**MSJC Political Science 101**

**Study Questions – Chapter 5**

NOTE: Sections marked with an asterisk (\*) must be read and questions answered at home. Sections without an asterisk will be covered in class.

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1. Explain what is meant by civil rights.
2. Explain what is meant by equality of condition and how the US seeks to advance equality of opportunity and not equality of condition.

5.2\*

1. Briefly explain the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. Which was most important to civil rights and why?
2. Explain the effects of the election of Rutherford B. Hayes.
3. Explain the case and decision of *Plessy vs. Ferguson*.
4. What other groups faced discrimination besides African Americans?

5.3\*

1. What is the NAACP? Why was it formed? What strategies does it generally employ to accomplish its goals?
2. Explain the case and decision in *Brown vs. Board of Education*.
3. Did the *Brown* decision end racial segregation? Why is there still racial separation evident in school systems today?

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1. Explain the three tests the Supreme Court uses to determine if an action violates the equal protection clause.

5.5\*

1. Explain the major problem of the mobilization effort for African Americans in the South.
2. How did the NAACP respond to the arrest of Rosa Parks?
3. Explain how the media helped the civil rights movement.
4. Explain two pieces of legislation that Congress passed in response to the growing public opinion against discrimination.
5. Explain the two government agencies created in the 1950s and 60s to monitor compliance with antidiscrimination laws.

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1. Which amendment approved universal suffrage?