



IDN 2930

Democracy in Black and White: Florida's History of Bi-Racial Democracy

Using *Emancipation Betrayed* as the common reading text, students will explore the backstory to the Civil Rights Movement and Florida's emergence as a battleground in national politics.

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Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the Bloody Election of 1920 by Dr. Paul Ortiz is a must-read for any Floridian who is a student of how we as a society have arrived at the current state of our democracy. The book offers a backstory to such developments as Florida's role as a battleground in national politics, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Black

Lives Matter Movement. It's also useful for understanding larger historical developments like societal progress and regression in American history. This seminar-style course will involve reading and responding to *Emancipation Betrayed*, as well as to complementary sources like old newspapers, oral histories and congressional archives. Students will complete weekly discussion posts and one 1,250-2,000 word capstone essay.