

## PROSEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

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This graduate seminar provides an introduction to and overview of some of the most important research in various subfields of American politics. It is designed to be the first graduate course on American politics that students take. It is intended to be broad in scope and to provide a theoretical, methodological, and substantive foundation for further study of American politics. To achieve this goal, a sampling of both some of the “classics” in the professional literature and samples of some of the current “hot” approaches to the study of politics are included. Students planning to be examined in American politics are expected to master recommended readings on their own and should review additional readings included in versions of this seminar offered in previous years. This course is not a course on contemporary American politics; this is a seminar on basic, political science research in American politics.

### REQUIREMENTS:

The main requirements for this course are simple – READ, THINK ANALYTICALLY, and DISCUSS! This is a graduate seminar, which means that our meetings will be governed by the insights you draw from your readings and writings. It is not a lecture course! You are expected to read and critically analyze all assigned readings prior to class. Your preparation for each class should be based on the assumption that you will be responsible for leading and stimulating the class discussion. This is successfully accomplished by sharing your critical insights with the group, offering significant questions for seminar discussion, and engaging your colleagues (and me) in scholarly debate. I understand that you begin this course as a “student” who completes assignments. I hope that you end it as an engaged participant who takes on the study of American politics as an exciting personal enterprise.

Your *full* participation in the seminar (even if you are auditing) is fundamental to its success.

### PREREQUISITES:

This course has no *formal* prerequisites. Yet, as a graduate course, it assumes that you are familiar with the basic character of American politics. If your background does not include formal training in Political Science, or if you feel as though you might benefit from a review, you might want to purchase an undergraduate textbook and read the material carefully. I recommend Samuel Kernell and Gary C. Jacobson. 2000. *The Logic of American Politics*. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press. This text offers students the “nuts and bolts” of the American political system with a strong theoretical (rational choice) perspective. Please let me know if you expect difficulties here.

### EVALUATION:

Your final grade will be based upon a final examination, a series of 3-5 page papers, and the quality of your verbal participation in class. The take home *final examination* (25%) will consist of four questions

on American politics which are similar in nature to those found in recent comprehensive field examinations. You will be required to answer two of the four questions, and will be given two days to complete the exam. Each student also will prepare *five critical papers* (50%) during the course of the semester. These papers should be no more than five pages long (they can be, and most often will be, shorter!), and should be e-mailed to seminar participants (this, obviously, includes me) no later than noon the day before class. The papers should critique the theoretical and/or methodological approaches taken in the assigned readings for the week, give suggestions for alternative perspectives or explanations, or identify links to alternative literature. In completing your critical paper, you must select at least one work from the "Supplementary Readings" for the week for inclusion in your essay. Finally, your *seminar participation* accounts for the remaining 25% of your grade.

- Texts:** Dahl, Robert A. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. NY: Addison-Wesley, Longman, Inc.
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2001. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Lijphart, Arend. 1999. *Patterns of Democracy: Government Forms and Performance in Thirty-Six Countries*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Mayhew, David. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

**Additional readings can be found on reserve in the International Studies Library, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Gambrell.**

Abbreviations of Journals Used

- AJPS* = *American Journal of Political Science*  
*APSR* = *American Political Science Review*  
*APQ* = *American Politics Quarterly* (now *American Politics Review*)  
*BJPS* = *British Journal of Political Science*  
*JOP* = *Journal of Politics*  
*MJPS* = *Midwest Journal of Political Science* (now *AJPS*)

Many articles from the *APSR*, *AJPS*, and *JOP* can be downloaded electronically and printed from JSTOR, which can be accessed directly from the course webpage:

<http://www.cla.sc.edu/gint/faculty/gomezbt/gint760.htm>  
(Simply click on the electronic version of the course syllabus)

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Week 1: The American Ethos and Experience

#### *Required Readings*

*Articles of Confederation*, 1777.

*U. S. Constitution*, 1787.

de Tocqueville, Alexis. 1835;1840. *Democracy in America*. Part I: Chapters 1, 2, 3,5, 13, 14, 15  
Part II: Chapters 26, 27, 46. (From Heffner, Richard D. ed. 1956. *Democracy In America - Alexis de Tocqueville*. NY: Penguin Group.)

Jefferson, Thomas. 1776. *Declaration of Independence*.

Locke, John. 1690. *Second Treatise on Government*. Chapter 5

Locke, John. 1689. *A Letter Concerning Toleration*.

Hartz, Louis. 1955. *The Liberal Tradition in America*. NY: Harcourt, Brace and World.  
Chapters

McClosky, Herbert, and John Zaller. 1984. *The American Ethos*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapters: 2, 3, 4.

Morone, James A. 1990. *The Democratic Wish*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.  
Chapters: Introduction & 1.

#### *Additional Important Readings and Classics*

Lerner, Max. 1957. *America as a Civilization*. NY: Simon and Shuster.

Lipset, Seymour Martin. 1979. *The First New Nation*.

Locke, John. 1690. *Second Treatise on Government*.

Mill, John Stuart. 1859. *On Liberty*.

Mill, John Stuart. 1861. *Considerations On Representative Government*.

Weber, Max. 1904. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

### Week 2: Democratic Theory

#### *Required Readings*

Dahl, Robert A. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Mueller, John. 1992. "Democracy and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery: Elections, Equality, and Minimal Human Being." *AJPS*. 36:983-1003.

- Lienesch, Michael. 1992. Response to Mueller's "Democracy and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery: Election, Equality, and the Minimal Human Being": Wo(e)begon(e)Democracy. *AJPS* 36:1004-1014.
- Mueller, John. 1992. Rejoinder: Rejoinder to Lienesch's "Wo(e)begone Democracy: 'Theory and Democracy.'" *AJPS* 36: 1015-1022.
- Publius. 1787 & 1788. *The Federalist Papers*. Nos. 10 and 51.
- Riker, William. 1982. *Liberalism Against Populism*. San Francisco: CA, W.H. Freeman., Chapter 1.

*Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Bachrach, Peter., and Morton S. Baratz. 1967. *The Theory of Democratic Elitism: A Critique*. Boston, MA: Little Brown.
- Dahl, Robert A. 1961. *Who Governs: Democracy and Power in an American City?* New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Dahl, Robert A. 1971. *Polyarchy Participation and Opposition*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*.

*Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Bachrach Peter., and Morton S. Baratz. 1970. *Power and Poverty: Theory and Practice*. NY: Oxford University Press.
- Beard, Charles Austin. 1935. *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States*. NY: The MacMillan Company.
- Calhoun, John C. 1840. *Discourse on the Constitution and Government of the United States*.
- Dahl, Robert A. 1989. *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Dworkin, Ronald. 1996. *Freedom's Law*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Guinier, Lani. 1994. *Tyranny of the Majority: Fundamental Fairness in Representative Democracy*. NY: Free Press.
- Mills, C. Wright. 1956. *The Power Elite*. NY: Oxford University Press.
- Parenti, Michael. 1970. "Power and Pluralism: A View from the Bottom." *JOP* 32:501-530.
- Storing, Herbert J., ed. 1985. *The Anti-Federalist*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

**Week 3: The Mass Public: Opinion, Ideology, and Information**

*Required Readings*

- Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." In David Apter, ed. *Ideology and Discontent*. New York: The Free Press. (Skip 249-261)
- Lodge, Milton, Marco R. Steenbergen, and Shawn Brau. 1995. "The Responsive Voter: Campaign Information and the Dynamics of Candidate Evaluation." *APSR* 89:309-326.
- Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Prologue, Chapter 1-3.

- Sears, David O., Richard R. Lau, Tom R. Tyler, and Harris M. Allen, Jr. 1980. "Self-Interest vs. Symbolic Politics in Policy Attitudes and Presidential Voting." *APSR* 74:670-684.
- Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 2 & 12.

*Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Aldrich, John H., John Sullivan, and Eugene Borgida. 1989. "Foreign Affairs and Issue Voting: Do Presidential Candidates 'Waltz Before a Blind Audience?'" *APSR* 83:123-141.
- Alvarez, R. Michael and John Brehm. 1995. "American Ambivalence Towards Abortion Policy: Development of a Heteroskedastic Probit Model of Competing Values." *AJPS* 39:1055-1082.
- Conover, Pamela Johnston and Stanley Feldman. 1981. "The Origins and Meaning of Liberal-Conservative Self-Identifications." *AJPS* 25:617-645.
- Gomez, Brad T. and J. Matthew Wilson. 2001. "Political Sophistication and Economic Voting in the American Electorate: A Theory of Heterogeneous Attribution." *AJPS* 45: 899-914.
- Jacoby, William G. 1991. "Ideological Identification and Issue Attitudes." *AJPS* 35:178-205.
- Jacoby, William G. 1995. "The Structure of Ideological Thinking in the American Electorate." *AJPS* 39:314-335.
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1992. "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy." *APSR* 86:597-611.
- Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

*Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Almond, Gabriel A. and Sidney Verba. 1963. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Brehm, John. 1993. *The Phantom Respondents*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Delli Carpini, Michael X. and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Hochschild, Jennifer L. 1981. *What's Fair? American Beliefs about Distributive Justice*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Key, V. O. 1961. *Public Opinion and American Democracy*. NY: Knopf.
- Lane, Robert E. 1962. *Political Ideology: Why the American Common Man Believes What He Does*. New York: The Free Press of Glencoe.
- Lippmann, Walter. 1922. *Public Opinion*. New York: MacMillan.
- Page, Benjamin I. and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1992. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Sniderman, Paul M., Richard A. Brody, and Philip E. Tetlock, 1991. *Reasoning and Choice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Stimson, James A. 1999. *Public Opinion in America: Moods, Cycles, and Swings*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Zaller, John and Stanley Feldman. 1992. "A Simple Theory of the Survey Response: Answering Questions Versus Revealing Preferences." *AJPS* 36:579-616.

#### **Week 4: Voting and Elections**

##### *Required Readings*

- Aldrich, John H. 1993. "Rational Choice and Turnout." *AJPS* 37: 246-278.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. "An Economic Theory of Democracy." Chapters: 1,3,5,11,12,13,14.
- Gelman, Andrew and Gary King. 1993. "Why Are American Presidential Election Polls So Variable When Voters Are So Predictable?" *BJPS* 23:409-451.
- Markus Gregory B., and Philip E. Converse. 1979. "A Dynamic Simultaneous Equation Model of Electoral Choice." *APSR*. 73:1055-1070.
- Rabinowitz, George, and Stuart Elaine MacDonald. 1989. "A Directional Theory of Issue Voting." *APSR* 83:93-121.

##### *Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Burden, Barry C. and David C. Kimball. 1998. "A New Approach to the Study of Ticket Splitting." *APSR* 92:533-544.
- Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley and Sons. Chapters: 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7.
- Cox, Gary W. 1990. "Centripetal and Centrifugal Incentives in Electoral Systems." *AJPS* 34:903-935.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Paul Allen Beck, Russell J. Dalton, Jeffrey Levine, and William Morgan. 1998. "Ambiguity, Distorted Messages, and Nested Environmental Effects on Political Communication." *JOP* 60:996-1030
- Niemi, Richard G. and M. Kent Jennings. 1991. "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification." *AJPS* 35:970-988.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 1993. *Classics in Voting Behavior*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 1992. *Controversies in Voting Behavior*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Rahn, Wendy M. 1993. "The Role of Partisan Stereotypes in Information Processing About Political Candidates." *AJPS* 37:472-496.

##### *Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Aldrich, John H. 1980 . *Before the Convention: Strategies and Choices in Presidential Nomination Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Berelson, Bernard R., Paul F. Lazarsfeld, and William N. McPhee. 1954. *Voting: A Study of Opinion Formation in a Presidential Campaign*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley and Sons.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*.
- Ferejohn, John A., and Morris P. Fiorina. 1974. "The Paradox of Not Voting: A Decision Theoretic Analysis." *APSR* 68: 525-536.

- Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Riker, William and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *APSR* 62:25-42.

## **Week 5: Political Participation and Civic Engagement**

### *Required Readings*

- Brady, Henry E., Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *APSR* 89:271-294.
- Brehm, John and Wendy Rahn. 1997. "Individual-Level Evidence for the Causes and Consequences of Social Capital." *AJPS* 41:999-1023.
- Kim, Hyojoung and Peter S. Bearman. 1997. "The Structure and Dynamics of Movement Participation." *American Sociological Review* 62:70-93.
- Putnam, Robert P. 1995. "Tuning In, Tuning Out: The Strange Disappearance of Social Capital in America." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 28:664-83.
- Rosenstone, Steven J. and John Mark Hansen. 1993. *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters: 2, 3, 8.
- Simon, Bernd, et al. 1998. "Collective Identification and Social Movement Participation." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 74:646-658

### *Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Conover, Pamela Johnston. 1988. "The Role of Social Groups in Political Thinking." *BJPS* 18:51-76.
- Madsen, Douglas. 1987. "Political Self-Efficacy Tested." *APSR* 81: 571-582.
- McAdam, D., J.D. McCarthy, and M.N. Zald, eds. 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements: Political Opportunities, Mobility Structures, and Cultural Forms*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Putnam, Robert D. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Tarrow, Sidney. 1994. *Power in Movement: Social Movements, Collective Action, and Politics*. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Tyler, Tom R. and Heather J. Smith. 1998. "Social Justice and Social Movements." In D.T. Gilbert, S.T. Fiske, and G. Lindzey, eds., *The Handbook of Social Psychology*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Vol. 2. Oxford: Oxford University Press

### *Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Beck, Paul Allen and M. Kent Jennings. 1982. "Pathways to Participation." *APSR* 76:94-108.
- Citrin, Jack. 1974. "Comment: The Political Relevance of Trust in Government." *APSR* 68: 973-988.
- Easton, David. 1965. *A Systems Analysis of Political Life*. NY: Wiley.

- Easton, David. 1975. "A Re-Assessment of the Concept of Political Support." *BJPS* 5:435-457.
- Miller, Arthur H. 1974a. "Political Issues and Trust in Government: 1964-1970." *APSR* 68: 951-972.
- Miller, Arthur H. 1974b. "Rejoinder to "Comment" by Jack Citrin: Political Discontent or Ritualism?" *APSR* 68: 989-1001.
- Miller, Arthur H., Patricia Gurin, Gerald Gurin, and Oksana Malanchuk. 1981. "Group Consciousness and Political Participation." *AJPS* 25:494-511.
- Verba, Sidney and Norman H. Nie. 1973. *Participation in America: Political Democracy and Social Equality*. New York: Harper and Row.

## **Week 6: Political Parties**

### *Required Readings*

- Aldrich, John H. 1995. *Why Parties?: The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters: 1,2,3,4.
- Aldrich, John H., and David W. Rohde. 2000. "The Republican Revolution and the House Appropriations Committee." *JOP* 62:1-33.
- Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley and Sons. Chapters 6 and 7.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Chapters: 2,4,6,7,8,9,10.
- Key, Jr., V. O. 1955. "A Theory of Critical Elections." *JOP* 17:3-18.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1993. "Where's the Party?" *BJPS* 23: 235-266.
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1989. "Macropartisanship." *APSR* 83:1125-1142.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1984. "On the Theory of Party Organization." *JOP* 46:369-400.

### *Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Aldrich, John H. 1999. "Political Parties in a Critical Era." *APQ*. 27:9-32.
- Epstein, Leon D. 1986. "Political Parties in the American Mold." Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1980. "The Decline in Collective Responsibility in American Politics." *Daedalus* 109:25-45.
- Gibson, James L., Cornelius P. Cotter, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1983. "Assessing Party Organizational Strength." *AJPS* 27:193-222.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1985. "The New American Political Party." *APSR* 79:1152-1169.

### *Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Aldrich, John H. 1995. *Why Parties?: The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- APSA Committee on Political Parties. 1950. "Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System: A Report of the Committee on Political Parties." *APSR* 44(3) (Supplement):1-99

- Summary of Conclusions and Proposals, 1-14.
- Part I: The Need for Greater Party Responsibility, 15-36
- Part II: Proposals for Party Responsibility, 37-84
- Part III: The Prospect for Action, 85-96

Burnham, Walter Dean. 1970. *Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Politics*. New York: Norton Co.

Cotter, Cornelius P., James L. Gibson, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1984. *Party Organizations in American Politics*. New York: Praeger.

Cox, Gary W., and Matthew D. McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Duverger, Maurice. 1954. *Political Parties: Their Organization and Activities in the Modern State*. New York: Wiley.

Hofstadter, Richard. 1969. *The Idea of a Party System: The Rise of Legitimate Opposition in the United States, 1780-1840*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Key, Jr., V. O. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: Vintage Books.

Key, Jr., V. O. 1955. *Politics, Parties, and Pressure Groups*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Crowell.

Rohde, David W. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Post Reform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Schattschneider, E. E. 1942. *Party Government*. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston.

Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1991. *Political Parties and the Winning of Office*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Sundquist, James L. 1983. *Dynamics of the Party System: Alignment and Realignment of Political Parties in the United States*. Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution

## **Week 7: Interest Groups and Social Movements**

### *Required Readings*

Gais, Peterson, and Walker. 1984. "Interest Groups, Iron Triangles, and Representative Institutions in American National Government." *BJPS* 14: 161-185.

Hall, Richard L., and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. "Buying time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees." *APSR* 84:797-820.

Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

### *Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

Austen-Smith, David, and John R. Wright. 1994. "Counteractive Lobbying." *AJPS* 38:25-44.

Baumgartner, Frank R., and Beth L. Leech. 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1996. "A Niche Theory of Interest Representation." *JOP* 58:91-111.

Hojnacki, Marie. 1997. "Interest Groups' Decisions to Join Alliances or Work Alone." *AJPS* 41:61-87.

Lowery, David and Virginia Gray. 1995. "The Population Ecology of Gucci Gulch, or the National Regulation of Interest Group Numbers in the American States." *AJPS* 39: 1-29.

- Mitchell, William C., and Michael C. Munger. 1991. "Economic Models of Interest Groups: An Introductory Survey." *AJPS* 35:512-546.
- Peltzman, Sam. 1976. "Toward a More General Theory of Regulation." *Journal of Law and Economics* 19:211-124.
- Salisbury, Robert H. 1969. "An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups." *MJPS* 13:1-32.

*Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Bauer, Raymond A., Ithiel de Sola Pool, and Lewis Anthony Dexter. 1963. *American Business and Public Policy: The Politics of Foreign Trade*. New York: Atherton
- Heinz, John P., Edward O. Laumann, Robert L. Nelson, and Robert Salisbury. 1993. *The Hollow Core: Private Interests in National Policy Making*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Moe, Terry. 1980. *The Organization of Interests: Incentives and the Internal Dynamics of Political Interest Groups*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Stigler, George. 1971. "The Theory of Economic Regulation." *Bell Journal of Economics and Management Science* 2:3-21.
- Truman, David. 1951. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

**Week 8: Congress I: Representation**

*Required Readings*

- Fenno, Richard F., Jr. 1978. *Home Style: House Members in Their Districts*. Boston: Little Brown. Pg. 1-30, 214-248.
- Kingdon, John W. 1977. "Models of Legislative Voting." *JOP* 39: 563-595.
- Mayhew, David. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Miller, Warren E., and Donald E. Stokes. 1963. "Constituency Influence in Congress." *APSR* 57:45-56.

*Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Bartels, Larry M. 1991. "Constituency Opinion and Congressional Policy Making: The Reagan Defense Buildup." *APSR* 85:457-474.
- Denzau, Arthur T., and Michael C. Munger. 1986. "Legislators and Interest Groups: How Unorganized Interests Get Represented." *APSR* 80:89-106.
- Erikson, Robert S. and Gerald C. Wright. 1997. "Voters, Candidates, and Issues in Congressional Elections." In Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce I. Oppenheimer, eds. *Congress Reconsidered*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Hill, Kim Quaile, and Patricia Hurley. 1999. "Dyadic Representation Reappraised." *AJPS* 43:109-137.
- Jacobson, Gary C. 1989. "Strategic Politicians and the Dynamics of U.S. House Elections, 1946-1986." *APSR* 83:773-793.

- Krehbiel, Keith. 1995. "Cosponsors and Wafflers from A to Z." *AJPS* 39:906-923.  
Whitby, Kenny. 1997. *The Color of Representation: Congressional Behavior and Black Interests*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

*Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Fiorina, Morris P. 1974. *Representatives, Roll Calls, and Constituencies*. Lexington, MA: Lexington Books.  
Fiorina, Morris P. 1989. *Congress: Keystone to the Washington Establishment*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.  
Jacobson, Gary C. 1987. "The Marginal Never Vanished: Incumbency and Competition in Elections to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1952-1982." *AJPS* 31:126-141.  
Jacobson, Gary C. 1997. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. NY: Longman.  
Kingdon, John W. 1989. *Congressmen's Voting Decisions*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.  
Matthews, Donald R., and James A. Stimson. 1975. *Yeas and Nays: Normal Decision-Making in the U.S. House of Representatives*. New York: Wiley.  
Pitkin, Hanna. 1967. *The Concept of Representation*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.  
Weisberg, Herbert F. 1978. "Evaluating Theories of Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *AJPS* 22:554-577.  
Wright, Gerald C., Jr. and Michael B. Berkman. 1986. "Candidates and Policy in United States Senate Elections." *APSR* 80:567-588.

**Week 9: Congress II: Institutions**

*Required Readings*

- Polsby, Nelson. 1968. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." *APSR* 62: 144-168.  
Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

*Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on this Week*

- Kiewiet, D. Roderick, and Mathew McCubbins. 1996. *The Logic of Delegation: Congressional Parties and the Appropriations Process*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
Rohde, David. 1979. "Risk-Bearing and Progressive Ambition: The Case of Members of the United States House of Representatives." *AJPS* 23:1-26.  
Rohde, David. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Post-Reform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*Additional Important Readings and Classics*

- Arnold, Douglas. 1990. *The Logic of Congressional Action*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

- Fenno, Richard F., Jr. 1973. *Congressmen in Committees*. Boston: Little Brown.
- Fiorina, Morris. 1977. "The Case of the Vanishing Marginals: The Bureaucracy Did It." *APSR* 71:177-81.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1999. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Oleszek, Walter J. 2000. *Congressional Procedures and the Policy Process*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1978. *The Giant Jigsaw Puzzle: Democratic Committee Assignments in the Modern House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Weingast, Barry. 1979. "A Rational Choice Perspective on Congressional Norms." *AJPS* 23:245-262.
- Weingast, Barry and Marshall. 1988. "The Industrial Organization of Congress; or, Why Legislatures, Like Firms, Are Not Organized as Markets." *The Journal of Political Economy* 96: 132-163.

## **Week 10: The Presidency**

### *Required Readings*

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