

POLS G6210: Theories & Debates in American Politics

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This graduate student field survey provides an overview of the scholarly study of American politics. The course has been designed for students who intend to specialize in American politics, as well as for those students whose primary interests are comparative politics, international relations, or political theory, but who desire an intensive introduction to the “American” style of political science.

Course Requirements

Readings and discussion

The readings, though extensive and representative, are not comprehensive. The syllabus balances classics with other work representative of the best current research in the field. The class is conducted predominantly in a discussion format, although we will lecture on various topics. Sessions will aim to clarify and probe the puzzles, theories, methods, and evidence presented in the various texts and to assess the contributions they make to an understanding of American politics and the broader development of social and political science. Students are required to have completed the assigned weekly reading by each class and to arrive thoroughly prepared to contribute actively to all discussions. You should expect to be called on to discuss any reading in any session.

Assignments

All students will write two analytical papers and four response papers during the course of the semester. All papers must be typed (standard 12 pt. Times New Roman or equivalent), double-spaced, and single-sided. Use “parenthetical citation” (Erikson and Lax 2008, 435). As Erikson and Lax (2008, 435) say, “use parenthetical notation.”

The **analytical papers** are generally six pages. You must choose which two weeks you will write the papers for at the start of the semester. The purpose of these papers is not to determine whether you have completed and understood the readings. Rather, they are assigned to help you develop your skills in the art of scholarly argumentation. It is thus vital that you not waste space or time summarizing the works. What you should do is critically analyze one or more of the week’s readings from the perspective of theory, logic, design, method, or evidence, assessing conclusions, relationships to other works, or contribution to the development of political science. You should stake out a coherent position clearly and forcefully in the first paragraph, then press it relentlessly forward in every subsequent sentence. Papers that fail to develop a forceful, compelling argument will receive a poor mark. They should be carefully edited, tightened, and revised. They do not demand reading or research beyond the week’s assignments. When in doubt, substitute more thinking for additional reading or writing.

One copy of the paper is due in Professor Lax's mailbox at noon on Thursday for the material to be discussed later in the day (late papers will not be accepted except by specific arrangement in advance). You should also send an electronic copy to both of us (again by noon). We will write comments on the papers along with a preliminary grade and return them to you (usually) the following Thursday, so that you can revise the paper. Revised papers are due one week after the first draft is returned (this means you will usually have a paper due two weeks after the first draft is due, which you should consider when signing up for particular topics). You must include the original graded copy when turning in the revision.

The **response papers** are one to two page papers briefly responding to or analyzing some aspect of that week's reading that caught your attention. These short papers should raise potential issues for our class discussion or address (albeit briefly) the same types of issues one might analyze in a longer paper. They need not be quite as formal as the analytical papers, but should still be clear, on topic, and professional. These papers will not receive full grades, but rather be graded on the "check" system. *Two* copies, one for each of us, are due at noon on Thursday the day of class (electronically by noon and in hard copy by 2pm). Students will be randomly assigned four weeks for which to write response papers based on their choices for the analytical papers.

Grading

Course grades will reflect effort and performance in class discussions and papers.

Class Schedule

Sept. 6	Introduction
Sept. 13	I. Public Opinion
Sept. 20	II. Political Participation
Sept. 27	III. Voting and Elections
Oct. 4	IV. Interest Groups & Parties
Oct. 11	V. Courts
Oct. 18	VI. Congress
Oct. 25	VII. Presidency
Nov. 1	VIII. Bureaucracy
Nov. 8	IX. Amer. Pol. Development (APD)
Nov. 15	X. State and Local Politics
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving
Nov. 29	XI. System Performance
Dec. 6	XII. "The Cutting Edge"

Readings

I. Public Opinion

Required:

- Erikson, Robert and Kent Tedin. 2011. *American Public Opinion*. 8th edition. Longman Publishers. Chapters 3,4.
- Erikson, MacKuen, and Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 3.
- Page, Benjamin and Robert Shapiro, *The Rational Public*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1, 2, 10.
- Delli Carpini, Michael and Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 6.
- Converse, Phillip. 1964. "The Nature of Beliefs Systems in the Mass Public," (reprinted in *Critical Review* 2006, p1-74.
- Zaller, John. 1991. "Information, Values, and Opinions." *American Political Science Review*. 85(4): 1215-1237.

Recommended:

- Converse, Philip. 1990. "Popular Representation and the Distribution of Information," in *Information and the Democratic Process*. ed. John Ferejohn and James Kuklinski. University of Illinois at Urbana Press.
- Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-4, 12.
- Converse, Phillip. 1962. "Information Flow." *Political Opinion Quarterly* 26(4).

II. Political Participation

Required:

- Morton, Rebecca. 2006. *Analyzing Elections*. W. W. Norton. Chapter 2. (to be provided)
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. "The Causes and Effects of Rational Abstention." *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Addison Wesley Publishers. Chapter 14.
- Riker, William and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *American Political Science Review* 62: 25-42.
- Aldrich, John. 1997. "When is it Rational to Vote?" *Perspectives on Public Choice*, ed. Dennis Mueller. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 17. TBA.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. "Why is Turnout so Low (And Why is it Declining?)" *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 2. TBA

- Putnam, Robert. 2001. "Tuning in, tuning out: the strange disappearance of social capital in America." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 3. TBA
- Wattenberg, Martin. 2002. *Where Have All the Voters Gone?* Harvard University Press. Chapters 2, 3, 4, 8.

Recommended:

- Citrin, Jack, Eric Schickler, and John Sides. 2003. "What if Everyone Voted? Simulating the Impact of Increased Turnout on Senate Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*. 47 (Jan): 75-90.
- Flanigan, William and Nancy Zingale. 2003. "Suffrage and Turnout." *The Political Behavior of the American Electorate*. 10th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 2.
- Rosenstone, Steven J. and John Mark Hansen. 2001. "Solving the Puzzle of Participation in Electoral Politics." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 4.
- Franklin, Mark N. 2001. "Electoral Participation." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 5. TBA
- Verba, Sidney, Kay L. Schlozman, and Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Harvard University Press. Chapters 16, 17.

III. Voting and Elections

Required:

- Downs, Anthony. 1957. "The Statics and Dynamics of Party Ideologies." *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Addison Wesley Publishers. Chapter 8.
- Fiorina, Morris. 1997. "Voting Behavior." *Perspectives on Public Choice*, ed. Dennis C. Mueller. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 18. TBA
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. "Elections." *The Macro Polity*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 7.
- Fiorina, Morris, Samuel J. Abrams, and Jeremy C. Pope. 2005. *Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America*. 2nd edition. Longman Publishers.
- Ansolabehere, Stephen, Jonathan Rodden, and James M. Snyder. 2008. "The Strength of Issues: Using Multiple Measures to Gauge Preference Stability, Ideological Constraint, and Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review* 102(2).

Recommended:

- Gelman, Andrew, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi, and Jeronimo Cortina. 2008. *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*. Princeton University Press.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. "What Determines the Vote?" *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. TBA
- Alvarez, Michael . 1998. *Information and Elections*. University of Michigan Press.
- McKelvey, Richard and Peter Ordeshook. 1990. "Information and Elections: Retrospective Voting and Elections." *Information and Democratic Processes*. ed. Ferejohn and Kuklinski. University of Illinois Press. Chapter 12.

- Zaller, John . 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 10.
- Campbell, Angus et al. 1960. *The American Voter*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 6, 10, 20.
- Campbell, Angus. 1964. "Voters and Elections, Past and Present." *Journal of Politics* 26(4): 745-757.
- Nie, Norman H., Sidney Verba, and John R. Petrocik. 1976. *The Changing American Voter*. Replica Books. Chapters 10, 17, 18.
- Miller, Warren E. and J. Merrill Shanks. "Multi-Stage Explanations of Political Preference." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 12.
- Lodge, Milton et al. "The Responsive Voter: Campaign Information and the Dynamics of Candidate Evaluation." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 13. TBA
- Erikson, Robert and Kent Tedin. 2011. *American Public Opinion*. 8th ed. Longman Publishing Group. Chapter 9.

IV. Interest Groups and Political Parties

Required:

- Olson, Mancur. 1966. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Harvard University Press. Chapters 1, 2, 5, and 6.
- Green, Donald, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. 2002. *Partisan Hearts and Minds*. Yale University Press. Chapters 1-4.
- Walker, Jack. 1983. "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in the United States." *American Political Science Review*. 77(2): 390-406. (skim)
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B., MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2001. "Macropartisanship: The Permanent Memory of Partisan Evaluation." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 20.

Recommended:

- Aldrich, John and Richard Niemi. 2001. "The Sixth Party System: Electoral Change 1952-1992." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 23.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 20, 23 (19 recommended).
- Aldrich, John. 1995. *Why Parties: The Origins and Transformation of Party Politics in America*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1, 2, 4.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. "Is the Party System Changing?" *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. CQ Press. Chapter 21.
- Niemi, Richard and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. "How Much Does Politics Affect Party Identification?" *Controversies in Voting Behavior*. 4th ed. Chapter 17.
- Green, Donald P., Bradley L. Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. "Partisan Stability: Evidence from Aggregate Data." *Controversies in Voting Behavior*, 4th ed. Chapter 19.
- Stigler, George. 1988. "The Theory of Economic Regulation," *Chicago Studies in Political Economy*. University of Chicago Press.

- Schelling, Thomas C. “Hockey Helmets, Daylight Saving, and Other Binary Choices,” *Rational Man and Irrational Society*, eds. Brian Barry and Russell Hardin. Sage Publications.
- Erikson, Robert, Michael MacKuen, and James Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 4 and 5.
- Snyder, James M. Jr., Michael M. Ting. 2002. “An Informational Rationale for Political Parties.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 4(1):90-110.

V. Courts

*Required: (***) I am going to update these!!)*

- Segal, Jeffrey, and Harold Spaeth. 2002. *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 3 and 8.
- Epstein, Lee, and Jack Knight. 1998. *Choices Justices Make*. CQ Press. Preface and Chapters 1-3.
- Epstein, Lee, and Jack Knight. 2000. “Field Essay: Toward a Strategic Revolution in Judicial Politics: A Look Back, A Look Ahead.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 53(3): 625-661. [Read up to page 641 and the Discussion, skim the material in between]
- Lax, Jeffrey R. 2011. “The New Judicial Politics of Legal Doctrine,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, (Forthcoming May), 2011 [sections 1 and 2, the rest is optional]
- Cameron, Charles M., Jeffrey A. Segal, and Donald Songer. 2000. “Strategic Auditing in a Political Hierarchy: An Informational Model of the Supreme Court’s Certiorari Decisions.” *American Political Science Review*. 94(1): 101-116.
- Lax, Jeffrey R. 2007. “Constructing Legal Rules on Appellate Courts: Median Rules Without a Median Judge.” *American Political Science Review*. 101(3): 591-604.
- Fischman JB, Law DS. 2009. “What is judicial ideology, and how should we measure it?” *Journal of Law and Policy* 29:133. [Introduction, Part I, Part II]

Recommended:

- Rosenberg, Gerald N. 1995. “The Real World of Constitutional Rights: The Supreme Court and the Implementation of Abortion Decisions.” *Contemplating Courts*. ed. Lee Epstein. Congressional Quarterly Press. – and his book, *The Hollow Hope*.
- Richards MJ, Kritzer HM. 2002. “Jurisprudential regimes in supreme court decision making.” *American Political Science Review* 96:305–20.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Kelly T. Rader. 2010. “Legal Constraints on Supreme Court Decision Making: Do Jurisprudential Regimes Exist?” *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 71-2 (April), 2010. [also see response and rejoinder]
- Huber, Gregory A., and Sanford C. Gordon. 2004. “Accountability and Coercion: Is Justice Blind when it Runs for Office?” *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 247-263.

- Lax, Jeffrey R. and Charles M. Cameron. 2007. "Bargaining and Opinion Assignment on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 23(2): 267-302.
- Kornhauser, Lewis. 1999. "Appeal and Supreme Courts." *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*. University of Ghent. Available at <http://encyclo.findlaw.com/7200book.pdf>
- Rosenberg, Gerald. 1991. *The Hollow Hope*. University of Chicago Press.
- Jacobi, Tonja. 2006. "The Impact of Positive Political Theory on Old Questions of Constitutional Law and the Separation of Powers," *Northwestern Law Review* 100(1): 259.
- Epp, Charles. *The Rights Revolution*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 2-4.
- Baum, Larry. 1998. *The Puzzle of Judicial Behavior*. University of Michigan Press.
- Friedman, Barry. 2006. "Taking Law Seriously." *Perspectives on Politics* 4(2): 261-76.
- McNollgast, N. 1995. "Politics and the Court: A Positive Theory of Judicial Doctrine and the Rule of Law." *Southern California Law Review* 68 (6): 1631-1684.
- Clark TS. 2011. *The Limits of Judicial Independence*. Cambridge University Press.
- Kastellec, Jonathan P. "Hierarchical and Collegial Politics on the U.S. Courts of Appeals," *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.

VI. Congress

- Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. University of Michigan Press. Chapters 1-3.
- Shepsle, Ken, and Barry Weingast. 1994. "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 19(2): 149-179.
- Cox, Gary and Mathew McCubbins. 1993. *Legislative Leviathan*. University of California Press. Chapters: Introduction: 4, 5, 7. Or Chapters TBA
- Cox, Gary, and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the US House of Representatives*. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 10, and 11, or Chapters TBA – will be provided.
- Wawro, Gregory and Eric Schickler. 2004. "Where's the Pivot? Obstruction and Lawmaking in the Pre-cloture Senate." *The American Journal of Political Science* 48:758-774.
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1993. "Where's the Party?" *British Journal of Political Science* 39: 958-980.

Recommended:

- Wawro, Gregory J., and Eric Schickler. 2006. *Filibuster: Obstruction and Lawmaking in the U.S. Senate*. Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 11.
- Weingast, Barry and William Marshall. 1988. "The Industrial Organization of Congress." *Journal of Political Economy* 96: 132-63.
- Shepsle, Ken. 1989. "The Changing Textbook Congress." eds. Chubb and Peterson. *Can the Government Govern?* Brookings.
- Mayhew, David R. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. Yale University Press.

- Arnold, R. Douglas. 1990. *The Logic of Congressional Action*. Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 4-6.
- Poole, Keith and Howard Rosenthal. 1997. *Congress: A Political-Economic History of Roll Call Voting*. Oxford University Press. Chapters 4 and 5. (Note: 2007 edition called *Ideology and Congress*.)
- McCarty, Nolan, Keith Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2001. "The Hunt for Party Discipline in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 95: 673-688
- Snyder, James M., and Timothy Groseclose. 2000. "Estimating Party Influence in Congressional Roll Call Voting." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 193-211.

VII. Presidency

Required:

- Neustadt, David. 1990. *Presidential Power*. Free Press. Chapters 1-3.
- Cameron, Charles. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2005. *Who Leads Whom? Presidents, Policy, and the Public*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1, introduction to Part 1, 2, skim 3 if you like, introduction to Part 2, 5, 6, 8.
- King, Gary. "The Methodology of Presidential Research." *Researching the Presidency*. ed. Michael Nelson. University of Pittsburgh Press.
- Skowronek, Stephen. "Presidential Leadership in Political Time." *Researching the Presidency*. ed. Michael Nelson. University of Pittsburgh Press.

Recommended:

- Kernell, Samuel. 1993. *Going Public*. CQ Press.
- Shapiro, Robert, Martha J. Kumar, and Lawrence R. Jacobs eds. *Presidential Power*. Columbia University Press. Conclusion, any essays in Part 4 or Chapter 5 as per your interests.

VIII. Bureaucracy

Required:

- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1999. *Delegating Powers: A Transaction Costs Politics Approach to Politics under the Separation of Powers*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-5, 7, 9.
- McCubbins, Matthew D., Roger G. Noll, and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "Administrative Procedures as Instruments of Political Control." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 3(2): 243-277.

- Gordon, Sanford C., and Catherine Hafer. 2005. "Flexing Muscle: Corporate Political Expenditures as Signals to the Bureaucracy." *American Political Science Review*. 99(2): 245-262.
- Ting, Michael M. 2002. "A Theory of Jurisdictional Assignments in Bureaucracies." *American Journal of Political Science* 46(2): 364-78.

Recommended:

- Carpenter, Dan. 2001. *The Forging of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. Princeton University Press. Introduction, Chapter 1, Conclusion.
- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1994. "Administrative Procedures, Information, and Agency Discretion" *American Journal of Political Science* 38(3): 697-722.
- Epstein, David, and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1996. "Divided Government and the Design of Administrative Procedures: A Formal Model and Empirical Test." *The Journal of Politics* 58(2): 373-397.
- Carpenter, Dan P. 1998. "The Corporate Metaphor and Executive Department Centralization in the United States, 1888-1928." *Studies in American Political Development* 12(1): 162-203.
- Lewis, David. 2002. "The Politics of Agency Termination: Confronting the Myth of Agency Immortality." *The Journal of Politics* 64(1): 89-107.
- Heimann, C. F. Larry. 1993. "Understanding the Challenger Disaster: Organizational Structure and the Design of Reliable Systems." *American Political Science Review* 87(2): 421-435.
- Ting, Michael M. 2003. "A Strategic Theory of Bureaucratic Redundancy." *American Journal of Political Science* 47(2): 274-292.
- Bendor, Jonathan, and Thomas H. Hammond. "Rethinking Allison's Models." *The American Political Science Review* 86(2): 301-322.
- Huber, John and Charles Shipan. 2002. *Deliberate Discretion? The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. Cambridge University Press.
- Moe, Terry. 1984. "The New Economics of Organization," *American Journal of Political Science* 28: 739-777.
- Calvert, Randy, Mark Moran, and Barry Weingast. 1987. "Congressional Influence Over Policy Making: The Case of the FTC." *Congress: Structure and Policy*. eds. McCubbins and Sullivan.
- Bendor, Jonathan and Adam Meirowitz. 2004. "Spatial Models of Delegation." *American Political Science Review*. 98: 293-310.
- Hecl, Hugh. 1974. *Modern Social Politics in Britain and Sweden*. Yale University Press. Chapter 6.
- Simon, Herbert. 1947. *Administrative Behavior*. Free Press.

IX. American Political Development and Analytic Political History

Required:

- Katznelson, Ira and John Lapinski. 2006. "At the Crossroads: Congress and American Political Development," *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (June): 243-260.
- Skowronek, Stephen. 1982. *Building a New American State*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1 and 2.
- North, Douglas C. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economic Performance*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 2-3, 7, and 10 (especially the latter).
- Skocpol, Theda. "Introduction: Understanding the Origins of Modern Social Provision in the United States," *Protecting Soldiers and Mothers: The Political Origins of Social Policy in the United States*. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.
- Carpenter, Daniel P. "State Building Through Reputation Building: Coalitions of Esteem and Program Innovation in the National Postal System, 1883–1913," *Studies in American Political Development* 14(2): 121-55. [skim]
- Pierson, Paul. 2000. "Increasing Returns, Path Dependence, and the Study of History," *American Political Science Review* 94(2): 251-268.

Recommended:

- Kernell, Samuel and Michael P. McDonald. 1999. "Congress and America's Political Development: The Transformation of the Post Office from Patronage to Service," *American Journal of Political Science*. 43(3): 792-811.
- John Aldrich, *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. University of Chicago Press. Chapter 3
- Poole, Keith and Howard Rosenthal. *Ideology and Congress*. Transaction Publishers. Chapter 5.
- Foner, Eric. 1984. "Why is there No Socialism in the United States?" *History Workshop* 17(1): 57-80.
- Kerber, Linda. 1988. "Separate Spheres, Female Worlds, Woman's Place: The Rhetoric of Women's History," *Journal of American History* 75(1): 9–39.
- Huntington, Samuel. 1968. "Political Modernization: American vs. Europe," *Political Order in Changing Societies*. Yale University Press. Chapter 2.
- Robert Bates et al. 1999. "Introduction." *Analytical Narratives*. Princeton University Press.
- Elster, Jon. 2000. "Rational Choice History," *American Political Science Review* 94(3): 685-695.
- Cameron, Charles. [chapter in Katznelson volume]

X. State and Local Politics

Required:

- Erikson, Wright, and McIver. 1993. *Statehouse Democracy*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Justin H. Phillips. 2012. "The Democratic Deficit in the States." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Kausser, Thaddeus, and Justin H. Phillips. *The Power of Governors*. 2012. Chapters TBA.
- Paul E. Peterson. 1981. *City Limits*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-4, 11.

Recommended:

- Ansolabehere, Stephen, Alan Gerber, and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2002. "Equal Votes, Equal Money: Court Ordered Redistricting and the Distribution of Public Expenditures in the American States." *American Political Science Review* 97(4): 767-777.
- Wright, Gerald C., and Brian F. Schaffner. 2002. "The Influence of Party: Evidence from the State Legislatures." *American Political Science Review* 96(2): 367-79.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Justin H. Phillips. 2009. "Gay Rights in the States: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness." *American Political Science Review*. August.
- Steven P. Erie. 1990. *Rainbow's End: Irish-Americans and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985*. University of California Press.
- Lax, Jeffrey R., and Justin H. Phillips. 2009. "How Should We Estimate Public Opinion in the States?," with Justin Phillips, *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 53-1 (January).

XI. System Performance

Required:

- Fiorina, Morris P. *Disconnect: The Breakdown in American Politics*. University of Oklahoma Press. Chapters TBA.
- Mayhew, David. *Partisan Balance: Why Political Parties Don't Kill the U.S. Constitutional System (Princeton Lectures in Politics and Public Affairs)*. Princeton University Press. Chapters TBA
- Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics*. University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-3, 10.
- Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. Cambridge University Press. Chapters 9, 11.
- Epstein, David and Sharyn O'Halloran. 1999. *Delegating Powers: A Transaction Costs Politics Approach to Policy Making Under Separation of Powers*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 6.

Recommended:

- Mayhew, David. 1991. *Divided We Govern*. Yale University Press. Chapters 1-4, 7.
- Krimmel, Kate, Jeffrey R. Lax, and Justin H. Phillips. "Gay Rights in Congress: Public Opinion and (Mis)Representation"
- Alesina, Alberto and Howard Rosenthal. 1995. *Partisan Politics, Divided Government, and the Economy*. Chapters 4, 7.
- Fiorina, Morris. *Divided Government*. 2nd ed. Longman Publishers. Chapters 2, 3, 5.
- Cameron, Charles. 2000. *Veto Bargaining*. Cambridge University Press. Chapter 6.
- Jacobs, Lawrence and Robert Y. Shapiro. 2002. "Politics and Policy-Making in the Real World: Crafted Talk and the Loss of Democratic Responsiveness." Eds. Jeff Manza, Fay Lomax Cook, and Benjamin I. Page. *Navigating Public Opinion*. Oxford University Press.

- Erikson, Robert and Kent Tedin. 2011. *American Public Opinion*. 8th ed.. Pearson/Longman. Chapters 10, 11.

XII. “The Cutting Edge”: Money and Representation

Required:

- Bartels, Larry M. 2008. *Unequal Democracy: The Political Economy of the New Gilded Age*. Princeton University Press. Chapters: TBA.
- Gilens, Martin. 2012. *Affluence and Influence: Economic Inequality and Political Power in America*. Princeton University Press. Chapters: TBA.
- Schlozman, Verba, and Brady. Participation book. Chapters: TBA
- Bhatti, Yosef, and Robert Erikson. How Poorly are the Poor Represented in the US Senate? (in *Who Gets Represented?*, Peter Enns and Christopher Wlezien, eds) – PDF to be provided.

Recommended:

- McCarty, Nolan, Keith Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2006. *Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches*. The MIT Press.
- Gelman, Andrew, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi, and Jeronimo Cortina. 2008. *Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do*. Princeton University Press. Chapters: 1-3.

General Background Reading: *Political science, history and “isms”:*

- Wilson, Woodrow. 1887. “The Study of Administration,” *Political Science Quarterly* 2: 197-222.
- Merriam, Charles. 1921. “The Present State of the Study of Politics,” *American Political Science Review*. 15:173-185.
- Dahl, Robert. 1961. “The Behavioral Approach to Political Science: Epitaph for a Monument to a Successful Protest,” *American Political Science Review* 55:763-772.
- Lowi, Theodore. 1992. “How We’ve Become What We Study.” *American Political Science Review*. 86: 1-7.
- Katznelson, Ira and Helen V. Milner. 2002. “American Political Science: The Discipline’s State and the State of the Discipline.” eds. Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner. *Political Science: State of the Discipline*. Norton Publishers.
- Goodin, Robert and Hans-Dieter Klingemann. 1996. “Political Science: The Discipline.” eds. Robert Goodin and Hans-Dieter Klingemann. *A New Handbook of Political Science*. Oxford University Press. Sections II-IV, and tables in the Appx.
- Almond, Gabriel. 1990. “The Study of Political Culture.” *A Discipline Divided: Schools and Sects in Political Science*. Sage Publications.
- Mueller, Dennis. 1997. “Public Choice in Perspective.” Ed. Dennis Mueller. *Perspectives on Public Choice*. Cambridge University Press.

Availability of Readings

The following books have been ordered at Book Culture (536 West 112th Street, next to the post office, east of Broadway). They can also be purchased used or new online. Required readings have been placed on reserve in Lehman Library. You may make “fair use” copies if you desire. The articles can be found at www.jstor.org or through the Columbia libraries e-journals link.

- Cameron, Charles. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. Cambridge University Press.
- Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2005. *Who Leads Whom? Presidents, Policy, and the Public*. University Of Chicago Press.
- Delli Carpini, Michael and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. Yale University Press.
- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Harper and Row.
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