ellen Schrecker, The Age of McCarthyism (2nd ed.)
Bruce Schulman, Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism (2nd ed.)
James Patterson, Restless Giant
David Brooks, Bobos in Paradise

CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING

January 22 Organization

January 29 The Twenties

Required Reading:

Stanley Coben, "A Study in Nativism: The American Red Scare, 1919-1920," Political Science Quarterly, LXXIX (March 1964), pp. 52-75

James Grant, The Forgotten Depression, pp. 1-9, 212-218

Robert Murray, The Politics of Normalcy

Arthur Link, "What Happened to the Progressive Movement in the 1920s?" AHR, LXIV (July 1959), pp. 833-851

Lynn Dumenil, The Modern Tempo, introduction and epilogue

George Marsden, Fundamentalism and American Culture, pp. 141-164

Ruth Schwartz Cowan, More Work for Mother, pp. 151-191

Paula Fass, *The Damned and the Beautiful*, Ch. 6
David Levering Lewis, ed., *The Portable Harlem Renaissance Reader*,
pp. xii-xli
William Appleman Williams, "The Legend of Isolationism in the
1920s," *Science and Society*, XVIII (Winter 1954), pp. 1-20
Akira Iriye, *After Imperialism*, pp. 1-22

Suggested reading:

Nathan Miller, *New World Coming: The 1920s and the Making of
Modern America*
William Leuchtenberg, *The Perils of Prosperity*
David Burner, *The Politics of Provincialism*
Amity Shales, *Coolidge*
Irving Bernstein, *The Lean Years*
John Higham, *Strangers in the Land*
Nancy MacLean, *Behind the Mask of Chivalry*
Lynn Dumenil, *The Modern Temper*
Stanley Coben, *Rebellion Against Victorianism: The Impetus for
Cultural Change in 1920s America*
Nathan Huggins, *The Harlem Renaissance*
David Levering Lewis, *When Harlem Was in Vogue*
Dorothy Brown, *Setting a Course: American Women in the 1920s*
Beth Bailey, *From Front Porch to Back Seat*
Joan Hoff Wilson, *American Business and Foreign Policy*

February 5 Depression

Required reading:

Joan Hoff Wilson, *Herbert Hoover*
Caroline Bird, *The Invisible Scar*, Chs. 1-3, 11, 13
Anthony Badger, *The New Deal: The Depression Years, 1933-1940*,
p. 11-41
Nancy Woloch, *Women and the American Experience*, pp. 439-452
Catherine McNicol Stock, *Main Street in Crisis*, pp. 1-16, 206-207
Elliot Brownlee, *Dynamics of Ascent*, pp. 409-418
Robert Sklar, *Movie-Made America*, Ch. 11

Suggested reading:

David Kennedy, *Freedom From Fear*
Gene Smiley, *Rethinking the Great Depression*
Robert McElvaine, *The Great Depression*
Amity Shales, *The Forgotten Man*

Kenneth Whyte, Hoover
 Raymond Wolters, Negroes and the Great Depression
 Susan Ware, Holding their Own: American Women in the 1930s
 Lois Scharf, To Work or to Wed? Female Employment, Feminism,
 and the Great Depression
 Donald Worster, Dust Bowl
 Morris Dickstein, Dancing in the Dark: A Cultural History of the Great
 Depression

February 12 New Deal

Required reading:

Paul Conkin, The New Deal
 William Leuchtenberg, The Roosevelt Reconstruction: Retrospect
 Barton Bernstein, "The New Deal: The Conservative Achievements
 of Liberal Reform," in Barton Bernstein, ed., Towards a New
 Past
 David Kennedy, Freedom from Fear, pp. 361-380
 Jim Powell, FDR 's Folly, Introduction
 Ira Katznelson, Fear Itself, pp. 3-25 (Introduction)
 Harvard Sitkoff, ``the New Deal and Race Relations``
 Susan Ware, "Women and the New Deal"
 Graham D. Taylor, "The Indian New Deal"
 Jennifer Luff, ``Rethinking Interwar Conservatism, Communism, and
 State Repression,`` Journal of the Historical Society, vol. XII,
 no. 2 June 2013, pp. 101-114

Suggested reading:

Steve Fraser and Gary Gerstle, eds., The Rise and Fall of the New Deal
 Order
 William Leuchtenberg, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal
 Allan Winkler, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Making of Modern
 America
 H. W. Brands, Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical
 Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt
 Irving Bernstein, A Caring Society
 Alan Brinkley, The End of Reform
 Kim Phillips Fein, Invisible Hands
 Nancy Weiss, Farewell to the Party of Lincoln
 Ira Katznelson, When Affirmative Actions Was White

Lawrence Kelly, The Assault on Assimilation: John Collier and the
Origins of Indian Policy Reform
Mark Leff, The Limits of Symbolic Reform
Alan Brinkley, Voices of Protest
T. Harry Williams, Huey Long
Robert Cohen, When the Old Left Was Young
Richard Pells, Radical Vision and American Dreams
Susan Ware, Beyond Suffrage: Women in the New Deal

February 19 World War II

Required reading:

Paul Schroeder, The Axis Alliance and Japanese-American Relations,
pp. 200-216
Robert Divine, Roosevelt and World War II, pp. 5-48
Robert Dallek, Franklin D. Roosevelt and American Foreign Policy,
1932-1945, chs. 9-11, Epilogue
Frederick Marks, Wind Over Sand, pp. 277-288
Allan Winkler, Home Front: USA
David Wyman, The Abandonment of the Jews, preface and conclusion
Leisa Meyer, "Creating GI Jane: The Regulation of Sexuality and
Sexual Behavior in the Women's Army Corps During World
War II," Feminist Studies, vol. 18, no. 3 (Fall 1993), pp. 581-
596

Suggested reading:

Justus Doenecke, Storm on the Horizon: The Challenge to American
Intervention, 1939-1941
Gordon Prange, At Dawn We Slept
James MacGregor Burns, Roosevelt: Soldier of Freedom
Akira Iriye, Power and Culture
John Dower, War Without Mercy
Michael Adams, The Best War Ever
Arthur Herman, Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced
Victory in World War II
David Brinkley, Washington Goes to War
Patrick Washburn, A Question of Sedition
Roger Daniels, Prisoners Without Trial
Karen Anderson, Wartime Women
Susan Hartman, The Home Front and Beyond

Michael Davis, Politics as Usual: Thomas Dewey, Franklin Roosevelt,
and the Wartime Presidential Campaign of 1944
Marilyn Hegarty, Victory Girls, Khaki-Wackies, and Prostitutes: The
Regulation of Female Sexuality During World War II

February 26 Cold War

Required reading:

Thomas Paterson, On Every Front
Arnold Offner, `` `Another Such Victory': President Truman,
American Foreign Policy, and the Cold War,' `` Diplomatic
History, vol. 23, no. 2 (Spring 1999)
John Lewis Gaddis, We Now Know, pp. 27-46

Suggested reading:

Martin Sherwin, A World Destroyed
J. Samuel Walker, Prompt and Utter Destruction: Truman and the Use
of the Atomic Bomb Against Japan
Frank Costigliola, Roosevelt 's Lost Alliances: How Personal Politics
Helped Start the Cold War
Michael Neiberg, Potsdam
Fraser Harbutt, The Iron Curtain: Churchill, America and the Origins of
the Cold War
Melvyn Leffler, A Preponderance of Power
John Lewis Gaddis, The Long Peace
Randall Woods and Howard Jones, Dawning of the Cold War
Thomas Paterson, Meeting the Communist Threat
Norman Graebner, The National Security: Its Theory and Practice,
1945-1960
Walter Isaacson and Evan Thomas, The Wise Men: Six Friends and
the World They Built
John McNay, Acheson and Empire

March 5 Harry S. Truman and the Fair Deal

Required reading:

Robert Ferrell, Harry S. Truman and the Modern American Presidency,
pp. 1-148
Richard Neustadt, "Congress and the Fair Deal: A Legislative Balance
Sheet," Public Policy, V (1954), pp. 349-381
Barton Bernstein, "America in War and Peace: The Test of

- Liberalism," in Barton Bernstein, ed., *Towards a New Past*, pp. 289-312
- Alonzo Hamby, "The Vital Center, the Fair Deal, and the Quest for a Liberal Political Economy," ' ' American Historical Review, vol. 77 (June 1972), pp. 653-678
- Ellen Schrecker, *The Age of McCarthyism*, pp. 1-94

Suggested reading:

- Alonzo Hamby, *Beyond the New Deal*
- Alonzo Hamby, *A Man of the People*
- William Berman, *The Politics of Civil Rights in the Truman Administration*
- Francis Heller, *Economics and the Truman Administration*
- David Pietrusza, 1948
- Thomas Divine, *Henry Wallace ' s 1948 Presidential Campaign and the Future of American Liberalism*
- Athan Theoharis, *Seeds of Repression*
- Mary McAuliffe, *Crisis on the Left*
- Thomas Reeves, *The Life and Times of Joe McCarthy*
- Jeff Broadwater, *Eisenhower and the Anticommunist Crusade*
- William Bragg Ewald, *Who Killed Joe McCarthy?*
- Richard Fried, *Nightmare in Red*
- John Haynes, *Red Scare or Red Menace?*
- Allen Weinstein and Alexander Vassiliev, *The Haunted Wood*
- Ronald Radosh and Allis Radosh, *Red Star Over Hollywood*
- Wendy Wall, *Inventing the American Way: The Politics of Consensus from the New Deal to the Civil Rights Movement*

March 12 The Eisenhower Administration

Required reading:

- Michael S. Mayer, *Presidential Profiles: The Eisenhower Years*, introduction
- Michael S. Mayer, *The Eisenhower Presidency and the 1950s*, pp. viii-xviii, 3-153
- Michael S. Mayer, "Eisenhower and the Southern Federal Judiciary: The Sobeloff Nomination," in Shirley Anne Warshaw, ed., *Reexamining the Eisenhower Presidency*, pp. 57-75
- Iwan Morgan, "Eisenhower and the Balanced Budget," in Shirley Anne Warshaw, ed., *Reexamining the Eisenhower Presidency*, pp.

121-132

Ray Takeyh, ``the Myths of 1953,`` The Weekly Standard, July 27, 2017, pp. 21-25

Suggested reading:

Stephen Ambrose, Eisenhower: The President
 Shirley Anne Warshaw, ed., Reexamining the Eisenhower Presidency
 Robert Griffith, "Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Corporate Commonwealth, AHR, 87 (February 1982), pp. 87-122
 Elmo Richardson and Chester Pach, The Presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower
 William Bragg Ewald, Eisenhower the President
 Steven Wagner, Eisenhower Republicanism
 David Nichols, A Matter of Justice: Eisenhower and the Beginning of the Civil Rights Revolution
 Tim Thurber, Republicans and Race
 Richard Melanson and David Mayers, eds., Reevaluating Eisenhower: American Foreign Policy in the Fifties
 Robert Bowie and Richard Immerman, Waging Peace
 Richard Immerman, The CIA in Guatemala
 Richard Immerman, ed., John Foster Dulles and the Diplomacy of the Cold War
 Stephen Rabe, Eisenhower and Latin America
 Melanie Billings Yun, Decision Against War

March 19 Post-War Society and Culture

Required reading:

Michael S. Mayer, The Eisenhower Presidency and the 1950s, pp. 157-226
 Michael S. Mayer, "By the Bomb's Early Noir," Reviews in American History, vol. 26 (1998), pp. 778-785
 James Gilbert, A Cycle of Outrage, pp. 3-23, 162-211
 Paul Gottfried, The Conservative Movement, pp. 1-29
 Carol George, God's Salesman, pp. 128-154

Suggested reading:

Godfrey Hodgson, The World Turned Rightside Up
 William Graebner, The Age of Doubt
 Richard Pells, The Liberal Mind in a Conservative Age

Lary May, Recasting America
 Paul Carter, Another Part of the Fifties
 Elizabeth Cohen, A Consumer's Republic: The Politics of Mass
 Consumption in Postwar America
 Paul Boyer, By the Bomb's Early Light
 Peter Biskind, Seeing is Believing
 Alan Petigny, The Permissive Society
 Cynthia Harrison, On Account of Sex
 Rickie Solinger, Wake Up Little Susie
 Henry May, Ideas, Faiths, and Feelings
 George Nash, The Conservative Intellectual Movement in America
 Since 1945
 Lisa McGirr, Suburban Warriors: The Origins of the New American
 Right

April 2 New Frontier and Great Society

Required reading:

Bruce Schulman, Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism, pp. 5-
 152
 Thomas Reeves, A Question of Character, ch. 18 (pp. 413-421)
 Henry Fairlie, The Kennedy Promise, chapters 1, 7, 10
 Thomas Paterson, Kennedy's Quest for Victory, pp. 3-23, 123-155

Suggested Reading:

G. Calvin Mackenzie and Robert Weisbrot, The Liberal Hour:
 Washington and the Politics of Change in the 1960s
 Allen Matusow, The Unraveling of America
 W. J. Rorabaugh, The Real Making of a President
 Seymour Hersh, The Dark Side of Camelot
 David Burner, John F. Kennedy and a New Generation
 Robert Dallek, An Unfinished Life
 Herbert Parmet, JFK: The Presidency of John F. Kennedy
 James Giglio, The Presidency of John F. Kennedy
 John Hellman, The Kennedy Obsession: The American Myth of JFK
 Victor Navasky, Kennedy Justice
 Michael Bechloss, The Crisis Years
 Frederick Kempe, Berlin 1961
 Robert Smith Thompson, The Missiles of October
 Michael Dobbs, One Minute to Midnight

Robert Dallek, *Flawed Giant: Lyndon Johnson and his Times, 1961-1973*

Randall Woods, *Prisoners of Hope*

Sylvia Ellis, *Freedom's Pragmatist: Lyndon Johnson and Civil Rights*

Jeff Shesol, *Mutual Contempt: Lyndon Johnson, Robert Kennedy, and the Feud that Defined a Decade*

Robert Alan Goldberg, *Barry Goldwater*

Walter McDougall, *The Heavens and Earth*

April 9 Vietnam and ``The Sixties``

Required reading:

Bruce Schulman, *Lyndon B. Johnson and American Liberalism*, pp. 152-178

Allen Matusow, *The Unraveling of America*, pp. 275-375

Rosalind Rosenberg, *Divided Lives*, ch. 6

Rebecca Klatch, *A Generation Divided*, Introduction, chs. 1, 4

Stephen Morris, ``The Bad War,`` *The Weekly Standard*, October 23, 2017, pp. 30-38

Peter Braestrup, *The Big Story*, ch. 15 (``An Extreme Case``)

Peter Collier and David Horowitz, "Who Killed the Spirit of '68: or, The Day the 'Ramparts' Fell," *Encounter* (September/October 1985), pp. 69-73

Rick Perlstein, "Who Owns the Sixties?" *Lingua Franca* (May/June 1996), pp. 30-37

Mark Lytle, *America's Uncivil Wars*, Introduction

Suggested Reading:

David Farber, *The Age of Great Dreams: America in the 1960s*

Klaus Fischer, *America in Black, White, and Gray*

George Herring, *America's Longest War*

Charles Nev, *America's Lost War*

Pierre Asselin, *Hanoi's Road to the Vietnam War, 1954-1965*

David Zierler, *The Invention of Ecocide*

Bryan Burrough, *Days of Rage*

Godfrey Hodgson, *America in Our Time*

Clayborne Carson, *In Struggle*

Todd Gitlin, *The Sixties*

Maurice Isserman, *If I Had a Hammer*

Susan Braudy, *Family Circle: The Boudins and the Aristocracy of the American Left*
 Aldon Morris, *The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement*
 Sara Evans, *Personal Politics*
 Alice Echols, *Daring to be Bad: Radical Feminism in America, 1962-1975*
 Mary Brennan, *Turning Right in the Sixties*
 Thomas Frank, *The conquest of Cool*
 W. J. Rorabaugh, *American Hippies*

April 16 Nixon and the 1970s

Required Reading:

Joan Hoff, *Nixon Reconsidered*, pp. 1-144
 Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong, *The Brethren*, pp. 165-189, 229-240 (paperback, pp. 193-223, 271-284)
 Bruce Schulman, *The Seventies*, chs. 3, 5
 Mark Gerson and James Q. Wilson, *The Essential Neo-Conservative Reader*, introduction (pp. vii-xxviii)
 Stanley Hoffman, "The Case of Dr. Kissinger," New York Review of Books, 1979
 Walter Isaacson, *Kissinger*, pp. 760-767
 Robert Kagan, review of William Bundy, *A Tangled Web: The Making of Foreign Policy in the Nixon Presidency*, in The New Republic, August 17 and 24, 1998
 James T. Paterson, *Restless Giant*, chapters 1, 3, 4
 Dennis Deslippe, "'Do Whites Have Rights?': White Detroit Policemen and 'Reverse Discrimination' Protests in the 1970s," Journal of American History, vol 91, no. 3 (December 2004), pp. 932-960
 Randall Rothenberg, *The Neo-Liberals*, pp. 40-78, 147-207

Suggested Reading:

Stephen Ambrose, *Nixon* (3 vols.)
 Herbert Parmet, *Richard Nixon and His America*
 Iwan Morgan, *Nixon*
 Irwin Gellman, *The Contender*
 J. Brooks Flippen, *Nixon and the Environment*
 Stanley Kutler, *The Wars of Watergate*
 Max Holland, *Leak: Why Mark Felt Became Deep Throat*

David Garrow, *Liberty and Sexuality*
 Richard Nixon, *Memoirs* (2 vols.)
 Robert Dallek, *Nixon and Kissinger*
 Henry Kissinger, *The White House Years*
 Henry Kissinger, *Years of Upheaval*
 Stephen Graubard, *Kissinger: Portrait of a Mind*
 Philip Jenkins, *Decade of Nightmares*
 Beth Bailey and David Farber, eds., *America in the Seventies*
 Bruce Schulman, *The Seventies*
 Meg Jacobs, *Panic at the Pump*
 Judith Stein, *Pivotal Decade: How the United States Traded Factories for Finance in the Seventies*
 Robert Self, *All in the Family: The Realignment of American Democracy Since the 1960s*
 John Robert Greene, *The Presidency of Gerald R. Ford*
 Douglas Brinkley, *Gerald R. Ford*
 Charles Jones, *The Trusteeship Presidency: Jimmy Carter and the United States Congress*
 Peter Bourne, *Jimmy Carter*
 Laura Kalman, *Right Star Rising: A New Politics, 1974-1980*
 Gaddis Smith, *Morality, Reason, and Power*
 Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Power and Principle*
 Irving Kristol, *Reflections of a Neo-Conservative*

April 23 The Reagan Revolution

Required reading:

James Patterson, *Restless Giant*, chs. 5, 6, 7,
 John Ehrman and Michael Flamm, *Debating the Reagan Presidency*, pp. 1-65
 John Fund, ``The Reagan Strategy, National Review, July 31, 2017, pp. 38-39
 John Lewis Gaddis, *The United States and the End of the Cold War*, chapter 7
 Jonathan Rauch, ``Father Superior: Our Greatest Modern President, `` The New Republic, May 22, 2000, pp. 22-25

Suggested reading:

Michael Schaller and George Rising, *the Republican Ascendancy: American Politics, 1968-2001*

Henry Olsen, *The Working Class Republican*
 Sean Wilentz, *The Age of Reagan: A History, 1974-2008*
 John Ehrman, *The Eighties: America in the Age of Reagan*
 Doug Rossinow, *the Reagan Era*
 William Berman, *America's Right Turn: From Nixon to Bush*
 Gil Troy and Vincent Cannato, *Living in the Eighties*
 Jules Tygiel, *Ronald Reagan and the Triumph of American Conservatism*
 Kiron Skinner, Annelise Anderson, and Martin Anderson, eds., *Reagan: A Life in Letters*
 Kiron Skinner, Annelise Anderson, and Martin Anderson, eds., *Reagan in His Own Hand*
 Samuel Freedman, *The Inheritance: How Three Families and America Moved from Roosevelt to Reagan and Beyond*
 William Hyland, ed., *The Reagan Foreign Policy*
 Michael Bechloss and Strobe Talbott, *At the Highest Levels: The Inside Story of the End of the Cold War*
 Peter Schweizer, *Reagan's War*
 Theodore Draper, *A Very Thin Line*
 Bincent Blasi, *The Burger Court*
 Sidney Blumenthal, *The Rise of the Counter-Establishment*
 Thomas Ferguson and Joel Rogers, *Right Turn*
 Irving Kristol, *Reflections of a Neoconservative*

April 30 Culture and Society Since the 1970s

Required Reading:

James Patterson, *Restless Giant*, chs. 2, 8, 9
 Bernard Goldberg, *Bias*, chs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 12
 Richard Sander and Stewart Taylor, *Mismatch*, preface, chs. 1, 6
 Sandra Vance and Ray Scott, "Sam Walton and Wall-Mart Stores, Inc.: A Study in Modern Southern Entrepreneurship," Journal of Southern History, vol 58 (May 1992), pp. 231-252
 Steven Levitt, *Freakonomics*, ch. 4
 Peter Sacks, *Generation X Goes to College*, ch. 11
 David Brooks, *Bobos in Paradise*
 Naomi Schaefer, Riley, "Market Penetration," Commentary, September 2017, pp. 46-47
 Claire Lehmann, "Teenage Wasteland," Commentary, November 2017, pp. 50-52

Suggested Reading:

Philip Jenkins, Decade of Nightmares
 Judith Stein, Pivotal Decade: How the United States Traded Factories
 for Finance in the Seventies
 Gil Troy and Vincent Cannato, Living in the Eighties
 Anthony Lukas, Common Ground
 Christopher Lasch, The Culture of Narcissism
 Christopher Lasch, The Revolt of the Elites
 Charles Murray, Losing Ground
 Michael Lewis, The Culture of Inequality
 Philip Green, The Pursuit of Inequality
 Marvin Olasky, The Tragedy of American Compassion
 Paul Sniderman and Thomas Piazza, The Scar of Race
 William Julius Wilson, When Work Disappears
 Jonathan Kaufman, Broken Alliance
 Shirley Rogers Radl, The Invisible Woman
 Susan Faludi, Backlash
 Naomi Wolf, Fire with Fire
 Daphne Patai and Noretta Koertge, Professing Feminism
 Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., The Disuniting of America
 Robert Hughes, Culture of Complaint
 Stephan Thernstrom and Abigail Thernstrom, America in Black and
 White
 John McWhorter, Losing the Race
 Robert Putnam, Bowling Alone
 Thomas Friedman, The World Is Flat
 Bernard Goldberg, Bias
 Susan Jacoby, The Age of American Unreason
 Bethany Moreton, To Serve God and Wal-Mart

May 7

In Our Time

Required Reading:

James Patterson, Restless Giant, chs. 10, 11, 12
 Dick Morris, Behind the Oval Office, chapter 5
 Steven Gillon, The Pact, preface
 Robert J. Samuelson, ``What the Boom Forgot,`` The New Republic,
 May 3, 2004, pp. 26-35
 Steven Gillon, That 's Not What We Meant to Do, introduction

- ``In the Climate Casino: An Exchange,`` New York Review of Books,
April 26, 2012, pp. 55-57
- William Harper, ``Global Warming Models Are Wrong Again,`` Wall
Street Journal, March 27, 2012
- Jeffrey Goldgerg, ``The Usual Suspect,`` The New Republic, October
8, 2007, pp. 40-50
- Andrew Bacevich, The Limits of Power, conclusion (pp. 170-182)
- Aaron Friedberg, ``The Unrealistic Realist, The New Republic, August
4, 2011, pp. 25-29
- David Brooks, ``The Decline of Anti-Trumpism,`` New York Times,
January 8, 2018

Suggested Reading:

- Jack Germond and Jules Whitcover, Mad as Hell: Revolt at the Ballot
Box, 1992
- Michael Duffy and Dan Goodgame, Running in Place: The Status Quo
Presidency of George Bush
- Charles Kolb, White House Daze: The Unmaking of Domestic Policy
in the Bush Years
- Timothy Naftali, George H. W. Bush
- William O'Neill, A Bubble in Time: America During the Interwar
Years, 1989-2001
- Michael Tomasky, Bill Clinton
- David Maranis, First in His Class
- Nigel Hamilton, Bill Clinton
- Howard Kortz, Spin Cycle
- Steven Gillon, The Pact
- George Stephanopoulos, All Too Human
- Bob Woodward, The Commanders
- Bob Woodward, The Agenda
- Michael Isikoff, Uncovering Clinton
- Kevin Phillips, Boiling Point
- Jeffrey Toobin, Too Close to Call
- James Mann, George W. Bush
- Bob Woodward, Bush at War
- David Frum, The Right Man
- Gary Gregg and Mark Rozell, Considering the Bush Presidency
- Dan Balz and Haynes Johnson, The Battle for America, 2008
- John Heileman and Mark Halpern, Game Change

Julian Zelizer, ed., The Presidency of Barak Obama
Bob Woodward, The Price of Politics
Edward Klein, The Amateur
Robert Gates, Duty
David Maraniss, Barak Obama