

POLITICAL EDUCATION IN ALABAMA

(Tentative Outline for Use)

I. Citizenship in a Democratic Society

A. The nature of civic democracy

1. Legal democracy
2. Political democracy
3. Educational democracy
4. Economic democracy
5. Social democracy

B. The role of responsible government in a democracy

1. The legislative role
2. The executive role
3. The judicial role

C. The constitutional rights and responsibilities of citizens in American democracy

1. As defined by the federal government
2. As defined by the state government
3. As defined by municipal government

II. Voter Registration and Voting in Alabama

A. Law governing registration

1. State law
 - a. Constitutional
 - b. Statutory and/or administrative policies and practices
2. Federal law
 - a. Constitutional
 - b. Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other Civil Rights Acts
 - c. Judicial decrees

B. Law governing voting in Alabama

1. State law
2. Federal law

C. Problems restricting registration and voting of Negroes in Alabama

1. Educational problems
2. Economic problems
3. Political problems
4. Racial prejudice and discrimination
5. Personal apathy
6. Political ignorance
7. Other

III. The Political Goals, Status, and Resources of Negroes (in Tuskegee, Macon County, and Alabama)

A. Political goals, objectives, aims

1. In city (Tuskegee)
2. In county (Macon)
3. In state (Alabama)

B. Political status

1. Indices of political status
 - a. Percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote
 - b. Percentage of total voters who are Negro
 - c. Number and percent of Negro voters who are public officials
 - (1) Elective
 - (2) Appointive
2. Number and percent of Negro adults registered to vote
 - a. In city (Tuskegee)
 - b. In county (Macon)
 - c. In state (Alabama)
3. Number and distribution of Negroes holding political office
 - a. In the city
 - b. In the county
 - c. In the state

C. Resources available to Negroes for use in political action

1. Political knowledge (knowledge of political issues, of the records of government officials, of the interests, knowledge, strengths and weaknesses of voters, and of candidates for public office)
2. Selected parts of the federal and state constitutions
3. Selected legislative acts, such as the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965
4. Selected judicial decrees, court orders
5. Executive orders, and selective behavior of administrative officials
6. Political leaders and government officials
7. Voters
8. Journalists, and other community leaders
9. Educational resources
10. Money and other material resources

IV. Significant Population Characteristics Affecting the Political Opportunities, Status, Problems, and Behavior of Negroes in Tuskegee, Macon County, and Alabama: White - Negro Characteristics

A. Total population 21 years old and over, 1960

1. Number
 - a. White
 - b. Negro
2. Percent
 - a. White
 - b. Negro

B. Urban - urban distribution of adults (21 years old and over, 1960)

1. White
 - a. Percent urban
 - b. Percent rural
2. Negro
 - a. Percent urban
 - b. Percent rural

C. Educational status (median school grades completed by adults 25 years old and over, 1960)

1. White
2. Negro

D. Percent distribution of gainfully occupied whites and Negroes in selected occupational categories, 1960

1. In agriculture
 - a. Percent of white workers
 - b. Percent of Negro workers
2. In domestic and personal service
3. In trade and clerical work
4. In professional work

E. Economic status of whites and Negroes, 1960

1. Per family or per capita income
 - a. White
 - b. Negro
2. Percent of families owning home
 - a. White
 - b. Negro

V. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the City Government

- A. The City Council
- B. The Mayor
- C. The City Recorder and Attorney
- D. The Clerk-Treasurer
- E. The Police and Fire Departments
- F. The Light and Water Departments
- G. The City and County Hospital
- H. The City Planning Board
- I. The City Housing Authority
- J. Etc.

VI. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the County Government

- A. The Board of Revenue
- B. The Tax Assessor
- C. The Tax Collector
- D. The Judge of Probate
- E. The Sheriff
- F. The County Solicitor
- G. The County Judge
- H. The Board of Education
- I. The Board of Pensions and Welfare
- J. The Board of Health
- K. The Hospital Board
- L. The County Board of Registrars
- M. The Tax Equalization Board
- N. The County Democratic Committee
- O. Etc.

- VII. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the State Government
- A. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 - B. The State Legislature
 - 1. The Assembly or House of Representatives (The Lower House)
 - 2. The Senate (The Upper House)
 - C. The State Auditor
 - D. The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
 - E. The Attorney General
 - F. The Secretary of State
 - G. The State Treasurer
 - H. The State Superintendent of Education
 - I. The State Board of Education
 - J. The State Director of Public Safety
 - K. The State Board of Pardons and Parole
 - L. The Alabama Public Service Commission
 - M. The State Courts
 - 1. The Supreme Court
 - 2. The Court of Appeals
 - 3. The Circuit Courts

VIII. Federal Officials

- A. Legislative (Congressional) officials
 - 1. U. S. Senators
 - 2. Members of the House of Representatives
- B. Executive Officials
 - 1. The President and Vice President
 - 2. Cabinet members
 - 3. Independent agencies, e.g.
 - a. Interstate Commerce Commission
 - b. U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
 - c. Office of Economic Opportunity
 - d. Etc.
- C. U. S. Courts
 - 1. U. S. Supreme Court
 - 2. U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeal
 - 3. U. S. District Courts

IX. The Structure and Functioning of Organizations for the Voter Registration and Political Action of Negroes

- A. In the city and county
 - 1. Tuskegee Civic Association
 - 2. East Alabama Council on Human Relations
 - 3. Macon County Democratic Club
 - 4. The NAACP
 - 5. Other
- B. In the state
 - 1. The Alabama State Coordinating Association on Registration and Voting

2. The Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated
 3. Other
- C. In the Southern Region
1. The Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project
 2. Other

X. Miscellaneous topics

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