

## **PSC 505: American Politics**

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This pro-seminar is a graduate-level introduction to academic research on American politics. As the core seminar in the field, this course is designed to expose students to the central theoretical and empirical debates in the American politics literature. Ideally, an introductory course such as this would first acquaint students with the classic works in the field and then study the evolution of the literature from these classics to the best current research. Additionally, the course should introduce students to the various theoretical and methodological approaches that have been used to study each topic. While this goal is ideal, the voluminous literature on American politics makes achieving it unrealistic for a single-semester course.

This course emphasizes breadth over depth in the coverage of the literature but must 'cut corners' in terms of the number of works covered. For each week, the readings listed first are required. Everyone is expected to complete these readings. Listed below the required readings are additional readings that include classic works and other research relevant to the week's topic. For those students pursuing a doctoral degree and selecting American politics as a field, this course will serve as the foundation for preparing for your comprehensive exams.

Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the required readings. You should complete the assigned readings prior to each class session, taking notes on the central theoretical arguments and empirical findings in each piece, recording your critical comments, and reflecting on the scholarly connections among the readings. The class meetings will generally be run as seminars where the students are expected to actively participate in the discussion.

Attendance and participation in class discussions will count for 15% of the course grade. Writing assignments will constitute the remainder of the course grade. These assignments are designed to develop a critical understanding of the readings and an awareness of the leading debates in the literature. The class discussions will be built around "talking points" submitted by students on the day prior to each class meeting (35%). Students will also be required to prepare an annotated bibliography on a scholarly debate related to one of the course topics (25%). Finally, there will be a take-home final exam composed of two essay questions designed to test for a comprehensive understanding of the course readings (25%). This exam will be completed during finals week and will be open-note and open-book.

**Weekly talking points:** After the first week, each student will be required to submit **three** "talking points" on each week's readings. These are due by email (send them to [hpalmer@buffalo.edu](mailto:hpalmer@buffalo.edu)) by **Sunday at Noon prior to the class session in which the readings will be discussed**. These talking points should be the three most interesting questions or arguments identified by the student in the week's readings. Each should be written in the form of a short paragraph summarizing the question or argument. No more or less than three distinct talking points should be submitted each week. Each talking point should refer to one or more specific sections of the weekly readings (with appropriate page references). Each talking point should refer to a different chapter or article from the weekly readings. Talking points in excess of 160 words will not be accepted. Talking points that arrive late will also not be accepted.

**Annotated bibliography:** Each student will be required to prepare an annotated bibliography focusing on a scholarly debate related to one of the course topics. This is a research-oriented summary of 8-10 journal articles and book chapters addressing a specific topic or research question relating to the week's readings. The articles and chapters selected should be connected theoretically and methodologically. Each annotation should be 4-6 sentences, summarizing as concisely as possible the main point(s) of the article or chapter. For books, the annotation should focus on the section that is most relevant to the research topic or question, and if the relevant section includes multiple chapters, a separate annotation should be written for each chapter. After the list of annotations, the student will explain (in no more than 2 pages) how the articles and chapters conflict or complement each other in building toward a conclusion about the research question of interest.

The debates for the annotated bibliographies are listed below. Each student must prepare a bibliography on a separate debate, which can be claimed on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Students who have not chosen a debate by February 2<sup>nd</sup> will have one assigned to them. At the end of the syllabus, readings are listed for each debate that will serve as the starting point for constructing your bibliography. The due date of the annotated bibliography depends on the debate chosen and is noted in parentheses below. Students are required to submit their bibliography to me by 4:00 PM on the due date and to e-mail an electronic copy to the other members of the class.

Sophistication of economic voters (February 10<sup>th</sup>)  
Importance of party in government (February 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Decline of turnout (March 17<sup>th</sup>)  
Nature of economic voting (March 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Campaign and media effects (March 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Lobbying strategy of interest groups (March 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Incumbency advantage (April 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Midterm congressional elections (April 7<sup>th</sup>)  
Policy consequences of divided government (April 21<sup>st</sup>)  
Electoral origins of divided government (April 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Extra credit:** In addition to the required coursework, students have the option of submitting research topic proposals for as many as four course topics. A research topic proposal identifies either an original hypothesis that could be investigated empirically or an original approach to testing an existing hypothesis. The research idea should stem from the assigned readings and be presented concisely (in 1-2 pages). Students submitting research topic proposals would earn extra credit toward their course grade.

### ***Required Texts***

Aldrich, John H. 1994. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (ISBN 0-22601-272-7)  
Mayhew, David R. 2004. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New Haven: Yale University Press. (ISBN 0-30010-587-8)  
Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (ISBN 0-52140-786-9)

These texts can be purchased from on-line retailers. Most of the other required readings can be downloaded using the UB library's Electronic Journal archive. Copies of other readings will be distributed as necessary. If you cannot find an article, let me know ASAP.

## ***Course Schedule and Readings***

### **January 12: Introduction to Course (Syllabus Review)**

### **January 19: No Class – Martin Luther King Day**

### **January 26: Democratic Theory (from an American Perspective)**

- Dahl, Robert A. 1956. *A Preface to Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [Introduction & Chapter 1]
- Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1966. A Critique of the Elitist Theory of Democracy. *American Political Science Review* 60(June):285-95.
- Dahl, Robert A. 1966. Further Reflections on 'The Elitist Theory of Democracy.' *American Political Science Review* 60(June):296-305.
- Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1966. A Reply to "Further Reflections on 'The Elitist Theory of Democracy.'" *American Political Science Review* 60(June):391-2.
- Smith, Rogers M. 1993. Beyond Tocqueville, Myrdal, and Hartz: The Multiple Traditions of America. *American Political Science Review* 87:549-66.
- Riker, William H. 1988. *Liberalism against Populism*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. [chapter 1]

#### *Additional readings:*

- Dahl, Robert A. 1961. *Who Governs?* New Haven: Yale University Press. [especially chapters 1, 7, 8, 12, 15, & 19-28]
- Schattschneider, E.E. 1960. *The Semisovereign People: A Realist's View of Democracy in America*. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston. [especially chapters 1-4]
- The Federalist Papers*. Nos. 10, 37, & 51 [skim 38-50, 52, 70 & 78].  
<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/histdox/fedpapers.html>
- The Constitution of the United States*. <http://www.usconstitution.net/const.html>
- Stevens, Jacqueline, and Rogers M. Smith. 1995. Beyond Tocqueville, Please! *American Political Science Review* 89:987-95.

### **February 2: Public Opinion – Belief Systems and Opinion Formation**

- Converse, Philip E. 1964. The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics. In David Apter (ed.), *Ideology and Discontent*. New York: The Free Press.
- Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Sullivan, John L., James E. Piereson, and George E. Marcus. 1978. Ideological Constraint in the Mass Public: A Methodological Critique and Some New Findings. *American Journal of Political Science* 22: 233-49.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, and John Sprague. 1987. Networks in Context: The Social Flow of Political Information. *American Political Science Review* 81: 1197-1216.
- 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. 1995. The Structure of Ideological Thinking in the American Electorate. *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 314-35.
- 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.

### **February 9: Public Opinion – Political Information and Sophistication**

- Converse, Philip E. 1970. Attitudes and Non-Attitudes: Continuation of a Dialogue. In Edward Tufte (ed.), *The Quantitative Analysis of Social Problems*. Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley.
- Smith, Eric R.A.N. 1980. Levels of Conceptualization: False Measures of Ideological Sophistication. *American Political Science Review* 74:685-96.
- Luskin, Robert C. 1987. Measuring Political Sophistication. *American Journal of Political Science* 31(4): 856-99.
- Lupia, Arthur. 1994. Shortcuts versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections. *American Political Science Review* 88: 63-76.
- Bartels, Larry M. 1996. Uninformed Votes: Information Effects in Presidential Elections. *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 194-230.
- Althaus, Scott L. 1998. Information Effects in Collective Preferences. *American Political Science Review* 92(3): 545-58.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Delli Carpini, Michael X., and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know About Politics and Why It Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2001. Advantages and Disadvantages of Cognitive Heuristics in Political Decision Making. *American Journal of Political Science* 45:951-71.
- Lupia, Arthur, and Mathew McCubbins. 1998. *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know?* [especially chapters 1-4, 9]
- Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1992. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [especially chapters 1-3]

### **February 16: Political Parties**

- Aldrich, John H. 1994. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Duverger, Maurice. 1954. *Political Parties: Their Organization and Activities in the Modern State*. New York: Wiley.
- Schattschneider, E.E. 1942. *Party Government*. New York: Rinehart and Winston.
- Key, V.O. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: A.A. Knopf.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1984. On the Theory of Party Organization. *Journal of Politics* 46(May):369-400.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1985. The New American Political Party. *American Political Science Review* 79 (December):1152-69.
- Cox, Gary W., and Mathew D. McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan: Party Government in the House*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Rohde, David. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Post-Reform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

### **February 23: Partisanship**

- Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: John Wiley. [Chapters 6 & 7]
- Converse, Philip E. 1962. Information Flow and the Stability of Partisan Attitudes. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 26(4): 578-99.

- Niemi, Richard G., and M. Kent Jennings. 1991. Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification. *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 970-988.
- Hetherington, Marc J. 2001. Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization. *American Political Science Review* 95:619-32.
- Bartels, Larry M. 2002. Beyond the Running Tally: Partisan Bias in Political Perceptions. *Political Behavior* 24(2): 117-50.

*Additional readings:*

- Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. [Chapter 4].
- Franklin, Charles H., and John E. Jackson. 1983. The Dynamics of Party Identification. *American Political Science Review* 77: 957-73.
- MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1989. Macropartisanship. *American Political Science Review* 83(4): 1125-42.
- Green, Donald, Brad Palmquist, and Eric Shickler. 1998. Macropartisanship: A Replication and Critique. *American Political Science Review* 92(4): 883-99.
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 1998. What Moves Macropartisanship? A Response to Green, Palmquist, and Schickler. *American Political Science Review* 92(4): 901-12.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 2002. Parties and Partisanship: A 40-Year Retrospective. *Political Behavior* 24(2): 93-115.

**March 2: Theories of Party System Change**

- Key, V.O., Jr. 1955. A Theory of Critical Elections. *Journal of Politics* 17(February):3-18.
- Key, V.O., Jr. 1959. Secular Realignment. *Journal of Politics* 21(May):198-210.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1981. Issue Evolution, Population Replacement, and Normal Partisan Change. *American Political Science Review* 75:107-18.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1986. On the Structure and Sequence of Issue Evolution. *American Political Science Review* 80:901-20.
- Abramowitz, Alan I. 1994. Issue Evolution Reconsidered: Racial Attitudes and Partisanship in the U.S. Electorate. *American Journal of Political Science* 38:1-24.
- Abramowitz, Alan I., and Kyle L. Saunders. 1998. Ideological Realignment in the U.S. Electorate. *Journal of Politics* 60(August):634-652.

*Additional readings:*

- Burnham, Walter Dean. 1970. *Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Politics*. New York: Norton.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1989. *Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Carmines, Edward G., John P. McIver, and James A. Stimson. 1987. Unrealized Partisanship: A Theory of Dealignment. *Journal of Politics* 49: 376-400.
- Dugan, William E., and William A. Taggart. 1995. The Changing Shape of the American Political Universe Revisited. *Journal of Politics* 57: 469-82.
- Wattenberg, Martin P. 1998. *The Decline of American Political Parties, 1952-1996*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Mayhew, David R. 2004. *Electoral Realignments*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Sundquist, James L. 1983. *Dynamics of the Party System*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

**March 9: No Class – Spring Break**

### **March 16: Participation and Civic Engagement**

- Riker, William, and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. A Theory of the Calculus of Voting. *American Political Science Review* 62:25-41.
- Aldrich, John H. 1993. Rational Choice and Turnout. *American Journal of Political Science* 37(February):246-78.
- Putnam, Robert D. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival Of American Community*. New York: Simon & Schuster. [Chapters 2, 3, & 14]
- 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
- Burns, Nancy, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Sidney Verba. 1997. The Public Consequences of Private Inequality: Family Life and Citizen Participation. *American Political Science Review* 91:373-89.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. [chapter 14]
- Jackman, Robert W. 1993. Rationality and Political Participation. *American Journal of Political Science* 37:279-90.
- Ansolabehere, Stephen, Shanto Iyengar, Adam Simon, and Nicholas Valentino. 1994. Does Attack Advertising Demobilize the Electorate. *American Political Science Review* 88(December):829-838.
- Kahn, Kim Fridkin, and Patrick J. Kenney. 1999. Do Negative Campaigns Mobilize or Suppress Turnout? *American Political Science Review* 93:877-90.
- DeNardo, James. 1980. Turnout and the Vote: The Joke's on the Democrats. *American Political Science Review* 74: 406-20.
- DeNardo, James, Harvey J. Tucker, and Arnold Vedlitz. 1986. Does Heavy Turnout Help Democrats in Presidential Elections? *American Political Science Review* 80: 1291-304.
- Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 1992. Socioeconomic Bias in Turnout 1964-1988: The Voters Remain the Same. *American Political Science Review* 86: 725-36.
- Rosenstone, Steven J. and John Mark Hansen. 1993. *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*. [especially chapters 1, 2, & 8]
- Verba, Sidney, Key Lehman Schlozman, and Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [especially Part III]
- Wolfinger, Raymond, and Steven J. Rosenstone. 1980. *Who Votes?* New Haven: Yale University Press.

### **March 23: Voting**

- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1980. The Two Faces of Issue Voting. *American Political Science Review* 74:78-91.
- Campbell, James E. 1983. The Electoral Consequences of Issue Ambiguity. *Political Behavior* 5(3): 277-91.
- Aldrich, John, 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.
- Miller, Warren E. 1991. Party Identification, Realignment and Party Voting: Back to the Basics. *American Political Science Review* 85: 557-68.
- Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 1997. Voting Correctly. *American Political Science Review* 91(3): 585-98.
- Hetherington, Marc J. 1999. The Effect of Political Trust on the Presidential Vote, 1968-96. *American Political Science Review* 93:311-26.
- Campbell, James E. 2001. When Have Presidential Campaigns Decided Election Outcomes? *American Politics Research* 29(5): 437-60.

*Additional readings:*

- Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Wiley. [chapters 1-4, & 19-20]
- 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. [especially chapters 1, 6-7, 11-12, & 14]
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven: Yale University Press. [chapters 1, 5, 9, & 10]
- Key, V.O., Jr. 1966. *The Responsible Electorate*. [chapters 1-2]
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row. [chapters 1-8]
- Rabinowitz, George, and Stuart Elaine Macdonald. 1989. A Directional Theory of Issue Voting. *American Political Science Review* 83: 93-121.
- Abramowitz, Alan I. 1995. It's Abortion, Stupid: Policy Voting in the 1992 Presidential Election. *Journal of Politics* 57: 176-86.

**March 30: Interest Groups**

- Salisbury, Robert. 1969. An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups. *Midwest Journal of Political Science* 13 (1): 1-32.
- Salisbury, Robert. 1984. Interest Representation: The Dominance of Institutions. *American Political Science Review* 78: 64-76.
- Gray, Virginia, and David Lowery. 1996. A Niche Theory of Interest Representation. *Journal of Politics* 58 (March): 91-111.
- Hall, Richard D., and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. Buying Time: Moneyed Interests and the Buying of Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees. *American Political Science Review* 84: 797-820.
- Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1983. The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America. *American Political Science Review* 77(June): 390-406.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1985. The Political Economy of Group Membership. *American Political Science Review* 79(March): 79-96.

*Additional reading:*

- Schattschneider, E.E. 1960. *The Semisovereign People: A Realist's View of Democracy in America*. New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston. [chapters 1 & 2; skim chapters 3 & 4]
- Olson, Mancur, Jr. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [chapters 1, 2, 5, & 6]
- Truman, David. 1951. *The Governmental Process*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. [especially introduction, chapters 2, 3, & 16]
- Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America: Patrons, Professionals, and Social Movements*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan.
- Mitchell, William C., and Michael C. Munger. 1991. Economic Models of Interest Groups. *American Journal of Political Science* 35 (2): 512-546.
- Baumgartner, Frank R., and Beth L. Leech. 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton University Press.
- Gray, Virginia, and David Lowery. 1988. Interest Group Politics and Economic Growth in the U.S. States. *American Political Science Review* 82:109-31.
- Rothenberg, Lawrence. 1988. Organizational Maintenance and the Retention Decision in Groups. *American Political Science Review* 82:1129-52.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman. 1984. What Accent the Heavenly Chorus? Political Equality and the American Pressure System. *Journal of Politics* 46 (4): 1006-1032.

### **April 6: Congress—Electoral Perspective**

- Mayhew, David R. 2004. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Fenno, Richard F. 1977. U.S. Members in their Constituencies. *American Political Science Review* 71(September):883-917.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Cain, Bruce E., John A. Ferejohn, and Morris P. Fiorina. 1987. *The Personal Vote*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Fenno, Richard. 1978. *Home Style: House Members in Their Districts*. Boston: Little, Brown. [especially chapters 1 & 3]
- Jacobson, Gary. 1997. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. [especially chapters 3 & 6]
- Jacobson, Gary C. 1989. Strategic Politicians and the Dynamics of U.S. House Elections, 1946-1986. *American Political Science Review* 83:733-793.
- Born, Richard. 1986. Strategic Politicians and Unresponsive Voters. *American Political Science Review* 80: 599-612.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice, David W. Brady, and John F. Cogan. 2004. Out of Step, Out of Office: Electoral Accountability and House Members' Voting. *American Political Science Review* 96(1): 127-40.
- Rohde, David. 1979. Risk-Bearing and Progressive Ambition. *American Journal of Political Science* 23:1-26.
- Palmer, Harvey D., and Ronald J. Vogel. 1995. Political Opportunity for Federal Appointment: The Case of Departing Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1961-1992. *Journal of Politics* 57: 677-95.

### **April 13: Congress—Institutional Perspective**

- Kingdon, John W. 1977. Models of Legislative Voting. *Journal of Politics* 39:563-95.
- Polsby, Nelson. 1968. The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives. *American Political Science Review* 62(March):144-68.
- Polsby, Nelson, Miriam Gallaher, and Barry Rundquist. 1969. The Growth of the Seniority System in the U.S. House of Representatives. *American Political Science Review* 63:787-807.
- Fenno, Richard . 1973. *Congressmen in Committees*. Boston: Little Brown. [chapters 3-4]
- Poole, Keith T., and Howard Rosenthal. 1991. Patterns in Congressional Voting. *American Journal of Political Science* 35(February):228-78.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Fiorina, Morris P. 1974. *Representatives, Roll Calls, and Constituencies*. Lexington, MA: Lexington Books.
- Fiorina, Morris P. 1989. *Congress: Keystone to the Washington Establishment*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Rohde, David, and Kenneth Shepsle. 1975. Democratic Committee Assignments in the House of Representatives. *American Political Science Review* 67:889-905
- Kiewiet, D. Roderick and Mathew McCubbins. 1996. *The Logic of Delegation: Congressional Parties and the Appropriations Process*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [chapters 2-4]
- Kingdon, John W. 1989. *Congressmen's Voting Decisions*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. [especially chapters 9-12]
- Binder, Sarah A. 1997. *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and the Development of Congress*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. [especially chapters 2 & 3]

### **April 20: Representation**

- Miller, Warren E., and Donald E. Stokes. 1963. Constituency Influence in Congress. *American Political Science Review* 57:45-57.
- Erikson, Robert S. 1978. Constituency Opinion and Congressional Behavior: A Reexamination of the Miller-Stokes Representation Data. *American Journal of Political Science* 22(August):511-35.
- Stimson, James A., Michael B. MacKuen, and Robert S. Erikson. 1995. Dynamic Representation. *American Political Science Review* 89 (September):543-565.
- Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1983. Effects of Public Opinion on Policy. *American Political Science Review* 77(March):175-90.
- Hill, Kim Quaile, and Patricia Hurley. 1999. Dyadic Representation Reappraised. *American Journal of Political Science* 43: 109-137.
- Bartels, Larry M. 1991. Constituency Opinion and Congressional Policy Making: The Reagan Defense Buildup. *American Political Science Review* 85:457-474.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Arnold, Douglas. 1990. *The Logic of Congressional Action*. New Haven: Yale University Press. [especially chapters 1-6]
- Box-Steffensmeier, Janet, Laura Arnold, and Christopher Zorn. 1997. The Strategic Timing of Position Taking in Congress: A Study of the North American Free Trade Agreement. *American Political Science Review* 91: 324-338.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1998. Individuals, Institutions, and Public Preferences over Public Finance. *American Political Science Review* 92:513-32.
- Hurwitz, Marc S., Roger J. Moiles, and David W. Rohde. 2001. Distributive and Partisan Issues in Agriculture Policy in the 104<sup>th</sup> House. *American Political Science Review* 95:911-22.
- Stein, Robert M., and Kenneth N. Bickers. 1994. Congressional Elections and the Pork Barrel. *Journal of Politics* 56: 377-400.
- Stimson, James A. 1999. *Public Opinion in America: Moods, Cycles, and Swings*. Boulder, CO: Westview.

### **April 27: The Presidency**

- Hager, Gregory, and Terry Sullivan. 1994. President-Centered and Presidency-Centered Explanations of Presidential Public Activity. *American Journal of Political Science* 38:1079-1103.
- Petrocik, John R. 1996. Issue Ownership in Presidential Elections, with a 1980 Case Study. *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 825-50.
- Kernell, Samuel. 1978. Explaining Presidential Popularity. *American Political Science Review* 72:506-22.
- Baum, Matthew A., and Samuel Kernell. 1999. Has Cable Ended the Golden Age of Presidential Television? *American Political Science Review* 93:99-114.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2001. The President's Legislative Influence from Public Appeals. *American Journal of Political Science* 45:313-29.
- Covington, Cary R., J. Mark Wrighton, and Rhonda Kinney. 1995. A 'Presidency-Augmented' Model of Presidential Success on House Roll Call Votes. *American Journal of Political Science* 39(November):1001-1024.
- Bartels, Larry M. 1987. Candidate Choice and the Dynamics of the Presidential Nominating Process. *American Journal of Political Science* 31: 1-31.

#### *Additional readings:*

- Neustadt, Richard E. 1991. *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents*. Revised edition. New York: Free Press. [especially chapters 1-3]

- Bond, Jon, and Richard Fleisher. 1990. *The President in the Legislative Arena*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Sullivan, Terry. 1990. Bargaining with the President. *American Political Science Review* 84:1167-1196.
- Sullivan, Terry. 1991. The Bank Account Presidency: A New Measure and Evidence on the Temporal Path of Presidential Influence. *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 686-723.
- Kiewiet, D. Roderick, and Mathew McCubbins. 1988. Presidential Influence on Congressional Appropriations Decisions. *American Journal of Political Science* 32:713-736.
- Cameron, Charles. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. [especially chapter 2]
- Kernell, Samuel. 1997. *Going Public: New Strategies of Presidential Leadership*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Washington, DC: CQ Press. [especially chapters 1-4 & 8]
- Mueller, John. 1970. Presidential Popularity from Truman to Johnson. *American Political Science Review* 64:18-34.
- Ostrom, Charles W., and Dennis M. Simon. 1985. Promise and Performance: A Dynamic Model of Presidential Popularity. *American Political Science Review* 79(June):334-58.
- Bartels, Larry M. 1988. *Presidential Primaries and the Dynamics of Public Choice*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

**May 11: Final Exam Due (by 4:00 PM)**

## Readings for Annotated Bibliography Assignment

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