

# CJVA302: Week 4 Health care reform & race relations in the United States







- Course organization
- Health care reform in the United States
  - The Affordable Care Act and Republican efforts to repeal and replace it
- Race relations in America
  - BLM, mass incarceration







#### Mark Szabo – Hurricane Maria & Puerto Rico



### Health care reform

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act:
  - March 23, 2010
  - Gradual phasing in of major provisions
- Key provisions:
  - Insurers' obligations
  - Individual mandate
  - Subsidies



### **Repeal efforts**

- Why the Republican backlash?
  - Traditional conservative values
  - Partisan politics
  - Racism/classism? Religion (e.g. anti-abortion)?
- The Republican senators standing in the way:
  - John McCain (R, Arizona)
  - Susan Collins (R, Maine)
  - Lisa Murkowski (R, Alaska)



# American health care reform

- Compared to the situations in your countries, what do you think of the situation in the U.S.?
- Questions?



### **Race relations in the U.S.**

#### The legacy of Slavery & the Civil War

- Was the Civil War about slavery?
- Reconstruction Era:

**Reconstruction Amendments** 

- 13th: abolishment of slavery
- 14<sup>th</sup>: citizenship
- 15<sup>th</sup>: voting rights

Jim Crow laws – "separate but equal"



### Pop quiz

#### Can you name these people?







### Pop quiz

#### • What about these people?







# Pop quiz

#### • Or these people?







### **Race in America**

- Civil Rights Movement 1960s movement to end segregation and create greater racial equality
- Black Lives Matter recent movement started in response to police brutality
  - Treyvon Martin, Michael Brown





#### Aigerim Nurseitova – Race in the States



#### Video & discussion

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CK7f8A4tPU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u51\_pzax4M0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V66F3WU2CKk