

POL 334 : American Political Thought

Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton modeled the Declaration of Sentiments exactly on Thomas Jefferson's famous Declaration of 1776. Why? What are the main currents and crosscurrents of political thought in America? How have ideas like freedom and equality been used and misused in American politics? How have these ideas shaped the actions of statesmen like Jefferson and Madison, abolitionists like Frederick Douglass, feminists like Anthony and Stanton, presidents like Lincoln and Wilson, and recent thinkers since Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X? Students answer these questions by reading and interpreting the writings and speeches of these and other famous thinkers.

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