

Policy Memo #2
Poli 404
Race, Immigration, and Urban Politics
Professor Benjamin
30 points

Due: April 19, 2017 at the beginning of class.

Late policy: 3 point deducted for each day the memo is late.
Please 1.5 spaced lines (as opposed to single or double spaced).

Please make sure you read the policy memo guidelines (posted to Sakai) for detailed information about formatting, goals, and organization of a policy memo. This prompt provides you with the specific question, but it pairs with the guidelines on Sakai, which must be followed exactly.

Earlier in the semester, we read that many Latinos hold negative feelings towards Blacks in Durham, NC, but that there are some factors that might make those feelings less negative (McClain et al, 2006). How viable is a Black-Latino electoral coalition in Durham? In particular, how viable is an electoral coalition between these two groups? Please advise one of the 2017 Mayoral candidates (Cole-McFadden or Schewel) about how to effectively build a Black-Latino Coalition. What about non-electoral coalitions? Are there specific policy areas where Blacks and Latinos in Durham might come together to translate a shared set of preferences into policy? What are those Durham specific issue areas? What are the group demographics in the city (use the census.gov for Durham City, not county)? The Durham Board of Elections has data on registered voters by race and ethnicity and partisanship.

Potential Issues to Consider:

Police Relations

Education (I know the School Board handles this, but if you have an interest in education, I will let you discuss a potential coalition around this issue)

Economic Development

Gentrification/Affordable Housing

Readings to Consider:

McClain et al. 2006

Benjamin and Miller (2017)

Benjamin 2016

Kantor and Judd

Gill

Smith 2007

Hwang and Sampson 2014

Bunson and Weitzer

Crutchfield et al

Katherine Beckett and Steve Herbert 2015

Baumgartner and Epp