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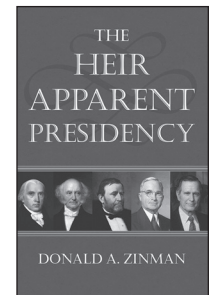
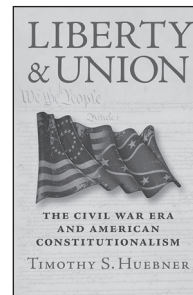
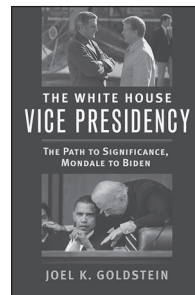
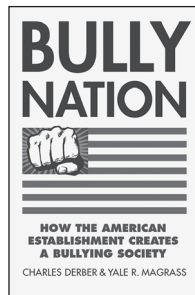
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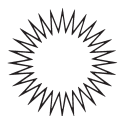
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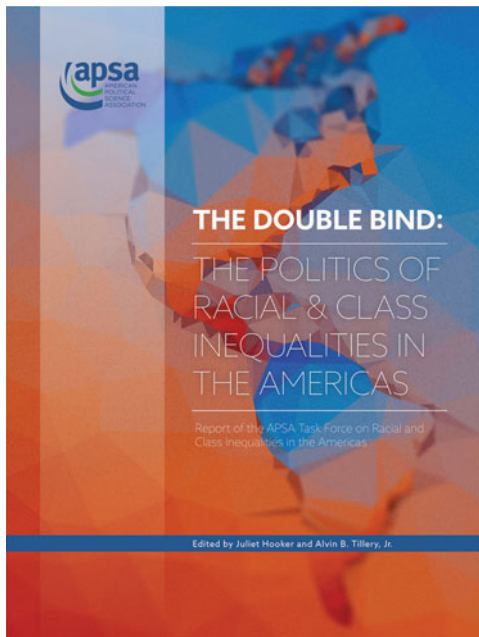
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The Double Bind: The Politics of Racial and Class Inequalities in the Americas



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