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This graduate seminar provides an introduction to and overview of some of the most important research in the field of American politics. It is designed to be the "core seminar" on American politics for students in the Ph.D. program. 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 "classic readings" and "frontier approaches" to the study of American politics are included. Students who plan to be examined in the field of American politics are expected to master the recommended readings on their own.

This is <u>not</u> a course on contemporary American politics; it is a *seminar* on political science research in American politics. As such, you should approach the required readings with the following questions in mind: 1) What is the puzzle (or research question), and why is it important? 2) What is the author's theory? 3) What are the hypotheses, and are they based on a broader theoretical framework? 4) Were the hypotheses adequately tested, and what are the results of the tests? 5) How does the reading add to our knowledge of the research question? [Note: Some of the readings make use of mathematical and/or statistical models that are beyond your current skill level. Nevertheless, each of the readings offers sufficient information in the text for you to answer the previously listed questions.]

REQUIREMENTS:

The main requirements for this seminar are simple—READ, THINK ANALYTICALLY, and DISCUSS! This is a graduate seminar, which means that our meetings will be governed by the insights that you draw from your readings and writings. 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. Your *full* participation in the seminar is fundamental to its success.

Assignments and Grading:

Your final grade for the course will be based upon a final examination, a series of 3-5 page papers, and the quality of your participation in seminar meetings. The take-home *final examination* (25%) will be composed of four questions on American politics that are similar in nature to those found on recent comprehensive field examinations. You are required to answer two of the four questions, and your answers to each question must not exceed 15 double-spaced pages. Students will be expected to pick up the exam before noon on Friday, December 4, 2009 and must return the completed exam by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009. (We will discuss the exam and my expectations for answers in further detail later in the semester). Each student also will prepare *five critical papers* (50%) during the course of semester. These papers should be no more than five double-spaced pages in length (they can be, and most often will be, shorter!), and should be emailed to seminar participations (this, obviously, includes me) no

later than noon on the day before class. In these papers, you should discuss your understanding of the research as a body of work, point out theoretical and/or empirical strengths and weaknesses, and suggest directions for future work. The papers should not be simple summaries of the work; they are expected to be critical essays, where you espouse a position (in agreement or disagreement with the work) and make an argument for your view. In completing your critical papers 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.

Grade Scale:

All grades will be assigned based on the following criteria as evaluated by the instructor:

- A to A+ (Excellent): Student demonstrates exceptional mastery of the material by offering novel and insightful comments about the readings and demonstrates the ability to integrate ideas from multiple readings.
- B+ to A- (Good): Student demonstrates normal mastery of the material by offering cogently argued points that accurately reflect the content of the reading, but did not necessarily demonstrate novel insights or integrate the readings with other material.
- B- to B (Fair): Student was able to clearly articulate the main arguments and evidence of the assigned research, but did not argue beyond basic reiteration of main points.
- C+ or lower (Poor): Student did not participate, or the student's writing or participation reflected a general lack of knowledge about the readings.

Students will be given a 0 for participation if absent from class without being previously excused.

Incompletes are only granted in the case of a non-academic, documented emergency or illness.

Texts: The following texts have been ordered through both the FSU Bookstore and Bill's Bookstore and are required for this course:

- Aldrich, John H. 1995. Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Cox, Gary W., and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Dahl, Robert A. 1956. A Preface to Democratic Theory. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2001. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2006. *How Voters Decide: Information Processing During Election Campaigns*. New York: Cambridge University 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.
- Rudalevige, Andrew. 2002. Managing the President's Program: Presidential Leadership and Legislative Policy Formulation. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

POLICY ON ACADEMIC HONESTY

All students are responsible for maintaining the highest standards of honesty and integrity in every phase of their academic careers. The penalties for academic dishonesty are severe and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. All academic work must meet the standards contained in the Academic Honor Code, published in the *Florida State University Bulletin* and *The Graduate Handbook*. Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing academic work. Students who are suspected of violating the principles of academic honesty will be reported to the Graduate Director.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should: (1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center; (2) bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the Student Disability Resource Center, 97 Woodward Ave. South (Student Services Bldg.), 850-644-9566, or on the web at http://www.disabilitycenter.fsu.edu/

OFFICE HOURS AND AVAILABILITY

If at any time you feel confused by the material or simply want to discuss your academic progress, please feel free to seek my help during office hours or by appointment. My formal office hours are Monday and Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you need to contact me outside of office hours, email is probably the best way to do so. I check my email regularly and will respond as quickly as possible.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: The American Ethos and Democratic Tradition

Required Readings

Dahl, Robert A. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. de Tocqueville, Alexis. 1835. *Democracy in America*. Volume I, Part I: Chapter 3; Volume II, Part II: Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.

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

Mueller, John. 1992. "Democracy and Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery: Elections, Equality, and Minimal Human Being." *American Journal of Political Science* 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." American Journal of Political Science 36: 1004-1014.

Mueller, John. 1992. "Rejoinder: Rejoinder to Lienesch's 'Wo(e)begone Democracy': Theory and Democracy." *American Journal of Political Science* 36: 1015-1022.

Publius. 1787 & 1788. The Federalist Papers. Nos. 10 and 51.

Additional Important Readings and Classics

Articles of Confederation, 1777.

U. S. Constitution, 1787.

Bachrach, Peter., and Morton S. Baratz. 1962. "Two Faces of Power." *American Political Science Review* 56: 947-52.

Beard, Charles Austin. 1935. An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States. New York: The MacMillan Company.

Calhoun, John C. 1840. Discourse on the Constitution and Government of the United States.

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.

Dahl, Robert A. 1989. Democracy and Its Critics. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Hartz, Louis. 1955. *The Liberal Tradition in America*. New York: Harcourt Brace and Company.

Lerner, Max. 1957. America as a Civilization. New York: Simon and Shuster.

Locke, John. 1690. Second Treatise on Government.

Locke, John. 1689. A Letter Concerning Toleration.

Mill, John Stuart. 1859. On Liberty.

Mill, John Stuart. 1861. Considerations on Representative Government.

Mills, C. Wright. 1956. The Power Elite. New York: Oxford University Press.

Morone, James A. 1990. The Democratic Wish. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Parenti, Michael. 1970. "Power and Pluralism: A View from the Bottom." *Journal of Politics* 32: 501-530.

Storing, Herbert J., ed. 1985. *The Anti-Federalist*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Weber, Max. 1904. *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*.

Week 2: Theoretical Approaches to the Study of American Politics

Required Readings

- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper Collins. Chapters 1-4
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action: Public Goods and the Theory of Groups*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1 and 2.
- Quattrone, George A., and Amos Tversky. 1988. "Contrasting Rational and Psychological Analyses of Political Choice." *American Political Science Review* 82: 719-736.
- Rahn, Wendy M., John L. Sullivan, and Thomas J. Rudolph. 2002. "Political Psychology and Political Science." In James H. Kuklinski, ed., *Thinking about Political Psychology*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Riker, William. 1982. *Liberalism Against Populism*. San Francisco: CA, W.H. Freeman. Chapters 1, 3, 4, & 5.
- Simon, Herbert A. 1985. "Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science." *American Political Science Review* 79: 293-304.

Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on This Week

- Bianco, William T. 1998. "Different Paths to the Same Result: Rational Choice, Political Psychology, and Impression Formation in Campaigns." *American Journal of Political Science* 42: 1061-81
- Diermeier, Daniel, and Keith Krehbiel. 2003. "Institutionalism as a Methodology." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15: 123-144.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1995. "Rational Choice and the New(?) Institutionalism." *Polity* 28: 107-115
- McGraw, Kathleen M. 2000. "Contributions of the Cognitive Approach to Political Psychology." *Political Psychology* 21: 805-832.
- Shepsle, Kenneth A. 1989. "Studying Institutions." Journal of Theoretical Politics 1: 131-147.

- Black, Duncan. 1958. *The Theory of Committees and Elections*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Buchanan, James M., and Gordon Tullock. 1962. *The Calculus of Consent: Logical Foundations of Constitutional Democracy*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
- Fishbein, Martin, and Icek Ajzen. 1975. *Belief, Attitude, Intention, and Behavior: An Introduction to Theory and Research.* Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley.

- Green, Donald P., and Ian Shapiro. 1994. *Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory: A Critique of Applications in Political Science*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Lau, Richard R., and David O. Sears. 1986. *Political Cognition*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Publishers.
- March, James G., and Johan P. Olsen. 1984. "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life." *American Political Science Review* 78: 734-749.

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.
- Lodge, Milton, Marco R. Steenbergen, and Shawn Brau. 1995. "The Responsive Voter: Campaign Information and the Dynamics of Candidate Evaluation." *American Political Science Review* 89: 309-326.
- Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Prologue, Chapters 1-3.
- 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?" *American Political Science Review* 83: 123-141.
- Alvarez, R. Michael and John Brehm. 1995. "American Ambivalence Towards Abortion Policy: Development of a Heteroskedastic Probit Model of Competing Values." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 1055-1082.
- Conover, Pamela Johnston and Stanley Feldman. 1981. "The Origins and Meaning of Liberal-Conservative Self-Identifications." *American Journal of Political Science* 25: 617-645.
- Jacoby, William G. 1991. "Ideological Identification and Issue Attitudes." *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 178-205.
- Jacoby, William G. 1995. "The Structure of Ideological Thinking in the American Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 314-335.
- Jerit, Jennifer, Jason Barabas, and Toby Bolsen. 2006. "Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment." *American Journal of Political Science* 50: 266-282
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1992. "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy." *American Political Science Review* 86: 597-611.

- 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. New York: 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*. 2nd ed. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Zaller, John and Stanley Feldman. 1992. "A Simple Theory of the Survey Response: Answering Questions Versus Revealing Preferences." *American Journal of Political Science* 36: 579-616.

Week 4: Political Participation and Civic Engagement

Required Readings

- Aldrich, John H. 1993. "Rational Choice and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 37: 246-278.
- Brady, Henry E., Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 89: 271-294.
- Gerber, Alan S., and Donald P. Green. 2000. "The Effects of Canvassing, Telephone Calls, and Direct Mail on Voter Turnout: A Field Experiment. *American Political Science Review* 94: 653-63.
- Hansford, Thomas G., and Brad T. Gomez. 2009. "Reassessing the Effect of Variation in Voter Turnout on Electoral Outcomes." [Title to be Changed]. Under Conditional Acceptance at *American Political Science Review*.
- Leighley, Jan E. 1995. "Attitudes, Opportunities and Incentives: A Field Essay on Political Participation." *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 181-209.
- 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, and 8.

Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on This Week

Campbell, Andrea Louise. 2002. "Self-Interest, Social Security and the Distinctive Participation Patterns of Senior Citizens." *American Political Science Review* 96: 565-74.

- Fowler, James H., Laura A. Baker, and Christopher T. Dawes. 2008. "Genetic Variation in Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 102: 233-248.
- Gerber, Alan S., and Donald P. Green, and Christopher W. Larimer. 2008. "Social Pressure and Voter Turnout: Evidence from a Large-Scale Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 102: 33-48.
- Hero, Rodney E. 1986. "Explaining Citizen-Initiated Contacting of Government Officials: Socioeconomic Status, Perceived Need, or Something Else?" *Social Science Quarterly* 67: 626-35.
- Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "Voter Registration and Turnout in the United States." *Perspectives on Politics* 2: 507-15.
- Kam, Cindy D., and Carl L. Palmer. 2008. "Reconsidering the Effects of Education on Political Participation." *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.
- Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 1992a. "Individual and Systemic Influences on Turnout: Who Votes? 1984" *Journal of Politics* 54: 718-740.
- Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 1992b. "Socioeconomic Class Bias in Turnout, 1964-1988: The Voters Remain the Same." *American Political Science Review* 86: 725-736.
- Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 2007. "Unions, Voter Turnout and Class Bias in the Electorate, 1964-2004." *Journal of Politics* 69: 430-41.
- Madsen, Douglas. 1987. "Political Self-Efficacy Tested." *American Political Science Review* 81: 571-582.
- Mutz, Diana C. 2002. "The Consequences of Cross-Cutting Networks for Political Participation." *American Journal of Political Science* 46: 838-55.
- Nagler, Jonathan. 1991. "The Effect of Registration Laws and Education on U.S. Voter Turnout." *American Political Science Review* 85: 1393-1405.
- Staton, Jeffrey K., Robert A. Jackson, and Damarys Canache. 2007. "Dual Nationality Among Latinos: What are the Implications for Political Connectedness?" *Journal of Politics* 69: 470-482

- Abramson, Paul R., and John H. Aldrich. 1982. "The Decline of Electoral Participation in America." *American Political Science Review* 76: 502-521.
- Brody, Richard. 1978. "The Puzzle of Political Participation in America." In *The New American Political System*, ed. Anthony King. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute.
- Chong, Dennis. 1991. *Collective Action and the Civil Rights Movement*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Ferejohn, John A., and Morris P. Fiorina. 1974. "The Paradox of Not Voting: A Decision Theoretic Analysis." *American Political Science Review* 68: 525-536.
- Huckfeldt, Robert W., and John D. Sprague. 1995. *Citizens, Politics, and Social Communication: Information and Influence in an Election Campaign*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Jennings, M. Kent, and Richard G. Niemi. 1981. *Generations and Politics: A Panel Study of Young Adults and Their Parents*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Riker, William and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *American Political Science Review* 62: 25-42.
- Rosenstone, Steven J., and Raymond E. Wolfinger. 1978. "The Effect of Registration Laws on Voter Turnout." *American Political Science Review* 72: 22-45.

- Silver, Brian D., Barbara A. Anderson, and Paul R. Abramson. 1986. "Who Overreports Voting?" *American Political Science Review* 80: 613-624.
- Teixeira, Ruy A. 1992. *The Disappearing American Voter*. Washington, DC: The Brooking Institution.
- Verba, Sidney, and Norman H. Nie. 1972. *Participation in America*. New York: Harper and Row.
- Verba, Sidney, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Wolfinger, Raymond E., and Steven J. Rosenstone. 1980. *Who Votes?* New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Week 5: Voting and Elections

Required Readings

- Bartels, Larry. 2000. "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 35-50.
- Gomez, Brad T., and J. Matthew Wilson. 2001. "Political Sophistication and Economic Voting in the American Electorate: A Theory of Heterogeneous Attribution." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 899-914.
- Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2006. *How Voters Decide: Information Processing During Election Campaigns*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Markus, Gregory B. 1988. "The Impact of Personal and National Economic Conditions on the Presidential Vote: A Pooled Cross-Sectional Analysis." *American Journal of Political Science* 32: 137-154.

Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on This Week

- Gelman, Andrew and Gary King. 1993. "Why Are American Presidential Election Polls So Variable When Voters Are So Predictable?" *British Journal of Political Science* 23: 409-451.
- Lupia, Arthur. 1996. "Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections." *American Political Science Review* 88: 63-76.
- Jessee, Stephen A. 2009. "Spatial Voting in the 2004 Presidential Election." *American Political Science Review* 103: 59-81.
- MacKuen, Michael, Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1992. "Peasants or Bankers: The American Electorate and the United States Economy." *American Political Science Review* 86: 597-611.
- Markus Gregory B., and Philip E. Converse. 1979. "A Dynamic Simultaneous Equation Model of Electoral Choice." *American Political Science Review* 73: 1055-1070.
- Rabinowitz, George, and Stuart Elaine MacDonald. 1989. "A Directional Theory of Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review* 83: 93-121.
- Rahn, Wendy M. 1993. "The Role of Partisan Stereotypes in Information Processing About Political Candidates." *American Journal of Political Science* 37: 472-496.
- Tomz, Michael, and Robert P. Van Houweling. 2008. "Candidate Positioning and Voter Choice." *American Political Science Review* 102: 303-318.

- 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.
- Burnham, Walter Dean. 1970. Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Politics. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley and Sons.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1996. *Divided Government*, 2nd ed. Needham, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
- Key, Jr., V. O. 1955. "A Theory of Critical Elections." Journal of Politics 17: 3-18.
- Niemi, Richard, and Herbert Weisberg. 1992. *Controversies in Voting Behavior*, 3rd ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Niemi, Richard, and Herbert Weisberg. 1993. *Classics in Voting Behavior*. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Tufte, Edward R. 1975. "Determinants of Outcomes of Midterm Congressional Elections." American Political Science Review 69: 812-826.

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.
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1989. "Macropartisanship." American Political Science Review 83: 1125-1142.

Supplementary Readings for Those Focusing on This Week

- Aldrich, John H. 1983. "A Downsian Spatial Model with Party Activism." *American Political Science Review* 77: 974-990.
- Gibson, James L., Cornelius P. Cotter, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1983. "Assessing Party Organizational Strength." *American Journal of Political Science* 27: 193-222.
- Key, Jr., V. O. 1959. "Secular Realignment and the Party System." *Journal of Politics* 21: 198-210
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1993. "Where's the Party?" *British Journal of Political Science* 23: 235-266.Nardulli, Peter. 1995. "The Concept of a Critical Realignment, Electoral Behaivor, and Political Change." *American Political Science Review* 89: 10-22.

- APSA Committee on Political Parties. 1950. "Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System:

 A Report of the Committee on Political Parties." *American Political Science Review* 44: 1-99
- Cox, Gary W., and Mathew 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 in Nation. New York: Vintage Books.
- Key, Jr., V. O. 1955. Politics, Parties, and Pressure Groups, 5th ed. New York: Crowell.
- Michels, Robert. 1962. Political Parties: A Sociological Study of the Oligarchical Tendencies of Modern Democracy. New York: The Free Press.
- 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.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1984. "On the Theory of Party Organization." *Journal of Politics* 46: 369-400.
- 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

- Austen-Smith, David and John R. Wright. 1992. "Counteractive Lobbying." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 25-44.
- Gais, Thomas L., Mark A. Peterson, and Jack L. Walker. 1984. "Interest Groups, Iron Triangles, and Representative Institutions in American National Government." *British Journal of Political Science* 14: 161-185.
- Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1996. "A Niche Theory of Interest Representation." *Journal of Politics* 58: 91-111.
- Hall, Richard L. and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. "Buying Time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees." *American Political Science Review* 84: 797-820.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1985. "The Political Economy of Group Membership." *American Political Science Review* 79: 79-96.
- Mitchell, William, and Michael C. Munger. 1991. "Economic Models of Interest Groups: An Introductory Survey." *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 512-546.
- Salisbury, Robert H. 1969. "An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups." *Midwest Journal of Political Science* 13: 1-32.
- Walker, Jack L. 1983. "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America." *American Political Science Review* 77: 390-406.

- Caldeira, Gregory A. and John R. Wright. 1998. "Lobbying for Justice: Organized Interests, Supreme Court Nominations, and the United States Senate." *American Journal of Political Science* 42: 499-523.
- Denzau, Arthur T. and Michael C. Munger. 1986. "Legislators and Interest Groups: How Unorganized Interests Get Represented." *American Political Science Review* 80: 89-106.
- Grier, Kevin B., Michael C. Munger, and Brian E. Roberts. 1994. "The Determinants of Industrial Political Activitity, 1978-1986." American Political Science Review 88: 911-26.
- Hall, Richard L., and Alan V. Deardorff. 2006. "Lobbying as Legislative Subsidy." *American Political Science Review* 100: 69-84.
- Hojnacki, Marie and David C. Kimball. 1998. "Organized Interests and the Decision of Whom to Lobby in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 92: 775-790.
- Lowery, David, and Virginia Gray. 1995. "The Population Ecology of Gucci Gulch, or the Natural Regulation of Interest Group Numbers in the American States." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 1-29.

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.
- 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.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1991. *Gaining Access: Congress and the Farm Lobby*, 1919-1981. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Heinz, John P., Edward O. Laumann, Robert L. Nelson, and Robert H. Salisbury. 1993. The Hollow Core: Private Interests in National Policymaking. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Moe, Terry M. 1980. The Organization of Interests: Incentives and the Internal Dynamics of Political Interest Groups. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Schattschneider, E.E. 1960. The Semisovereign People. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- Stigler, George. 1971. "The Theory of Economic Regulation." *Bell Journal of Economics and Management Science* 2: 3-21.
- Truman, David B. 1951. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

Week 8: Congress I: Representation and Elections

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