

Latino Politics in the United States: From the 1960's Rebellion to the New "Majority Minority"

**Speaker: Juan Gonzalez
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Juan Gonzalez is Belle Zeller Visiting Professor of Political science and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies at Brooklyn College. He is President of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. He has been a professional journalist for over 25 years and a Daily News columnist since 1987. Named as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States by Hispanic Business Magazine, Gonzalez was described as the "most radical person in the above-it-all-world of New York daily news papers" by the Village Voice. Known for his hard-hitting columns on the labor movement, race relations and problems for Commentary and Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Hispanic Academy of Media Arts and Sciences and the National Council of LA Raza. His articles have appeared in scores of publications, including Mademoiselle, Latina, The Nation, The Source, The New York Times, and Hispanic Link News Services. He is a contributing editor to In These Times, and Co-Host "Democracy Now" the Pacifica radio network's award winning news show. His book Harvest of Empire, won widespread critical acclaim. The NY Times called it "a serious significant contribution to understanding who the Hispanics of the United States are and where they come from." A collection of his columns was published in Roll Down Your Window: Stories from A Forgotten America (Verso 1995). Gonzalez was a leader of the Young Lords, a militant civil rights organization of the late 1960's and founding President of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights in the 1970's. He was co-chair of the Philadelphia chapter of the African Liberation support Committee. His latest book "Fallout: The Environmental Consequences of the World Trade Center Attack (New Press, 2002) has been reviewed as "insightful" and "important".

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