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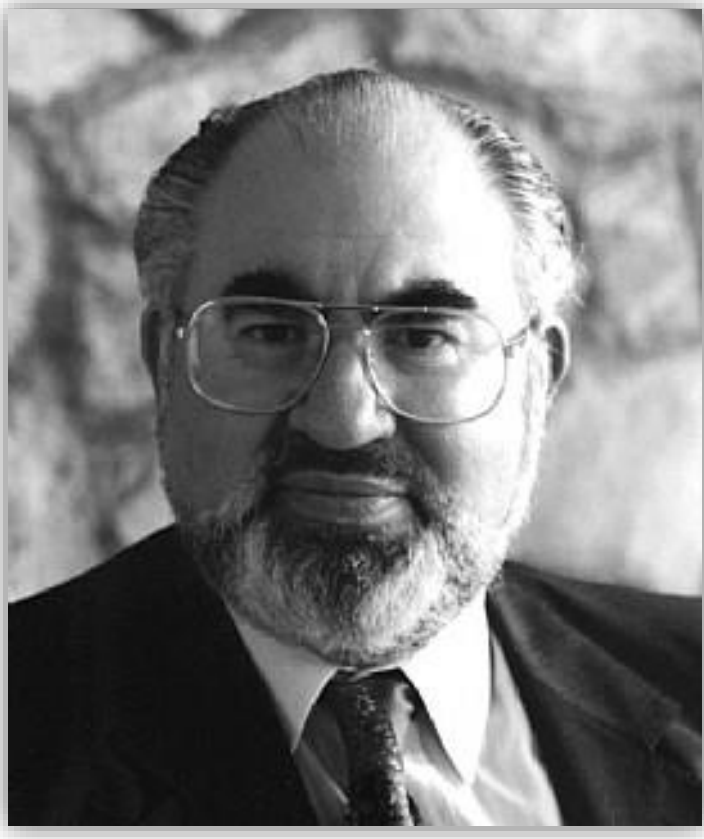
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The Traditionalistic Culture: Suppressing Political Participation



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Thesis: States with a traditionalistic culture are predisposed to pass legislation that aims to suppress the political participation of citizens; more specifically, the process of registering to vote and the act of voting.

The Three Political Cultures and Voting:

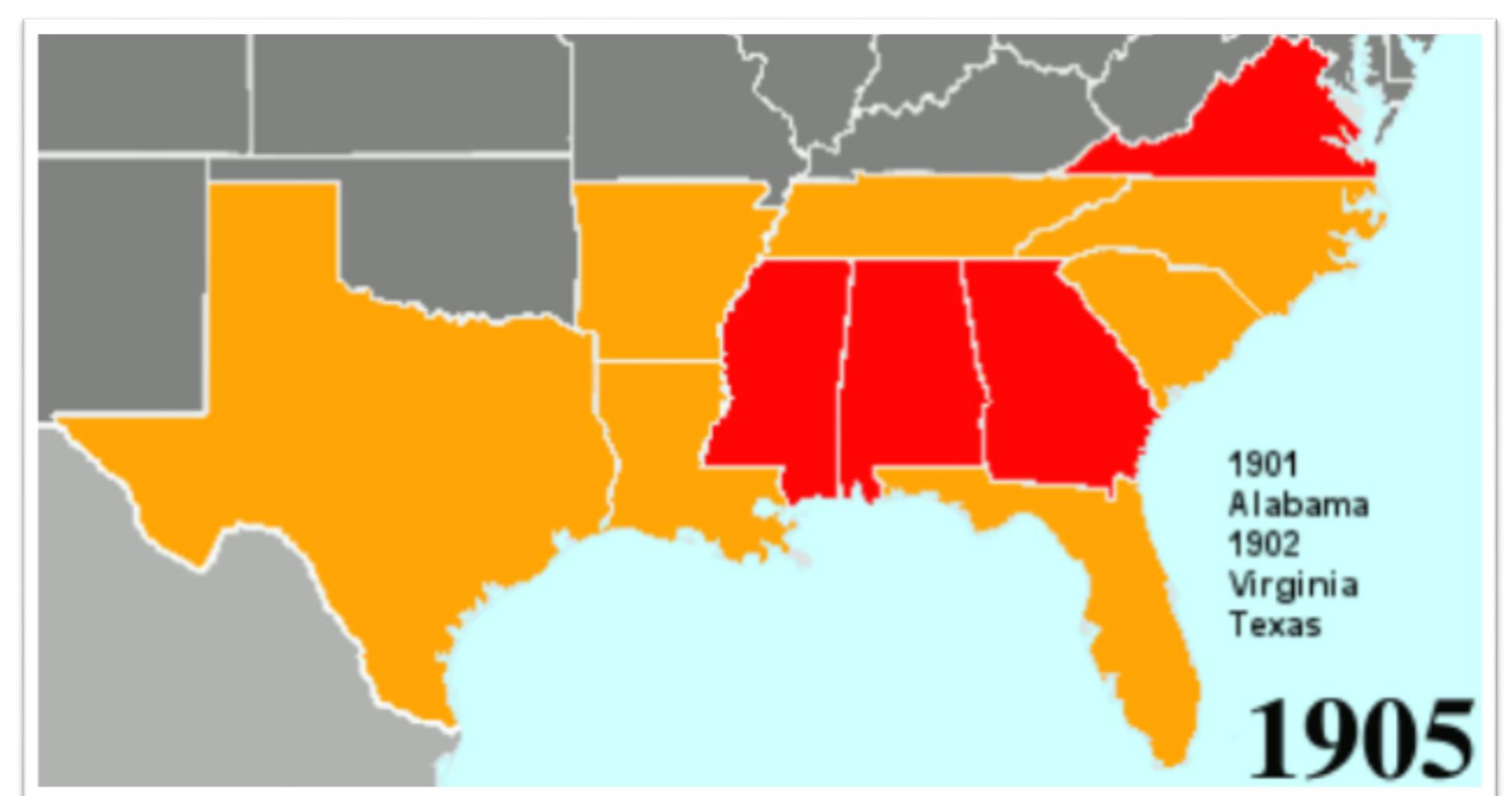


Moralistic-Culture: Citizens should be encouraged to vote and take part in all elections. Legislation passed as to do with voting rights is to encourage this political process

Individualistic-Culture: It's believed citizens have a right to vote, however, when it comes to legislation as to do with voting rights, whether such legislation encourages or discourages political participation depends on whether or not it is beneficial to a politician.



Traditionalistic-Culture: Citizens are discouraged from voting because they don't serve a political role in government. Legislation passed as to do with voting rights is to discourage this political process.



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