



Legacy of PRBA's Black Politics Studies

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Presentation Outline

1. PRBA Studies on Black Politics
2. Research on Black Politics prior to PRBA
3. Motivation behind PRBA Black Politics Studies
4. Key Theoretical Contributions
5. Impact of PRBA Black Politics Studies on Discipline

PRBA Studies on Black Politics

1984-1988:
National
Black
Election
Study

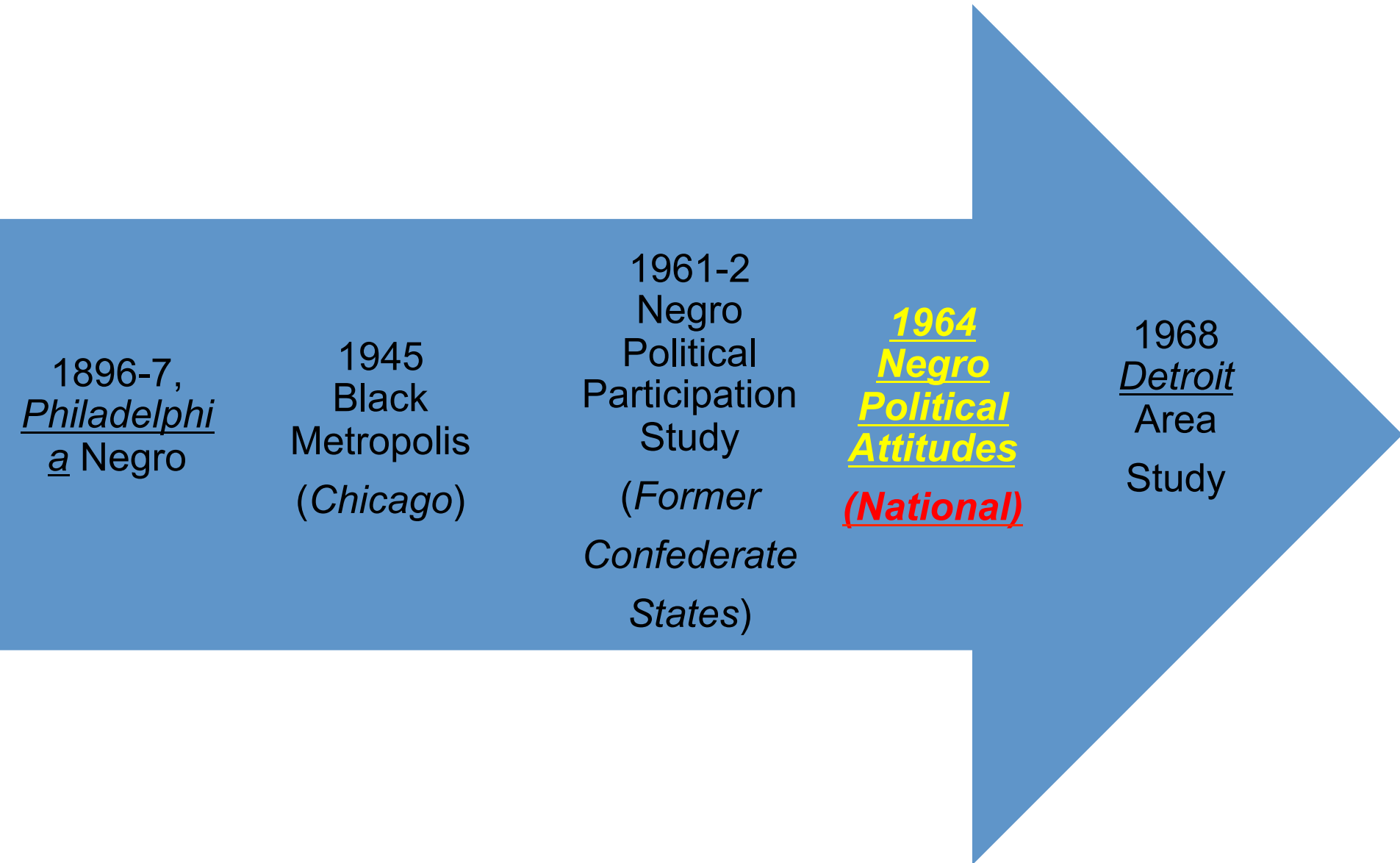
1991:
Black
American
Perspective
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1993-4:
National
Black
Politics
Study

1996:
National
Black
Election
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2004-16:
National
Politics
Study

Research on Black politics prior to PRBA



Political Context of 1984 & 1988 National Black Election Study

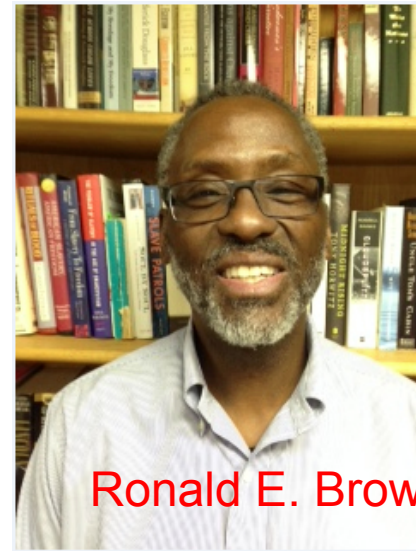
- Reagan Presidency & Reversal of Great Society (1980-88)
- Jesse Jackson's 1st & 2nd run for Democratic Party Presidential Nomination (1984 & 1988)
- No National Empirical Examination of State of Black Politics in Post Civil Rights Era
- Many survey items within PRBA's black politics studies are specific to the



April 29, 1992: Acquittal of Officers
Shown beating Rodney King



1993 National Black Politics
Study



Ronald E. Brown



James
Jackson



Michael Dawson

Please tell me which choice is most true for you:

0: The police are an important part of stopping gang violence

OR

1: *The police are too much like just another gang to stop gang violence.*

- 0-25
- 26-50
- 51-75
- 76-100

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National Black Politics Study, 1993

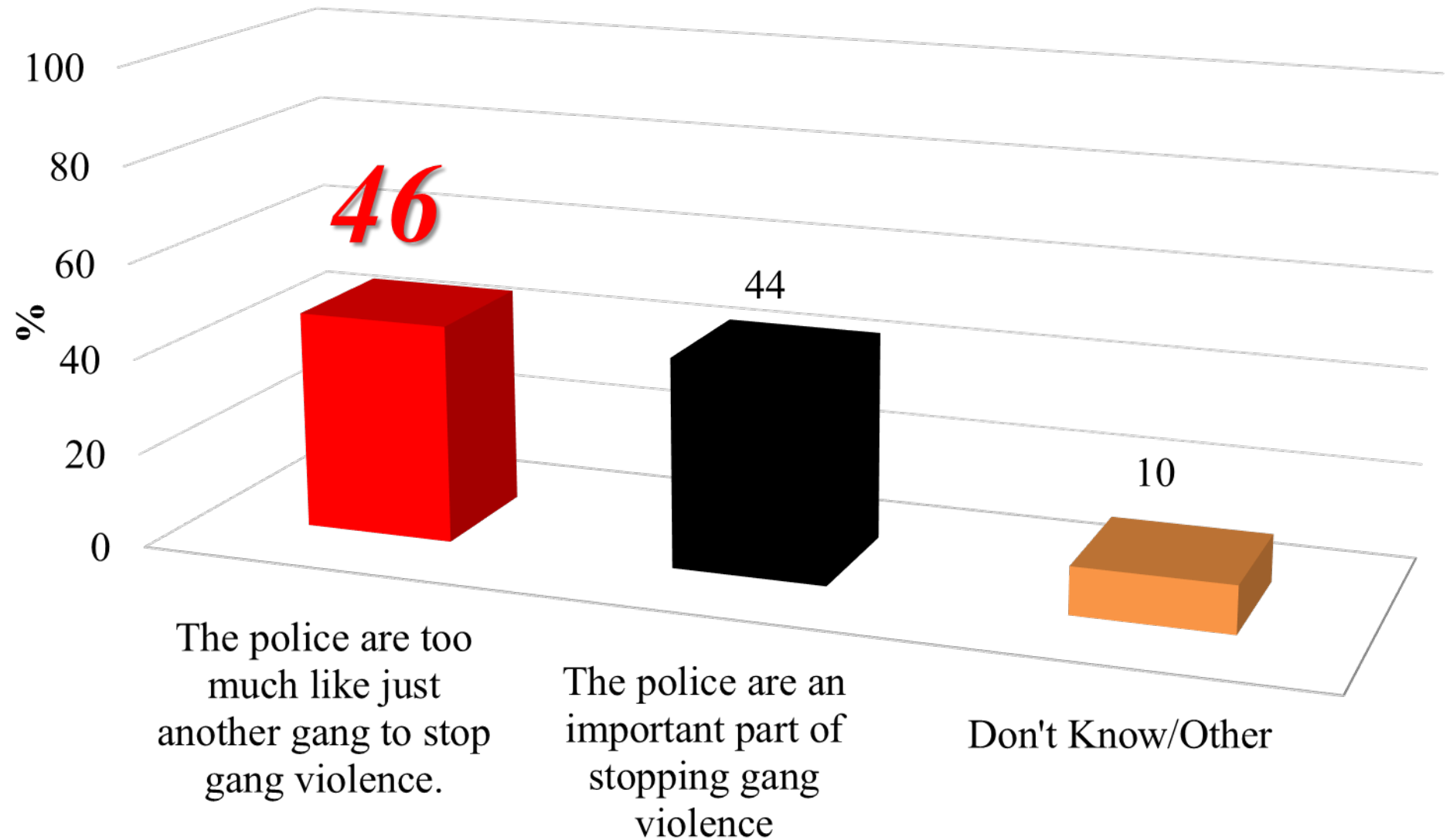
Michael Dawson
University of Chicago

Ronald Brown
Wayne State University

James S. Jackson
University of Michigan

Please tell me which choice is most true for you...

Source: 1993 NBPS



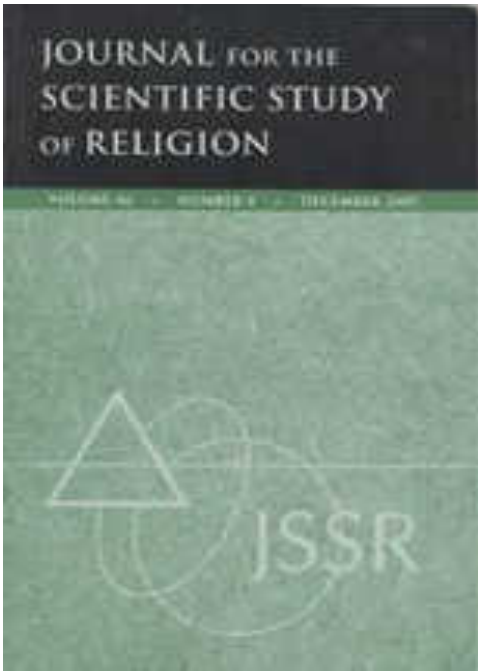
Key Theoretical Contributions

1. Despite growth of Black middle class, social class *unrelated* to Black Political Partisanship and race-based policy attitudes
2. Black Racial Consciousness is strong and consistent predictor of
 - Political Partisanship
 - Political Activism
 - Race-based Policy Attitudes
3. Black Church reinforces black consciousness and political activism
4. Protest politics is one of many political strategies for

Impact of Seminal Work Produced from PRBA-Black Politics Data

Book	Data	Citations (Google Scholar)
Dawson, M. C. (1995). <i>Behind the mule: Race and class in African-American politics</i> . Princeton University Press.	1984-1988 National Black Election Study	1381
Tate, K. (1994). <i>From protest to politics: The new black voters in American elections</i> . Harvard University Press.	1984-1988 National Black Election Study	752
Dawson, M. C. (2003). <i>Black visions: The roots of contemporary African-American political ideologies</i> . University of Chicago Press.	1993-4 National Black Politics Study	658
Gurin, P., Hatchett, S., & Jackson, J. S. (1990). <i>Hope and independence: Blacks' response to electoral and party politics</i> . Russell Sage Foundation	1984-1988 National Black Election Study	318

Placement of PRBA Black Politics Research in Peer Reviewed Journals



1. First studies of Black political behavior in Post Civil Rights Era
2. Made key theoretical contributions to understanding role of social class, racial group consciousness & religion to Black political behavior and attitudes
3. Have had large impact on social science research
4. Current and future studies will continue to make important contributions to understanding of race and politics in America