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**Department of Political Science**

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**PRO SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS**  
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This course covers some of the scholarly literature on American politics and is designed to introduce you to some of the current theories and debates among scholars of American government and politics. This seminar should meet the needs of graduate students in Political Science who plan to conduct original research, master a doctoral field, or teach in one or more areas of American politics.

The bulk of this course will focus on a sample of important books and articles, primarily on current topics in American politics. Each week we will focus on a major question or debate in American politics. While I have tried to devote at least one week to common topics in American politics, this course is not a comprehensive treatment of the field. Research on American politics is too numerous to master in one course. However, the readings in this course will cover a wide range of intellectual problems, theoretical perspectives, research designs, and analytical methods used in research on American politics. I hope that this course will also help you gain a feel for how political scientists think about, formulate, and execute research.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Throughout the semester, seminar participants will engage in four main activities. First, each week we will as a group discuss a set of assigned readings on a scheduled topic. I expect you to read and analyze these pieces with care. The readings, especially the articles, are often dense, and require time and patience to digest. You must keep on schedule with the required readings to participate in seminar discussions each week. The additional “recommended” readings listed for each week are not required for this course, although they are useful for students who want to learn more about a particular topic (especially in preparation for comprehensive exams). Although the amount of reading material may seem overwhelming, by professional standards I have only included a fraction of the relevant readings on each topic.

Second, each week, beginning with the September 9 seminar meeting, participants will prepare a written question designed to generate discussion in the seminar. Discussion questions may focus on a single book or article, or on a set of the assigned readings for a particular week. Discussion questions will be due by 4:00 pm each Wednesday. You can send me your questions by email or drop them in my box in the political science

department office. The best questions will provoke lively discussion and thoughtful comments from participants in the seminar. The questions may address the main research question that week, critique the approach used in one or more of the studies, compare the implications of some of the readings, or raise unresolved issues from the readings. In some cases, your question may be more of an argument than a question. You may find these questions easier to prepare if you keep track of questions you ask yourself as you are reading the assigned material. I will grade your discussion questions for September 9, but this grade will not count toward your final course grade. Questions submitted for the remaining weeks of the semester will contribute toward your final grade.

Third, for three of the seminar meetings, you will prepare a short (5 page) critical review of three of the assigned readings for that week, and you will be expected to assume a larger role in seminar discussions that week. These essays should help you crystallize your thoughts on the readings and will serve (along with your questions) as a basis for your contribution to each seminar's discussion. Essays are due at the beginning of class, and all three short paper grades will count toward your final course grade. In general, the essays should address the following questions about each of the readings you review in a succinct, composition format.

1. What is the main research question?
2. What are the main substantive findings and arguments?
3. [Briefly]What method and evidence are used to answer the research question?
4. Are the arguments and evidence presented by the author convincing? Do the theory and concepts help us understand other cases?
5. What connections do you see between the readings?
6. Does the research improve our understanding of American politics?

Fourth, for the final course paper, you will review a "classic" article or book in American politics, trace the work it spawned, and attempt to identify the reasons for its status as a classic. My hope is that you will learn something about what makes some works more interesting and important than others. I have attached a list of suggested classics at the end of the syllabus. You should make a selection from this list. If you would like to substitute some other piece of classic research, please discuss it with me first. In either case, you must inform me of the classic you select by October 14. The final paper (about 15-20 pages long) should address the following questions:

1. What are the main arguments, concepts, findings, or evidence in the classic? What made it a unique study?
2. Since publication of this classic, what have political scientists added to what we know about the topic?
3. Has subsequent research vindicated the main arguments made by author of the classic? Cite at least ten studies in making this evaluation.
4. What direction(s) has research taken in the wake of the classic?
5. What makes the book or article you selected a classic?
6. Do classics (and this one in particular) facilitate or retard the growth of knowledge?

The final paper is due in class on the last day our seminar meets (December 9). On that day, each student will present a summary of his or her paper. Your presentation should inform the rest of us about the research your classic has generated and why it is a classic. You will have 10 to 15 minutes to make your presentation to the class.

I will base your grade on the extent and quality of your participation in class (30%), the quality of your short essays and discussion questions (30%), and the final paper (30%) and class presentation (10%). Obviously, I expect you to attend every seminar session.

### **COURSE READING MATERIALS**

The assigned readings for this course cover many current questions being investigated by scholars of American politics. As observers of human behavior, social scientists often work like detectives (e.g., investigating the causes of events, gathering evidence, advancing tentative explanations, eliminating dead ends). We will make this connection more explicitly during the semester as we examine some current puzzles facing political scientists studying American politics.

### **REQUIRED BOOKS**

Bartels, Larry M. 2008. *Unequal Democracy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Clawson, Rosalee A., and Eric N. Waltenburg. 2009. *Legacy and Legitimacy: Black Americans and the Supreme Court*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Cohen, Marty, David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller. 2008. *The Party Decides*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Zaller, John R. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Aside from the required books for the course, articles and excerpts from books on the assigned reading list will be posted on the MyGateway web site for the course.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTE**

Course readings and assignments do not provide you with a full sense of the political science profession. You also need to know the newest work when it appears (not when a professor assigns it), and news within the profession. One way to learn about what is happening in political science is to become a member of the American Political Science Association. An annual APSA membership provides a subscription to two quarterly academic journals (*American Political Science Review* and *Perspectives on Politics*), and a quarterly journal and newsletter about the profession (*PS: Political Science and Politics*) at a bargain price of \$40 for one year. To learn more about APSA, go to the association's web site at <http://apsanet.org>.

## COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

### **Week 1: August 26**

#### Introduction

Course Schedule and Organization

### **Week 2: September 2**

#### Methodological and Theoretical Approaches to American Politics

##### *Assigned Reading:*

Fenno, Richard F., Jr. 1986. "Observation, Context, and Sequence in the Study of Politics." *American Political Science Review* 80:3-15.

Green, Donald P, and Alan S. Gerber. 2002. "Reclaiming the Experimental Tradition in Political Science." In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

James N. Druckman, Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski, and Arthur Lupia. 2006. "The Growth and Development of Experimental Research in Political Science." *American Political Science Review* 100:627-635.

Thompson, Clive. 2009. "The Predictor." *New York Times Magazine*, August 16, 2009.

Weingast, Barry R. 2002. "Rational-Choice Institutionalism." In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

Orren, Karen, and Stephen Skowronek. 2002. "The Study of American Political Development." In *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

##### *Recommended Reading:*

Ada Finifter, ed., *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*, revised edition (1993).

Lawrence Dodd and Calvin Jillson, eds., *The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations* (1994).

Riker, William H. 1986. *The Art of Political Manipulation*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Herbert Weisberg, ed. *Political Science: The Science of Politics* (1986).

Louis Hartz, *The Liberal Tradition in America* (1955).

Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Democratic Theory* (1956).

Charles Beard, *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States* (1929).

C. Wright Mills, *The Power Elite* (1956).

Murray Edelman, *The Symbolic Use of Politics* (1967).

Storing, Herbert J. 1981. *What the Anti-Federalists Were for: The Political Thought of the Opponents of the Constitution*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

David Brian Robertson. 2005. "Madison's Opponents and Constitutional Design." *American Political Science Review* 99:225-243.

Morris Fiorina. 1975. "Formal Models in Political Science." *American Journal of Political Science* 19:133-159.

Donald P. Green and Ian Shapiro. 1994. *Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Herbert Simon. 1985. "Human Nature in Politics: The Dialogue of Psychology with Political Science." *American Political Science Review* 79:293-304.

Ira Katznelson and John S. Lapinski. 2006. "At the Crossroads: Congress and American Political Development." *Perspectives on Politics* 4:243-260.

## **POLITICAL BEHAVIOR**

### **Week 3: September 9**

#### **Public Opinion**

How do people come to form and express political opinions?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

Zaller, John R. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press, chapters 1 through 6 and chapter 12 (skim other chapters).

Sniderman, Paul M., Philip E. Tetlock, and Laurel Elms. 2001. "Public Opinion and Democratic Politics: The Problem of Nonattitudes and Social Construction of Political Judgment." In *Citizens and Politics: Perspectives from Political Psychology*, James H. Kuklinski, ed. New York: Cambridge University Press.

John R. Alford, Carolyn L. Funk, and John R. Hibbing. 2005. "Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted?" *American Political Science Review* 99:153-167.

*Recommended Reading:*

Herbert Asher. 2004. *Polling and the Public*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington: CQ Press.

V.O. Key, Jr. 1961. *Public Opinion and American Democracy*. New York: Knopf.

Almond, Gabriel A., Sidney Verba. 1963. *The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Philip E. Converse, "The Nature of Mass Belief Systems in Mass Publics" in *Ideology and Discontent*, ed. David Apter (1964), pp. 206-261.

Robert A. Lane. 1962. *Political Ideology*. New York: Free Press.

Christopher H. Achen. 1975. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." *American Political Science Review* 69:1218-1231.

Thomas E. Nelson and Donald R. Kinder. 1996. "Issue Frames and Group-Centrism in American Public Opinion." *Journal of Politics* 58:1055-1078.

Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro, *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences* (1992).

James A. Stimson. 1991. *Public Opinion in America: Moods, Cycles, and Swings*. Boulder, CO: Westview.

Lawrence R. Jacobs and Benjamin I. Page. 2005. "Who Influences U.S. Foreign Policy?" *American Political Science Review* 99:107-123.

Michael X. Delli Carpini and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

John R. Hibbing and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse. 2002. *Stealth Democracy*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Arthur H. Miller. 1974. "Political Issues and Trust in Government." *American Political Science Review* 68:951-972.

Jack Citrin and Donald Philip Green. 1986. "Presidential Leadership and the Resurgence of Trust in Government." *British Journal of Political Science* 16:431-453.

Samuel Stouffer. 1955. *Communism, Conformity, and Civil Liberties*. New York: Doubleday.

John L. Sullivan, James Piereson, and George E. Marcus. 1979. "An Alternative Conceptualization of Political Tolerance: Illusory Increases 1950s-1970s." *American Political Science Review* 73:781-794.

- James L. Gibson. 1988. "Political Intolerance and Political Repression During the McCarthy Red Scare." *American Political Science Review* 82:511-529.
- Lodge, Milton, Kathleen M McGraw, and Patrick Stroh. 1989. "An Impression-Driven Model of Candidate Evaluation." *American Political Science Review* 83:399-419.
- Lord, Charles G., Lee Ross, Mark R. Lepper. 1979. "Biased Assimilation And Attitude Polarization: The Effects Of Prior Theories On Subsequently Considered Evidence." *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 37: 2098-2109.
- Abelson, Robert P. 1959. "Modes of Resolution of Belief Dilemmas." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 3: 343-52.
- Adam Berinsky. 2004. *Silent Voices*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- David O. Sears and Nicholas Valentino. 1997. "Politics Matters: Political Events as Catalysts for Preadult Socialization." *American Political Science Review* 91:45-65.
- George E. Marcus, W. Russell Neuman, and Michael MacKuen. 2000. *Affective Intelligence and Political Judgment*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Larry M. Bartels. 2005. Homer Gets a Tax Cut: Inequality and Public Policy in the American Mind." *Perspectives on Politics* 3:15-31.
- David C. Barker and James D. Tinnick III. 2006. "Competing Visions of Parental Roles and Ideological Constraint." *American Political Science Review* 100:249-263.
- Kuklinski, James H., Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit, David Schwieder, and Robert R. Rich. 2000. "Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship." *Journal of Politics* 62:790-816.
- Brian J. Gaines, James H. Kuklinski, Paul J. Quirk, Buddy Peyton, and Jay Verkuilen. 2007. "Same Facts, Different Interpretations: Partisan Motivation and Opinion on Iraq." *Journal of Politics* 69:957-974.
- Charles S. Taber and Milton Lodge. 2006. "Motivated Skepticism in the Evaluation of Political Beliefs." *American Journal of Political Science* 50:755-769.

#### **Week 4: September 16**

##### Political Activity, Social Capital and Voting Behavior

What motivates political activity?

Are social capital and political participation declining in the United States, and if so, why?

##### *Assigned Reading:*

Putnam, Robert. 1995. "Tuning in, Tuning Out: The Strange Disappearance of Social Capital in America." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 28:664-683.

Russell J. Dalton. 2008. *The Good Citizen: How a Younger Generation is Reshaping American Politics*. Washington, DC: CQ Press (selections).

Wattenberg, Martin P. 2008. *Is Voting for Young People?* New York: Pearson Longman (selections).

##### *Recommended Reading:*

Angus Campbell, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes, *The American Voter* (1960).

Bernard Berelson, Paul Lazarsfeld, and William McPhee, *Voting: A Study of Opinion Formation in a Presidential Campaign* (1954).

V.O. Key, *The Responsible Electorate* (1966).

Norman Nie, Sidney Verba, and John Petrocik, *The Changing American Voter* (1976).

Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections* (1981).

Benjamin Page, *Choices and Echoes in American National Elections* (1978).

Campbell, Angus. 1964. "Surge and Decline: A Study of Electoral Change." *In Elections and the Political Order*, Angus Campbell et al., eds. New York: Wiley. (also published in *Public Opinion Quarterly* 1960).

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper & Row.

Samuel Popkin, *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns* (1991).

Norman Nie, Sidney Verba, and John Petrocik, *The Changing American Voter* (1976).

Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections* (1981).

Benjamin Page, *Choices and Echoes in American National Elections* (1978).



Sidney Verba and Norman Nie, *Participation in America* (1972).

Steven Rosenstone and John Mark Hansen, *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America* (1993).

Raymond Wolfinger and Stephen Rosenstone, *Who Votes?* (1980).

George Rabinowitz and Stuart Elaine MacDonald, "A Directional Theory of Voting" 83 *American Political Science Review* (1989): 93-121.

Alan Abramowitz and Kyle Sanders, "Ideological Realignment in the U.S. Electorate" 60 *Journal of Politics* (1998): 634-652.

Larry Bartels, "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996" 44 *American Journal of Political Science* (2000): 35-50.

Richard G. Niemi and Herbert F. Weisberg. 1993. *Classics in Voting Behavior*. Washington: CQ Press.

Richard G. Niemi and Herbert F. Weisberg. 2001. *Controversies in Voting Behavior*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.. Washington: CQ Press.

Kay Lehman Schlozman. 2002. "Citizen Participation in America: What do we Know? Why do we Care?" In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

Marc Hetherington. 2001. "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review*.

Barry C. Burden and David C. Kimball. 2002. *Why Americans Split Their Tickets*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Ansolabehere, Stephen, Shanto Iyengar, Adam Simon, and Nicholas Valentino. 1994. "Does Attack Advertising Demobilize the Electorate?" *American Political Science Review* 88:829-838.

Sigelman, Lee, and Mark Kugler. 2003. "Why is Research on the Effects of Negative Campaigning So Inconclusive? Understanding Citizens' Perceptions of Negativity." *Journal of Politics* 65:142-160.

Goldstein, Ken, and Paul Freedman. 2002. "Campaign Advertising and Voter Turnout: New Evidence for a Stimulation Effect." *Journal of Politics* 64:721-740.

Ted Brader. 2005. "Striking a Responsive Chord: How Political Ads Motivate and Persuade Voters by Appealing to Emotions." *American Journal of Political Science* 49:388-405.

Franklin, Mark N. 2001. "Electoral Participation." In *Controversies in Voting Behavior*, ed. Richard G. Niemi and Herbert F. Weisberg. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Paul Freedman, Michael Franz, and Kenneth Goldstein. 2004. "Campaign Advertising and Democratic Citizenship." *American Journal of Political Science* 48:723-741.

Jan E. Leighley and Jonathan Nagler. 2007. "Unions, Voter Turnout, and Class Bias in the U.S. Electorate, 1964-2004." *Journal of Politics* 69:430-441.

### **Week 5: September 23**

#### Race and Politics

How does race influence American politics?

Why have southern whites turned dramatically toward the Republican Party?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

Hillygus, D. Sunshine, and Todd G. Shields. 2008. *The Persuadable Voter: Wedge Issues in Presidential Campaigns*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (selection).

Valentino, Nicholas A., and David O. Sears. 2005. "Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: Race and Partisan Realignment in the Contemporary South." *American Journal of Political Science* 49:672-688.

Byron E. Shafer and Richard Johnston. 2006. *The End of Southern Exceptionalism*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (selections).

Desmond S. King and Rogers M. Smith. 2005. "Racial Orders in American Political Development." *American Political Science Review* 99:75-92.

#### *Recommended Reading:*

V.O. Key, Jr. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: Knopf (selections).

Sniderman, Paul M., and Philip E. Tetlock. 1986. "Symbolic Racism: Problems of Motive Attribution in Political Analysis." *Journal of Social Issues* 42:129-150.

Kinder, Donald R. 1986. "The Continuing American Dilemma: White Resistance to Racial Change 40 Years after Myrdal." *Journal of Social Issues* 42:151-171.

Kinder, Donald R., and Lynn M. Sanders. 1996. *Divided by Color*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Sniderman, Paul M., Thomas Piazza, Philip E. Tetlock, and Ann Kendrick. 1991. "The New Racism." *American Journal of Political Science* 35:423-447.

Kuklinski, James H., Paul M. Sniderman, Kathleen Knight, Thomas Piazza, Philip E. Tetlock, Gordon R. Lawrence, and Barbara Mellers. 1997. "Racial Prejudice and Attitudes Toward Affirmative Action." *American Journal of Political Science* 41:402-419.

Edward Carmines and James Stimson, *Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics* (1989).

Hood, M.V. III, Quentin Kidd, and Irwin L. Morris. 2004. "The Reintroduction of *Elephas Maximus* to the Southern United States: The Rise of Republican State Parties, 1960 to 2000." *American Politics Research* 31:68-101.

Lublin, David. 2004. *The Republican South*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Michael C. Dawson and Cathy Cohen. 2002. "Problems in the Study of the Politics of Race." In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

Giles, Micheal W., and Kaenan Hertz. 1994. "Racial Threat and Partisan Identification." *American Political Science Review* 88:

Frymer, Paul. 2003. "Acting When Elected Officials Won't: Federal Courts and Civil Rights Enforcement in U.S. Labor Unions, 1935-85." *American Political Science Review* 97:483-499.

Welch, Susan, Lee Sigelman, Timothy Bledsoe, and Michael Combs. 2001. *Race & Place: Race Relations in an American City*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Oliver, J. Eric, and Janelle Wong. 2003. "Intergroup Prejudice in Multiethnic Settings." *American Journal of Political Science* 47:567-582.

Michael Dawson. 1994. *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Martin Gilens. 1999. *Why Americans Hate Welfare: Race, Media, and the Politics of Antipoverty Policy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Rodney E. Hero. 1998. *Faces of Inequality: Social Diversity in American Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Jennifer L. Hochschild. 1995. *Facing Up to the American Dream: Race, Class and the Soul of the Nation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Doug McAdam. 1982. *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency 1930-1970*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Katherine Tate. 2003. *Black Faces in the Mirror: African Americans and Their Representatives in Congress*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Soss, Joe, Laura Langbein, and Alan R. Metelko. 2003. "Why do White Americans Support the Death Penalty?" *Journal of Politics* 65:397-421.

Tali Mendelberg. 2001. *The Race Card: Campaign Strategy, Implicit Messages, and the Norm of Equality*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Gregory A. Huber and John S. Lapinski. 2006. "The 'Race Card' Revisited: Assessing Racial Priming in Policy Contests." *American Journal of Political Science* 50:421-440.

Kenneth J. Meier, Eric Gonzalez Juenke, Robert D. Wrinkle, and J.L. Polinard. 2005. "Structural Choices and Representational Biases: The Post-Election Color of Representation." *American Journal of Political Science* 758-768.

Christopher Tarman and David O. Sears. 2005. "The Conceptualization and Measurement of Symbolic Racism." *Journal of Politics* 67:731-761.

Shaun Bowler, Stephen P. Nicholson, and Gary M. Segura. 2006. "Earthquakes and Aftershocks: Race, Direct Democracy, and Partisan Change." *American Journal of Political Science* 50:146-159.

Paul Frymer. 2005. "Racism Revised: Courts, Labor Law, and the Institutional Construction of Racial Animus." *American Political Science Review* 99:373-387.

Hajnal, Zoltan L. 2001. "White Residents, Black Incumbents and a Declining Racial Divide." *American Political Science Review* 95:603-618.

Valentino, Nicholas A., Vincent L. Hutchings, and Ismail K. White. 2002. "Cues That Matter: How Political Ads Prime Racial Attitudes During Campaigns." *American Political Science Review* 96:75-90.

## **Week 6: September 30**

### Gender and Politics

Do the values and behaviors of men and women in politics differ, and to what effect?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

Fox, Richard L., and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2004. "Entering the Arena? Gender and the Decision to Run for Office." *American Journal of Political Science* 48:264-280.

Kira Sanbonmatsu. 2002. "Gender Stereotypes and Vote Choice." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46: 20-34.

Palmer, Barbara, and Dennis Simon. 2006. *Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: Women and Congressional Elections*. New York: Routledge (selection).

Paul A. Djupe, Anand E. Sokhey, and Christopher P. Gilbert. 2007. "Present but Not Accounted For? Gender Differences in Civic Resource Acquisition." *American Journal of Political Science* 51:906-920.

Christina L. Boyd, Lee Epstein, and Andrew D. Martin. 2009. "Untangling the Causal Effects of Sex on Judging." Unpublished manuscript, Washington University.

*Recommended Reading:*

Rinehart, Sue Tolleson. 1992. *Gender Consciousness and Politics*. Routledge.

Virginia Sapiro. 1983. *The Political Integration of Women*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

Jane Mansbridge. 1986. *Why We Lost the ERA*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Christina Wolbrecht. 2000. *The Politics of Women's Rights*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Nancy Burns, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Sidney Verba. 1997. "The Public Consequences of Private Inequality: Family Life and Citizen Participation." *The American Political Science Review* 91:373-389.

Nancy Burns. 2002. "Gender: Public Opinion and Political Action." In *Political Science: State of the Discipline*, ed. Ira Katznelson and Helen V. Milner. New York: W. W. Norton.

Lael R. Keiser, Vicky M. Wilkins, Kenneth J. Meier, and Catherine A. Holland. 2002. "Lipstick and Logarithms: Gender, Institutional Context, and Representative Bureaucracy." *American Political Science Review* 96:553-564.

Fox, Richard L., and Zoe M. Oxley. 2003. "Gender Stereotyping in State Executive Elections: Candidate Selection and Success." *Journal of Politics* 65:833-850.

Susan Gluck Mezey. 2003. *Elusive Equality: Women's Rights, Public Policy, and the Law*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

Darcy, R., Susan Welch and Janet Clark. 1994. *Women Elections and Representation*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

Thomas, Sue. 1994. *How Women Legislate*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kaufmann, Karen M. and John R Petrocik. 1999. The Changing Politics of American Men: Understanding the Sources of the Gender Gap. *American Journal of Political Science* 43: 864-887.

Sapiro, Virginia. 1982. "If U.S. Senator Baker Were a Woman: An Experimental Study of Candidate Images." *Political Psychology* 3: 61-83.

Jennifer Lawless and Richard Fox. 2005. *It Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Susan Carroll and Richard Fox, eds. 2006. *Gender and Elections*.

Kim Kahn. 1996. *The Political Consequences of Being a Woman*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Jo Freeman. 2000. *A Room at a Time: How Women Entered Party Politics*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Susan Tolleson-Rinehart and Susan J. Carroll. 2006. "'Far From Ideal: The Gender Politics of Political Science.'" *American Political Science Review* 100:507-513.

## INTERMEDIARIES

### **Week 7: October 7**

#### Media and Politics

How have recent changes in the mass media, influenced American politics?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

James T. Hamilton. 2004. *All the News That's Fit to Sell*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (selections).

Prior, Markus. 2005. "News vs. Entertainment: How Increasing Media Choice Widens Gaps in Political knowledge and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 49: 577-592.

Martin Gilens, Lynn Vavreck, and Martin Cohen. 2007. "The Mass Media and the Public's Assessments of Presidential Candidates, 1952-2000." *Journal of Politics* 69:1160-1175.

Baum, Matthew A. 2002. "Sex, Lies, and War: How Soft News Brings Foreign Policy to the Inattentive Public." *American Political Science Review* 96:91-109.

Diana C. Mutz and Byron Reeves. 2005. "The New Videomalaise: Effects of Televised Incivility on Political Trust." *American Political Science Review* 99:1-16.

Tim Groseclose and Jeffrey Milyo. 2005. "A Measure of Media Bias." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 120:1191-1237.

*Recommended Reading:*

McCombs, Maxwell E., and Donald L. Shaw. 1972. "The Agenda-Setting Function of the Mass Media." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 36:176-187.

Michael J. Robinson. 1976. "Public Affairs Television and the Growth of Political Malaise: The Case of 'The Selling of the President.'" *American Political Science Review* 70:409-432.

Miller, Arthur H., Edie N. Goldenberg, and Lutz Erbring. 1979. "Type-Set Politics: Impact of Newspapers on Public Confidence." *American Political Science Review* 73:67.

Iyengar, Shanto, Mark D. Peters, and Donald R. Kinder. 1982. "Experimental Demonstrations of the 'Not-So-Minimal' Consequences of Television News Programs." *American Political Science Review* 76:848.

Iyengar, Shanto, and Donald R. Kinder. 1987. *News That Matters*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Doris Graber. 1988. *Processing the News*. New York: Longman.

Thomas Patterson. 1995. *Out of Order*. New York: Vintage.

Matthew Baum. 2003. *Soft News Goes to War: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy in the New Media Age*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Paul M. Kellstedt. 2003. *The Mass Media and the Dynamics of American Racial Attitudes*. Cambridge University Press.

Nelson, Thomas, Rosalee Clawson, and Zoe Oxley. 1997. "Media Framing of a Civil Liberties Conflict and Its Effect on Tolerance." *American Political Science Review* 91:567-584.

Matthew A. Baum. 2005. "Talking the Vote: Why Presidential Candidates Hit the Talk Show Circuit." *American Journal of Political Science* 49:213-234.

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#### Political Parties

How powerful are political parties?

Is partisan polarization on the rise, and if so, why?

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Do business and moneyed interests dominate American politics?

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- Marc Galanter, "Why the `Haves' Come Out Ahead: Speculations on the Limits of Legal Change" *Law & Society Review* 9 (1974): 95-160.
- Kevin McGuire, "Repeat Players in the Supreme Court: The Role of Experienced Lawyers in Litigation Success" *Journal of Politics* 57 (1995): 187-196.
- Reginald Sheehan, William Mishler, and Donald Songer, "Ideology, Status, and the Differential Success of Direct Parties Before the Supreme Court" *American Political Science Review* 86 (1992): 464-471.
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- Gaventa, John. 1982. *Power and Powerlessness*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.
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## INSTITUTIONS

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#### Congress

How much do political parties influence Congress? What explains decision-making and action in Congress?

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David R. Mayhew. 2000. *America's Congress: Actions in the Public Sphere, James Madison Through Newt Gingrich*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

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### **Week 11: November 4**

#### The President

What factors produce strong leadership in American politics?

How do presidents lead?

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## **Week 12: November 11**

### The Supreme Court

Is it law or politics that influences Supreme Court decisions?

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Murphy, Walter F. 1964. *Elements of Judicial Strategy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Robert Lowry Clinton, "Game Theory, Legal Theory, and the Origins of Judicial Review: A Revisionist Analysis of *Marbury v. Madison*" 38 *American Journal of Political Science* (1994): 285-302.

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Jack Knight and Lee Epstein, "The Norm of *Stare Decisis*" 40 *American Journal of Political Science* (1996): 1018-1035.

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Lori Hausegger and Lawrence Baum, "Inviting Congressional Action: A Study of Supreme Court Motivations in Statutory Interpretation" 43 *American Journal of Political Science* (1999): 162-183.

James L. Gibson. 2008. "Challenges to the Impartiality of State Supreme Courts: Legitimacy Theory and "New-Style" Judicial Campaigns." *American Political Science Review* 102:59-75.

Valerie Hoekstra. 2003. *Public Reaction to Supreme Court Decisions*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Christine Nemachek. 2008. *Strategic Selection*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

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## **Week 13: November 18**

### Bureaucracy

Can the President and Congress control the executive branch bureaucracy?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

Eisner, Marc Allen, and Kenneth J. Meier. 1990. "Presidential Control versus Bureaucratic Power: Explaining the Reagan Revolution in Antitrust." *American Journal of Political Science* 34:269-287.

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Shipan, Charles R. 2004. "Regulatory Regimes, Agency Actions, and the Conditional Nature of Congressional Influence." *American Political Science Review* 98:467-480.

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#### *Recommended Reading:*

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Jonathan Bendor and Thomas Hammond, "Rethinking Allison's Models" 86 *American Political Science Review* (1992): 301-322.

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Jeffrey Pressman and Aaron Wildavsky, *Implementation* (1973).

Heclo, Hugh. 1977. *A Government of Strangers: Executive Politics in Washington*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

McCubbins, Mathew D., Roger G. Noll, and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "Administrative Procedures as Instruments of Political Control." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 3:243-277.

Jack Knott and Gary Miller, *Reforming Bureaucracy: The Politics of Institutional Choice* (1987).

B. Dan Wood and Richard Waterman, *Bureaucratic Dynamics: The Role of Bureaucracy in a Democracy* (1994).

John Brehm and Scott Gates, *Working, Shirking, and Sabotage: Bureaucratic Response to a Democratic Public* (1996).

Richard Pacelle and Lawrence Baum, "Supreme Court Authority in the Judiciary: A Study of Remands" *20 American Politics Quarterly* (1992): 169-192.

Kenneth Meier, *Politics and the Bureaucracy*, second edition (1987).

Jeffrey Pressman and Aaron Wildavsky, *Implementation* (1973).

Aaron Wildavsky, *The New Politics of the Budgetary Process* (1988).

Daniel P. Carpenter. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy: Networks, Reputations, and Policy Innovation in Executive Agencies, 1862-1928*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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## **MACRO POLITICS**

### **Week 14: December 2**

#### Agenda-Setting and Policy Formulation

What moves public policy? Why do agendas and policies change over time?

#### *Assigned Reading:*

Bartels, Larry M. 2008. *Unequal Democracy*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Mark A. Smith. 2007. *The Right Talk*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (selections).

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#### *Recommended Reading:*

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Peter Bachrach and Morton Baratz, "Two Faces of Power" *56 American Political Science Review* (1962): 947-952.

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Baumgartner, Frank R., and Bryan D. Jones. 1993. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Robert S. Erikson, Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

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Cashore, Benjamin, and Michael Howlett. 2007. "Punctuating Which Equilibrium? Understanding Thermostatic Policy Dynamics in Pacific Northwest Forestry." *American Journal of Political Science* 51:532-551.

### **Week 15: December 9**

Class Presentations

#### **Classics in American Politics (suggestions for the final paper)**

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- Bauer, Raymond A., Ithiel de Sola Pool, and Lewis Anthony Dexter. 1963. *American Business and Public Policy*. New York: Atherton.
- Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: John Wiley and Sons.
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- Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." *In Ideology and Discontent*, David E. Apter, ed. New York: Free Press.
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