

**(The Obsessive, Compulsive and Dangerous)  
SYLLABUS**

This is the core readings course in the field of American politics. The course is designed to expose students to the classic and contemporary literature in the field, key theories that are prevalent today, and central empirical studies. It is also designed to serve as a solid foundation for exam preparation and understanding key material on the American Politics Reading List. It is not, however, designed to be the only thing you need to pass the American exam.

The course is divided into two parts. The first half of the course examines broad theories of politics, relevant to, but not limited to, the United States. It also considers several analytic approaches and methodological issues relevant to applying these theories to empirical studies. The second half of the course examines leading empirical studies on various topics. These are designed to expose students to the best empirical work so that students gain an understanding of how research is conducted and also how questions are asked in the study of American politics.

**COURSE WORK**

These are the requirements and policies for the course:

1. Class participation. This involves three components. First, each student will serve as a discussion leader for one of the week's readings. As discussion leader, the student will come armed with thoughtful questions and ideas about the week's readings to generate discussion in the seminar. Second, there will be a round table discussion during which everyone is expected to speak unceasingly. Third, every student must add to general classroom discussion. Silence is forbidden. Total participation accounts for 20 percent of the final grade.
2. Written Exercise. There will be a written exercise based on the reading for one week of the student's choosing. This may be from a topic in the required reading or from one of the more extensive suggested reading lists. Papers involve two aspects. First, an insightful, cogent, concise critique and analysis of the major work in the area should be presented. This is NOT a summary of the studies, but instead an analysis of them with a view toward what is good, bad, missing on conceptual, empirical or methodological grounds. Second, an original idea or argument of your own about where this area of literature should go next. In other words, develop a central research question based on your own redirection, extension, new conceptualization, new data, etc. needed in the area. The research proposal (which will not actually be tested) becomes the "point" of the paper. Suggested length: 15 pages. The first complete draft of the paper is due March

30. One anonymous classmate reviewer and I will make extensive comments on this draft, identify problems, and provide suggestions. The second, revised draft is due April 20. The paper is worth 40 percent of the total grade.
3. Final Exam. This is designed to prepare students for the formal exams that many take in this field (or in others). It will consist of essay questions typical of the graduate comprehensive exams. Similar to the format of the preliminary field exams, the exam will be a take-home exam for a single day on May 4. It is worth the remaining 40 percent of the total grade.
4. Overall Course Policies.
- **NO INCOMPLETES: There will be no incompletes for this course under any circumstances (except rare diseases that defy diagnosis). YES, NO MEANS NO.**
  - **NO PLAGIARISM: Plagiarism is defined as the use of someone else's work without proper quotation or attribution. I will randomly google one or more sentences in the research paper to check for this. If any hint of plagiarism exists, you will fail the course. YES, FAIL MEANS FAIL.**

## BOOKS

1. Anthony Downs, *An Economic Theory of Democracy*
2. Murray Edelman, *The Symbolic Uses of Politics*
3. Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Democratic Theory*
4. John Kingdon, *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*
5. Frank Baumgartner and Bryan Jones, *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*
6. John Zaller, *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*

## SUMMARY OF CLASS SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan. 12	Overview
Jan. 19	Democratic Theory
Jan. 26	Group Theory and Its Critics
Feb. 2	Micro Theories of Politics: Behavioralism, Rationality, Emotion
Feb. 9	Institutionalism, Old and New
Feb. 16	Theories of Policy Making
Feb. 23	Elections and Voting Behavior
Mar. 2	Public Opinion, Media
Mar 9	Parties, Interest Groups
Mar. 16	*****Roundtable*****
Mar. 30	Congressional Representation

Mar. 23  
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May 4

Spring Break  
Congress at Work  
\*\*\*\*\*First Draft of Paper Due\*\*\*\*\*  
Presidents and the Public  
Approaches to the Presidency  
\*\*\*\*\*Final Draft of Paper Due\*\*\*\*\*  
Institutional Policy Making  
\*\*\*\*\*Final Exam\*\*\*\*\*

## COURSE OUTLINE

*Week of*

**January 12**                      **Overview: Studying American Politics**

**SECTION I:**                      **THEORIES OF AMERICAN POLITICS**

**January 19**                      **Democratic Theory**

James Madison, Federalist #10 (packet)

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

Robert Dahl, "Democratization and Public Opposition" in R. Dahl, *Polyarchy*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1971, pp. 1-16 (packet)

Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba, *The Civic Culture*. 1963., Chapters 1, 15.

John Dryzek and Jeffrey Berejikian, "Reconstructive Democratic Theory," *American Political Science Review* 87(March 1993): 48-60 (packet)

Robert Putnam, *Making Democracy Work*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993. Chapter 6 (packet).

Robert Putnam, "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital," *Journal of Democracy*, 6 (January 1995): 65-78 (packet)

Barry Weingast, "The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law," *American Political Science Review* 91 (June 1997): 245-263 (packet).

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### **Democracy: Suggested for Further Reading**

Benjamin Barber, *Strong Democracy*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1984.

Robert Dahl, *On Democracy*. New Haven: Yale Nota Bene, 2000.

Robert Dahl, *Democracy and Its Critics*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1991.

Robert Dahl, "On Removing Certain Impediments to Democracy in the U.S." in R. Dahl, *Democracy, Liberty, and Equality* London: Norwegian University Press, 1986, 127-152.

Alexis de Toqueville, *Democracy in America*. 2 vols. New York: Vintage Books, 1945.

- John Dryzek, *Discursive Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- David Held, *Models of Democracy*. Cambridge: Polity Press, 1987
- Arend Lijphardt, *Democracies*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984.
- Jane Mansbridge, *Beyond Adversary Democracy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983, Chapters 1-3 (packet)
- Diana Mutz, "Cross-Cutting Social Networks: Testing Democratic Theory in Practice," *American Political Science Review* 96 (March 2002): 111-126.
- Carole Pateman, *Participation and Democratic Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970.
- Adam Przeworski, *Democracy and the Market*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991.
- Ian Shapiro, *The State of Democratic Theory*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2003.
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**January 26                      Group Theory and Its Critics**

- David Truman, *The Governmental Process* New York: Alfred Knopf, 1963, pp. 14-44 (packet).
- Andrew McFarland, *Neopluralism*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2004, Chapters 1-4 (packet).
- Theodore Lowi, *The End of Liberalism*. 2d ed. New York: W.W.Norton, 1979. Chapters 1-3 (packet).
- Mancur Olson, *The Rise and Decline of Nations*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984, Chapter 2 (packet).
- Susan Bickford, "Reconfiguring Pluralism: Identity and Institutions in the Inegalitarian Polity," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (January 1999): 86-108 (packet).

**Groups: Suggested for Further Reading**

- Frank Baumgartner and Beth Leech, *Basic Interests*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998.

Arthur Bentley, *The Process of Government*. Granville, OH: Principia Press, 1908.

Andrew McFarland, "Interest Groups and Theories of Power in America," *British Journal of Political Science* 17(April 1987): 129-147.

Andrew McFarland, "Interest Groups and Political Time: Cycles in America" *British Journal of Political Science* 21 (July 1991): 257-284.

Mancur Olsson, *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1971.

E.E. Schattschneider, *The Semi-Sovereign People*. Hinsdale, IL: Dryden Press, 1960.

Clarence Stone, "Group Politics Reexamined," in L. Dodd and C. Jilison, *The Dynamics of American Politics*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1994, pp. 277-296.

Jack Walker, *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1991.

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**February 2                      Micro Theories of Behavioralism, Rationality, and Emotions**

Angus Campbell, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes, *The American Voter*. New York: John Wiley, 1960, Chapters 2, 4, 6, 8 (packet).

Anthony Downs, *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Addison Wesley, 1987, Chapters 1-6.

Murray Edelman, *Symbolic Uses of Politics*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1964. Chapters 1-3, 9-10.

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**Micro Theories: Suggested for Further Reading**

Philip Converse, "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics," in D. Apter, ed. *Ideology and Discontent*. New York: Free Press, 1966, 206-261.

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

George Marcus, Russell Newman, and Michael MacKuen, *Affective Intelligence and Political Judgment*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.

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February 9

**Institutionalism, Old and New**

Edward Corwin, *The President of the United States*. New York: New York University Press, 1957, pp. 3-31, 263-305 (packet) Skim only for fun!

Samuel Huntington, "Political Development and Political Decay," *World Politics* 17 (April 1965): 386-430 (packet).

James March and Johan Olsen, "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life," *American Political Science Review* 78 (September 1984): 734-749 (packet).

Douglass North, *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990, Chapter 1 (packet).

Karen Orren and Stephen Skowronek, "Beyond the Iconography of Order: Notes for a 'New Institutionalism'" in L. Dodd and C. Jillson, *The Dynamics of American Politics*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1994, pp. 311-330 (packet).

Paul Pierson, "Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of Politics," *American Political Science Review* 94 (June 2000): 251-267 (packet).

Robert Lieberman, "Ideas, Institutions, and Political Order: Explaining Political Change," *American Political Science Review* 96 (December 2002): 697-712 (packet).

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**Institutionalism: Suggested for Further Reading**

Sue Crawford and Elinor Ostrom, "A Grammar of Institutions," *American Political Science Review* 89 (September 1995): 582-600.

James March and Johan Olsen, *Rediscovering Institutions*. New York: Free Press, 1987.

James March and Herbert Simon, *Organizations*. New York: John Wiley, 1958.

Walter Powell and Paul DiMaggio, eds. *New Institutionalism in Organizational Analysis*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991.

Richard Scott, *Institutions and Organizations*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Press, 2000.

Theda Skocpol, "Bringing the State Back In: Strategies of Analysis in Current Research," in ed. P. Evans, D. Rueschemeyer, T. Skocpol, *Bringing the State Back In* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 3-37.

Kathleen Thelen and Sven Steinmo, "Historical Institutionalism in Comparative Politics,"

in ed. S. Steinmo, K. Thelen, and F. Langstreth, *Structuring Politics* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992, pp. 2-32.

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## February 16

## Theories of Policy Making

Charles Lindblom, "The Science of Muddling Through," *Public Administration Review* 14 (Spring 1959): 79-88 (packet).

Peter Bachrach and Morris Baratz, "The Two Faces of Power," *American Political Science Review* 56 (December 1962): 942-962 (packet).

Graham Allison, *The Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis*. Boston: Little Brown, 1971, excerpt (packet).

Herbert Simon, "Theories of Bounded Rationality," in H. Simon, *Models of Bounded Rationality* vol. 2 Cambridge: MIT Press, 1982, pp. 408-423 (packet).

Michael Cohen, James March, and Johan Olsen, "A Garbage Can Model of Organizational Choice," *Administrative Studies Quarterly* 17 (March 1982): 1-25 (packet).

John Kingdon, *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2d. ed. New York: Longman, 2002, Chapters 4-8.

Frank Baumgartner and Bryan Jones, *Agendas and Instability in American Politics* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993, Chapters 1-6.

Mark Schlesinger and Richard Lau, "The Meaning and Measure of Policy Metaphors," *American Political Science Review* 94 (September 2000): 611-626 (packet).

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## Policy Theories: Suggested for Further Reading

Roger Cobb and Charles Elder, *Participation in American Politics: The Dynamics of Agenda Building*. 2d. ed. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1983.

Anne Schneider and Helen Ingram, "Social Construction of Target Populations," *American Political Science Review* 87 (June 1993): 334-347 (packet).

Deborah Stone, *Policy Paradox: The Art of Political Decision Making*, rev. ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 2001.

Charles Lindblom, *Politics and Markets: The World's Political Economic Systems* New York: Basic Books, 1977.

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## SECTION II: EMPIRICAL STUDIES OF AMERICAN POLITICS

### February 23 Elections and Voting

Herbert Weisberg and Jerrold Rusk, "Dimension of Candidate Evaluations," *American Political Science Review* 65 (December 1970): 1167-1185 (packet).

Samuel Popkin, *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*, 2d. ed., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994, Chapters 1-4 (packet).

Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1981, pp. 3-43 (packet).

Michael MacKuen, Robert Erikson, and James Stimson, "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy," *American Political Science Review* 86(September 1992): 597-611 (packet).

George Krause, "Voters, Information Heterogeneity, and the Dynamics of Aggregate Economic Expectations," *American Journal of Political Science* 41(October 1997): 1170-1200 (packet).

Brad Gomez and J. Matthew Wilson, "Political Sophistication and Economic Voting in the American Electorate: A Theory of Heterogeneous Attribution," *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (October 2001): 899-914 (packet).

George Marcus, "The Structure of Emotional Appraisal: 1984 Presidential Candidates," *American Political Science Review* 82 (September 1988): 737-761 (packet).

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

Paul Allen Beck et al., "The Social Calculus of Voting: Interpersonal, Media, and Organizational Influences on Presidential Choices," *American Political Science Review* 96 (March 2002): 57-73.

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### Voting: Suggested for Further Reading

#### *General:*

Harold Gosnell, *Getting out the Vote* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1927.

Philip Converse, "The Concept of the Normal Vote," in A. Campbell et. al., eds. *Elections and the Political Order* New York: John Wiley, 1966, pp. 9-39.

V.O. Key, *The Responsible Electorate* Cambridge, MA: Belnap Press, 1966.

Norman Nie, Sidney Verba, and John Petrocik, *The Changing American Voter* 2d. ed., Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1976.

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

Benjamin Page and Calvin Jones, "Reciprocal Effects of Policy Preferences, Party Loyalties, and the Vote," *American Political Science Review* 73 (December 1979): 1071-1089.

Jerrold Rusk, *A Statistical History of the American Electorate*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2001.

Daron Shaw, "The Effect of TV Ads and Campaign Appearances on Statewide Presidential Votes, 1988-1996," *American Political Science Review* 93 (June 1999): 345-361.

Anders Westholm, "Distance versus Direction: The Illusory Defeat of the Proximity Model of Electoral Choice," *American Political Science Review* 91(December 1997): 865-883.

#### *Realignment*

Walter Dean Burnham, "The Changing Shape of the American Political Universe," *American Political Science Review* 59 (March 1965): 7-28.

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

Jerrold Rusk, "The Effects of the Australian Ballot Reform on Split Ticket Voting: 1876-1908," *American Political Science Review* 64 (December 1970): 1220-1238.

Jerrold Rusk, "The American Electoral Universe: Speculation and Evidence," *American Political Science Review* 68 (September 1974): 1028-1049.

Peter Nardulli, "The Concept of a Critical Realignment, Electoral Behavior, and Political Changes," *American Political Science Review* 89 (March 1995): 10-22.

David Mayhew, *Electoral Realignments: Critique of a Genre*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002

#### *Participation*

Henry Brady, Kay Scholzman and Sidney Verba, "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation," *American Political Science Review* 89 (June 1995): 271-294.

Henry Brady, Kay Scholzman, and Sidney Verba, "Prospecting for Participants: Rational Expectations and the Recruitment of Political Activists," *American Political Science Review* 93 (March 1999): 153-168.

Norman Nie and Sidney Verba, *Participation in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1976.

Thomas Patterson, *The Vanishing Voter*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1992.

Lyn Ragsdale and Jerrold Rusk, "Who are Nonvoters?" *American Journal of Political Science* 37 (August 1993): 721-746.

Steven Rosenstone and John Mark Hansen, *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*. New York: Macmillan, 1993.

Kay Scholzman, Sidney Verba, and Henry Brady, "Participation's Not a Paradox: The View From American Activists," *British Journal of Political Science* 25 (January 1995): 1-36.

Ruy Teixeira, *The Disappearing American Voter*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings, 1992.

Raymond Wolfinger and Steven Rosenstone, *Who Votes*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1980.

Sidney Verba, Kay Scholzman, and Henry Brady, *Voice and Equality: Civic Volunteerism in American Politics*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1996

*Congressional Elections*

Edward Tufte, *Political Control of the Economy*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1970.

Gary Jacobson, *The Politics of Congressional Elections*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: Longman, 2000.

Gary Jacobson, *The Electoral Origins of Divided Government: Competition in U. S. House Elections, 1946-1988*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1990.

Kim Kahn and Patrick Kenney, *The Spectacle of Senate Campaigns*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999.

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## March 2

## Public Opinion, Media

### *Public Opinion*

John Zaller, *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinions*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1992, Chapters 1-3.

Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro, "The Effects of Public Opinion on Policy," *American Political Science Review* 77 (March 1983): 175-190 (packet).

James Stimson, Michael Mackuen, and Robert Erikson, "Dynamic Representation," *American Political Science Review* 89 (September 1995): 543-565 (packet).

Larry Bartels, "Uniformed Voters: Information Effects in Presidential Elections," *American Journal of Political Science* 40 (February 1996): 194-230 (packet).

R. Michael Alvarez and John Brehm, "Are Americans Ambivalent Towards Racial Policies?" *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (April 1997): 345-374.

### *Media*

Shanto Iyengar and Donald Kinder, *News that Matters*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987, pp. 1-72 (packet).

Timothy Cook, *Governing with the News*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998, Chapter 4 (packet).

Doris Graber *Processing Politics: Learning from Television in the Internet Age*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001, excerpt (packet).

Larry Bartels, "Message Received: The Political Impact of Media Exposure," *American Political Science Review* 87 (June 1993): 267-285.

Craig Brians and Martin Wattenberg, "Campaign Issue Knowledge and Salience: Comparing Reception from TV Commercials, TV News, and Newspapers," *American Journal of Political Science* 40 (March 1996): 172-193 (packet).

Frank Gilliam and Shanto Iyengar, "Prime Suspects: The Influence of Local Television News on the Viewing Public," *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (July 2000): 560-573 (packet).

Nicholas Valentino, Vincent Hutchings, and Ismail White, "Cues that Matter: How Political Ads Prime Racial Attitudes During Campaigns," *American Political Science Review* 96 (March 2002): 75-90.

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## **Public Opinion, Media: Suggested for Further Reading**

### *Public Opinion*

R. Michael Alvarez and John Brehm, *Hard Choices, Easy Answers: Values, Information and American Public Opinion*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2002.

Kathleen Bawn, "Constructing "Us": Ideology, Coalition Politics and False Consciousness," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (April 1999): 303-334.

Adam Berinsky, "Silent Voices: Social Welfare Policy Opinions and Political Equality in America," *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (April 2002): 276-287.

John Brehm and Wendy Rahn, "Individual-Level Evidence for the Causes and Consequences of Social Capital," *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (July 1997): 999-1023.

Edward Carmines and James Stimson, *Issue Evolution*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990.

Michael Delli Carpini and Scott Keeter. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997.

Stanley Feldman and John Zaller, "The Political Culture of Ambivalence: Ideological Responses to the Welfare State," *American Journal of Political Science* 36 (February 1992): 268-307.

Robert Huckfeldt et al., "Accessibility and the Political Utility of Partisan and Ideological Orientations," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (July 1999): 888-911.

Shanto Iyengar, Mark Peters, and Donald Kinder, "Experimental Demonstration of the 'Not so Minimal' Consequences of Television News Programs," *American Political Science Review* 76 (December 1982): 848-858 (packet).

Shanto, Iyengar, "Television News and Citizens' Explanations of National Affairs," *American Political Science Review* 81 (September 1987): 815-831.

Paul Kellstadt, "Media Framing and the Dynamics of Racial Policy Preferences," *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (April 2000): 245-260.

Richard Lau and David Redlawsk, "Advantages and Disadvantages of Cognitive Heuristics in Political Decision Making," *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (October 2001): 951-971.

Arthur Lupia and Mathew McCubbins, *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn*

- What they Need to Know*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
- Kathleen McGraw, "Managing Blame: An Experimental Test of the Effects of Political Accounts," *American Political Science Review* 85 (December 1991): 1133-1157.
- J. Eric Oliver and Tali Mendelberg, "Reconsidering the Environmental Determinants of White Racial Attitudes," *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (July 2000): 574-589.
- Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro, *The Rational Public*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1992.
- James Stimson, *Tide of Consent: How Public Opinion Shapes American Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- John Zaller, "Information, Value, and Opinion," *American Political Science Review* 85 (December 1991): 1215-1237.
- Media*
- Herbert Gans, *Deciding What's News*. New York: Vintage, 1980.
- Doris Graber, *Media Power in Politics*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2000.
- Doris Graber, *Mass Media and American Politics*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2001.
- Thomas Patterson, *Out of Order*. New York: Vintage Press, 1994.
- Shanto Iyengar, *Is Anyone Responsible?* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991.
- Timothy Cook et. al, *Cross Talk: Citizens, Candidates, and the Media in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996.
- Kathleen Hall Jamieson, *The Press Effect*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002.
- Michael Robinson, "Public Affairs Television and the Growth of Political Malaise: The Case of 'Selling of the Pentagon.'" *American Political Science Review* 70 (1976): 409-432.
- Steven Finkel and John Geer, "A Spot Check: Casting Doubt on the Demobilizing Effect of Attack Advertising," *American Journal of Political Science* 42 (April 1998): 573-595.
- Richard Lau et. al., "The Effects of Negative Political Advertisements," *American Political Science Review* 93 (December 1999): 851-875.

Kim Kahn and Patrick Kenney, "Do Negative Campaigns Mobilize or Suppress Turnout," *American Political Science Review* 93 (December 1999): 877-890.

Paul Freedman and Ken Goldstein, "Measuring Media Exposure and the Effects of Negative Campaign Ads," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (October 1999): 1189-1208.

**March 9 Parties, Interest Groups**

*Parties*

Michael Mackuen, Robert Erikson, and James Stimson, "Macropartisanship," *American Political Science Review* 83 (December 1989): 1125-1142 (packet).

Donald Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler, "Macropartisanship: A Replication and Critique," *American Political Science Review* 92 (December 1998): 883-899 (packet).

Robert Erikson, Michael Mackuen, and James Stimson, "What Moves Macropartisanship? A Response to Green, Palmquist, and Schickler," *American Political Science Review* 92 (December 1998): 901-912 (packet).

Alan Gerber and Donald Green, "Rational Learning and Partisan Attitudes," *American Journal of Political Science* 42 (July 1998): 794-818 (packet).

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

Jerrold Rusk, *A Statistical History of the American Electorate*, Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2001, excerpt, (packet).

*Interest Groups*

Jack Walker, "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America," *American Political Science Review* 77 (June 1983): 390-406 (packet).

David King and Jack Walker, "The Provision of Benefits by Interest Groups in the United States," *Journal of Politics* 54 (May 1992): 394-426 (packet).

Marie Hojnacki and David Kimball, "Organized Interests and the Decision of Whom to Lobby in Congress," *American Political Science Review* 92 (December 1998): 775-790 (packet).

Virginia Gray and David Lowery, "Interest Group Politics and Economic Growth in the U.S. States," *American Political Science Review* 82 (May 1988): 109-131 (packet).

David Lowery and Virginia Gray, "The Dominance of Institutions in Interest

Representation: A Test of Seven Explanations," *American Journal of Political Science* 42 (January 1998): 231-255 (packet).

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### **Parties, Interest Groups: Suggested for Further Reading**

Donald Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler, *Partisan Hearts and Minds*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2004.

James Snyder and Michael Ting, "An Informational Rationale for Political Parties," *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (January 2002): 90-110.

Jeffrey Berry, *The Interest Group Society* 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Longman, 1997.

Alan Cigler and Burdett Loomis, *Interest Group Politics* 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2002.

Virginia Gray and David Lowery, *The Population Ecology of Interest Representation: Lobbying Communities in the American States*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1996.

Marie Hojnacki, "Interest Groups' Decisions to Join Alliances or Work Alone," *American Journal of Political Science* 41(January 1997): 61-87.

Ken Kollman, "Inviting Friends to Lobby: Interest Groups, Ideological Bias, and Congressional Committees," *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (April 1997): 519-544.

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**March 16** **Roundtable: Sharing Research Ideas**

**March 23** **Spring Break**

**March 30** **Congressional Representation**

Hannah Pitkin, "The Concept of Representation," in H. Pitkin, ed. *Representation*. New York: Atherton Press, 1969, pp. 1-23 (packet).

Warren Miller and Donald Stokes, "Constituency Influence in Congress," *American Political Science Review* 57 (March 1963): 45-56 (packet).

Heinz Eulau and Paul Karps, "The Puzzle of Representation: Specifying Components of Responsiveness," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 2 (August 1977): 233-254 (packet).



Richard Fenno, "U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies: An Exploration," *American Political Science Review* 71 (September 1977): 833-917 (packet).

Robert Weissberg, "Collective v. Dyadic Representation in Congress," *American Political Science Review* 72 (June 1978): 535-547 (packet).

Kim Quaile Hill and Patricia Hurley, "Dyadic Representation Reappraised," *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (January 1999): 109-137 (packet)

Charles Cameron, David Epstein, and Sharyn O'Halloran, "Do Majority-Minority Districts Maximize Substantive Black Representation in Congress," *American Political Science Review* 90 (December 1996): 794-812 (packet).

Claudine Gay, "Spirals of Trust? The Effect of Descriptive Representation on the Relationships between Citizens and Their Government," *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (October 2002): 717-732.

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### **Congressional Representation: Suggested for Further Reading**

Larry Bartels, "Constituency Opinion and Congressional Policymaking: The Reagan Defense Buildup," *American Political Science Review* 85 (June 1991): 457-474.

Suzanne Dovi, "Preferable Descriptive Representatives: Will Jusy Any Woman, Black or Latino Do?" *American Political Science Review* 96 (December 2002): 729-744.

Richard Fenno, *Home Style*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1978.

Rodney Hero and Caroline Tolbert, "Latinos and Substantive Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives," *American Journal of Political Science* 39 (August 1995): 640-652 (packet).

Patricia Hurley, "Collective Representation Reappraised," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 7 (February 1982): 119-136.

John Jackson and David King, "Public Goods, Private Interests, and Representation," *American Political Science Review* 83 (December 1989): 1143-1164.

Jane Mansbridge, "Rethinking Representation," *American Political Science Review* 97 (November 2003): 515-528.

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