Building a Wall or Digging a Hole?
Donald Trump and the Latinx Electorate

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Ignoring conventional wisdom about the importance of the Hispanic electorate, presidential candidate Donald Trump made extreme nationalism and xenophobia centerpieces of his 2016 campaign. In this wide-ranging lecture, award-winning political scientist Dr. Tony Affigne asks whether Trump’s historically high negative ratings among Latino/a voters signals a generational realignment in partisan demographics—or a temporary setback for GOP outreach plans. Whether Trump wins or loses, has he forever changed the political terrain in America?

Providence College professor Tony Affigne is a nationally-recognized expert on Latino and Black politics, and in 1982 was Rhode Island’s first-ever Latino candidate for elective office. He was lead editor for Latino Politics en Ciencia Política: The Search for Latino Identity and Racial Consciousness (NYU Press, 2014), and is book review editor for the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (Cambridge).

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