## POL 110J: Power in American Society

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### Course Website

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### Course Website

- There you will find...
  - Syllabus
  - Course readings
  - Some handouts on:
    - Writing a paper
    - Reading supreme court cases
    - Managing your anxiety
  - List of important dates
  - Assignments when it is time

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### Assignments (aka how you are judged)

- Read! Read! Then Read!!!!11!!1!?!!!1!
  - Join the counterculture: read a book
- Attendance  $(10\%) \frac{1}{2}\%$  per class
- In-class midterm: Tuesday, week 5
  - **25%**
- 7-page paper: Thursday, week 8
  - **25%**
- Final Exam: Thursday 3-6pm, finals week
  - **40%**

### POL 110J

The purpose of this course is to examine the ways in which political power and participation — what it means to be a citizen — have been contested over the course of American history.

■ Can we find examples?



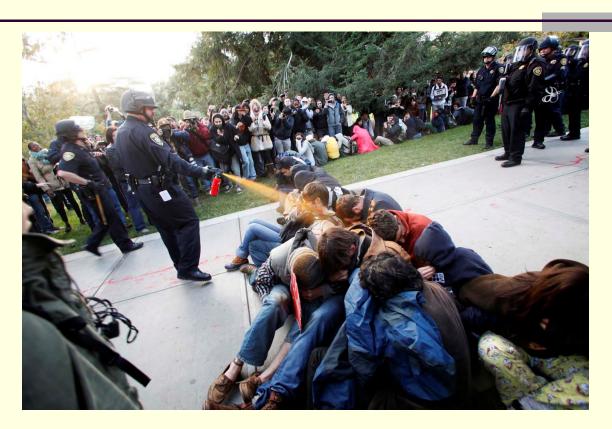




- Sheldon Adelson
  - Billionaire casino owner; friend of Newt Gingrich
  - Gave Mr. Gingrich \$5 million for his campaign
    - Legal since after supreme court case, Citizens v. United (2010)







■ UC Davis Police Officer pepper spraying students on November 18, 2011





Social expectations / gender roles





- Kim Kardashian
- Celebrity?
- Power?

- $\blacksquare$  P = W/t
- Power is strength
- Power is influence
- Power is the ability to work one's will in the world. (All true, but I think this one is the best for our purposes)

Types of power:

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- What if your professor told you to pull over or you will get a bad grade?

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  - Authority is the <u>legitimate</u> use of power.

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  - Charismatic

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- Power without legitimacy is tyranny.
- How is legitimacy created?
- To understand this, we need to understand some of the institutions of power in America
- So, for next time. We shall look at some documents that tell us something about the institutionalization of power / authority / legitimacy in America.

#### For Next Time

- The Declaration of Independence
- Thomas Paine's, Common Sense
- The Federalist Papers, #1 & 10

# The End (for now)

