

**Critical Readings for Understanding the Political Formations Currently at Play in
Texas and National Politics**

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