

Abstract

This thesis first employs analysis of key statistical data which points toward a palette of discontent in the United States. The subsequent section utilizes a descriptive analysis of the current identity-oriented construction of American politics as an explanation for the rise of American discontentment within the context of the rise neoliberal politics. Following the conclusion of the first chapter the second begins with a historical exploration of civic virtue in America's past. The historical accounts explored, are followed by revitalization attempts which positively point towards core principles which have succeeded in transforming civic life in the country towards "virtuous cycle[s] (Taylor, 2020 p. 34)." Section 2.2 attempts to synthesis the matrix of discontentment and identity-based construction of politics because of declining civic virtue. This matrix then is utilized as a recommendation toward an institutional proposal which would attempt to quell American turmoil at the smallest division of the republic. The third and final chapter addresses potential concerns of its design, arguing for the necessities of a minimum design to be presented, along with subsequent development to follow and organic grass-roots approach.