

# The Historical Construction of Racism

## A Comparison of White Supremacy and Anti-Semitism

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**T**he nation's leading writer of comparative history brings together the trajectories of anti-semitism and of white supremacy over the last 500 years, emphasizing both similarities and differences. Fredrickson traces the decline of the religious universalism that had set limits on the elaboration of racist views. His analysis of the effects of democratic revolutions and emancipation movements on the status of blacks and Jews lays the groundwork for a sweeping reinterpretation of the economic, political, and cultural contexts of the intensified racism of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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