

G8219X Elections. Fall 2012. Room 711 IAB. 2:10-4 p.m. Wednesdays

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This course examines the electoral behavior of the American public and the interpretation of election outcomes. Students will

- (1) read and discuss the relevant literature
- (2) prepare a short informal paper analyzing data from the 2008 presidential election
- (3) write thought papers on the readings for selected weeks
- (4) write a research paper on voting and elections.

No exams are intended. However, the instructors may administer a final exam if the need arises.

Grades: Class discussion and presentations: 15% Data analysis exercise 15%
Thought Papers 30% Research Paper 40%

Classes will be mixes of lecture and discussion. On a regular basis, students will be assigned to lead the class discussions about certain research questions or assigned readings. Typically, students will be asked to lead the discussion regarding one or more of the week's "papers for discussion."

Data analysis exercise. Students will write a short paper, 5-7 pages of text, plus 2-4 pages of supporting graphs and tables. This paper will analyze data from the 2008 election. Otherwise the project is open-ended. The analysis can be exploratory and the research question is something of interest to you. The data sources are the 2008 American National Election Study (NES) and the 2008 National Election Pool Exit Poll (NEP) data sets, although other data can be used. It is assumed that students are familiar with the rudiments of data analysis (or are concurrently enrolled in a basic data analysis course). We will use the statistical package STATA. Knowledge of STATA is not assumed, but it is easy to learn. Students who prefer working in SPSS or some other statistical software are free to do so. Students can work on STATA in most of the CUIT labs (e.g., in IAB). *Data analysis exercises are due October 27.*

Thought papers: Each student will write thought papers based on readings for the week. These are intended to be short, about 4 pages, and are intended to be unstructured. They are due the day the readings are discussed. The three thought papers with the best grade will be counted. Thus, students may choose not to turn in thought papers for each of the 10 weeks. In other words, turn in a thought paper for three or more sessions, with only the best three counting.

Research papers: Each student will write a research paper. It can take one of the two forms listed below. Periodically we will devote class time to discussion of the progress of research papers. *Final versions of the papers are due on December 20, 2010.*

Data Analysis paper: This is intended as a short, creative, data analysis exercise. Students choose the question and the data. The data may be surveys or aggregate analysis. The subject matter is open, except that the paper should have something to do with elections or electoral behavior. Expected Length: About 15-20 pages of text plus supporting data analysis.

Literature Review. A critical review of some topic in the study of voting and elections, preferably one that has provoked disagreement among scholars. Students choose the topic. Expected Length: About 25 pages. Ordinarily, the literature review will not contain its own original data analysis. However, there may be exceptions, as when the reviewer re-analyzes the author's original data.

Readings:

Required books. Three books (*Change and Continuity*, *American Public Opinion*, *Congressional Elections*) are standard upper-division undergraduate texts, useful for background reading about electoral politics. *The American Voter Revisited* is a recent homage to the classic *The American Voter* (1960) by four former students of the original authors. The remaining three books are recent entries that have had considerable influence on the current discussion of electoral politics.

Articles for discussion. The reading list also includes a set of “articles for discussion.” These are contemporary articles about electoral politics from leading journals. Sometimes rather technical, they represent the cutting edge of current research. Students will be assigned to lead discussions of these articles, which are all available on line via Columbia library e-journals. The list is not set in stone; we might revise the list as new information comes to our attention.

Required books:

Paul R. Abramson, John H. Aldrich, and David W. Rohde. 2012. *Change and Continuity in the 2008 and 2010 Elections*. Washington, DC: CQ Press

Larry M. Bartels. *Unequal Democracy: The Political Economy of the New Gilded Age*. 2008. New York: Russell Sage Foundation; Princeton: Princeton University Press

Robert S. Erikson and Kent L. Tedin. 2011. *American Public Opinion :its Origins, Content, and Impact*. 8th ed. Boston: Longman.

Robert S. Erikson and Christopher Wlezien. *The Timeline of Presidential Election: How Campaigns Do (and Do Not) Matter*. 2012. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Morris P. Fiorina ; with Samuel J. Abrams and Jeremy C. Pope. 2011. *Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America*. Revised ed. Boston: Longman

Gary C. Jacobson. 2011. *The Politics of Congressional Elections*; 8th ed. New York: Pearson Longman,

Michael Lewis-Beck, William Jacoby, Helmut Norpoth, and Herbert Weisberg. 2008. *The American Voter Revisited*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press

Alan Abramowitz. 2010. *The Disappearing Center : Engaged Citizens, Polarization, and American Democracy*. New Haven: Yale university Press.

Weekly topics:

- Sept. 5. Introduction. Brief meeting
- Sept. 12. The Study of Elections
- Sept. 19. Public Opinion
- Sept. 26. Voter Turnout
- Oct. 3. Party Identification
- Oct. 10. What Motivates Voter's Candidate Choices?
- Oct. 17. Explaining Election Outcomes
- Oct. 24. Congressional Elections
- Oct. 31. Elections and Representation
- Nov. 7. *Election Post-Mortem: What happened?*
- Nov. 14. Contemporary Controversies: Growing Polarization?
- Nov. 21. *No Class*. Preparation of student papers.
- Nov. 28. *Presentation of Student Papers*
- Dec. 5. *Presentation of Student Papers*

Sept. 12: The Study of Elections

Readings:

- Lewis-Beck et al., *The American Voter Revisited*,
 - Chapter 1. "Setting"
 - Chapter 2. "Theoretical Orientation"
 - Chapter 3. "Perceptions of the Parties and Candidates"

Larry Bartels. 2008. "The Study of Electoral Behavior." In Jan E. Leighley, ed., *The Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior*. Available at <http://www.princeton.edu/~bartels/electoralbehavior.pdf>

Philip E. Converse (2006). "Researching Electoral Politics." *American Political Science Review*, 100, pp 605-612.

Amy Fried (2006). "The Forgotten Lindsay Rogers and the Development of American Political Science." *American Political Science Review*, 100, pp 555-561.

For further reading:

Angus Campbell et al. 1966. *Elections and the Political Order*. Wiley.

Chapter 2: Converse, "The Concept of the Normal Vote."

Chapter 3: Campbell, "Surge and Decline."

Chapter 4: Campbell, "A Classification of Presidential Elections"

Angus Campbell et al, 1960, Chapters 19, 20. *The American Voter*. Wiley.,

Anthony Downs, Chapter 8 *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Harper and Row.

Benjamin Page and Robert Shapiro. 1992, Chapter 10. "Democracy, Information, and the Rational Public." *The Rational Public*. University of Chicago Press.

Sept. 19: **Public Opinion**

Readings:

Erikson and Tedin, *American Public Opinion*, 8th ed. Chapters 2, 3, 4.

Lewis-Beck et al., *The American Voter Revisited*,

Chapter 9. "Attitude Structure and the Problem of Ideology"

Chapter 10. "The Formation of Issue Concepts and Partisan Change"

Bartels, *Unequal Democracy*.

Chapter 6. "Homer Gets a Tax Cut"

Chapter 7. "The Strange Appeal of Estate Tax Repeal"

Articles for discussion:

Stephen Ansolabehere, Jonathan Rodden, and James Snyder. 2008. "The Strength of Issues: Using Multiple Measures to Gauge Preference Stability, Ideological Constraint, and Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 215-232.

Adam J. Berinsky. 2007. "Assuming the Costs of War: Events, Elites, and American Public Support for Military Conflict." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 975-997.

John Alford, Cary Funk, and John Hibbing. 2005. "Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted?" *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 153-167.

Jeffery J. Mondak, Matthew V. Hibbing, Damarys Canache, Mitchell A. Seligson, and Mary R. Anderson. 2010. "Personality and Civic Engagement: An Integrative Framework for the Study of Trait Effects on Political Behavior." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 85-110.

Alan S. Gerber, Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Shang E. Ha. 2010. "Personality and Political Attitudes: Relationship across Issue Domains and Political Contexts." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 111-133.

For further reading:

A. Campbell et al., 1960. Chapter 10..*The American Voter*. Wiley.

Samuel Popkin. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter*. University of Chicago Press

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

Robert Erikson, "The SRC Panel Data and Mass Political Attitudes," *BJPS*, 1979.

Michael MacKuen and George Rabinowitz. 2003. *Electoral Democracy*. University of Michigan Press.

Chapter 1. Kinder, "Belief Systems after Converse"

Chapter 2. Bartels. "Democracy with Attitudes."

Chapter 4. Steenbergen and Lodge. "Process Matters: Cognitive Models of Candidate Evaluation."

Chapter 10. Zaller, "Coming to Grips with V.O.Key's Concept of Latent Opinion."

Michael Delli Carpini and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. Yale University Press

James Stimson. 2004. *Tides of Consent*. Cambridge University Press

Sept. 26: **Voter Turnout**

Readings:

Abramson, et al. *Change and Continuity in the 2008 Elections*. Chapter 4. "Who Voted?"

Lewis-Beck et al. *The American Voter Revisited*. Chapter 5.

Aaron Edlin, Andrew Gelman, and Noah Kaplan. 2007. "Voting as a Rational Choice." *Rationality and Society*.

http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/research/published/rational_final6.pdf

Articles for discussion:

Kevin Arseneaux and David Nickerson. 2009. "Who is Mobilized to Vote? A Re-analysis of 11 Field Experiments." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 1-16.

Thomas G. Hansford and Brad T. Gomez. 2010. "Estimating the Electoral Effects of Voter Turnout." *Reconsidering the Effects of Education on Political Participation.* *American Political Science Review.* Pp. 268-288.

James Fowler, Laura Baker, and Christopher Dawes. 2008. "Genetic Variation in Political Participation." *American Political Science Review.* Pp. 233-248.

Jack Citrin, Eric Schickler, and John Sides. 2003. "What if Everyone Voted? Simulating the Impact of Increased Turnout in Senate Elections." *American Journal of Political Science.* Pp. 75-90.

Henry Brady and John McNulty. 2011. "The Costs of Finding and Getting to the Polling Place." *American Political Science Review.* Pp. 115-134.

David W. Nickerson. 2008. "Is Voting Contagious? Evidence from Two Field Experiments." *American Political Science Review.* Pp. 49-57.

For further reading:

Kay Schlozman, Sydney Verba, and Henry Brady. 2012. *The Uneven Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy,* Princeton University Press.

Donald P. Green and Ron Shachar. 2000. "Habit-formation and Political Behavior: Evidence of Consuetude in Voter Turnout." *British Journal of Political Science.* 30: 561-73.

Ron Shachar and Barry Nalebuff. 1999. "Follow the Leader." *American Economic Review.* 89: 545-587.

John Aldrich. "Rational Choice and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 1993, pp. 246-78.

Michael P. McDonald and Samuel Popkin. 2001. "The Myth of the Vanishing Voter." *American Political Science Review.* 95: 963-974.

Stephen Knack. 1995. "Does 'Motor Voter' Work? Evidence from State-Level Data." *Journal of Politics.*

Claudine Gay. 2002. "The Effect of Black Congressional Representation on Political Participation." *American Political Science Review.* 95: 589-602.

October 3: **Party Identification**

Readings:

Abramson, Aldrich, and Rohde, *Change and Continuity in the 2008 Elections*, Chapter 8. "Party Loyalties, Policy Preferences, and the Vote."

Lewis-Beck, et al., *American Voter Revisited*

Chapter 6. "The Impact of Party Identification."

Chapter 7. "The Development of Party Identification."

Donald Green and Bradley Palmquist. 1994. "How Stable is Party Identification?" *Political Behavior* 16:437-66.

Donald Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. 1998. Macropartisanship: A replication and critique. *American Political Science Review*. 92: 883-900.

Robert S. Erikson, Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 1998. "What Moves Macropartisanship? A Reply to Green, Palmquist, and Schickler." *American Political Science Review*, 92: December, pp. 901-912.

Articles for discussion:

Thomas Carsey and Geoffrey C. Layman. 2006. "Changing Sides or Changing Minds? Party Identification and Policy Preferences in the American Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 464-477.

Logan Dancey and Paul Goren. 2010. "Party Identification, Issue Attitudes, and the Dynamics of Political Debate." *American Journal of Political Science*. 686-699.

Alan S. Gerber and Gregory A. Huber. 2009. "Partisanship and Economic Behavior: Do Partisan Differences in Economic Forecasts Predict Real Economic Behavior?" *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 407-426.

Benjamin Highton and Cindy Kam. 2011. "The Long-Term Dynamics of Partisan and Issue Orientations." *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 202-215.

For further reading:

Donald Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. *Partisan Hearts and Minds*. Yale University Press, 2002.

Robert Erikson, Michael MacKuen, and James Stimson. Chs. 4, 5. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Alan Abramowitz. 1994. "Issue Evolution Reconsidered: Racial Attitudes and Partisanship in the U.S. Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science*. 36: 1-25.

M. Kent Jennings, Laura Stoker, and Jake Bowers. 2009. "Politics Across Generations: Family Transmission Reexamined." *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 782-799.

Mark Hetherington. 2002. "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review*. 95: 619-33.

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

Paul Goren. 2006. "Party Identification and Core Political Values." *American Journal of Political Science*, Pp. 881-896.

Oct. 10: **What Motivates Voters' Candidate Choices?**

Readings:

Abramson, Aldrich, and Rohde, *Change and Continuity in the 2008 and 2010 Elections*.

Chapter 5. "Social Forces and the Vote"

Chapter 6. "Candidates, Issues, and the Vote."

Chapter 7. "Presidential Performance and Candidate Choice."

Erikson and Tedin. *American Public Opinion*, Chapters 7, 9.

Lewis-Beck et al. *The American Voter Revisited*. Chapters 8, 11-14

Articles for discussion:

Larry Bartels. 2008. "The Irrational Electorate." *Wilson Quarterly*. (August) Pp. 44-50.

Michael Tomz and Robert Van Houweling. 2008. "Candidate Positioning and Voter Choice." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 303-318.

Orit Kedar. 2005. "When Moderate Voters Prefer Extreme Parties: Policy Balancing in Parliamentary Elections." *American Political Science Review*. 99, Pp. 185-199.

Lenz, Gabriel. 2009. "Learning and Opinion Change, Not Priming: Reconsidering the Evidence for the Priming Hypothesis." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 812-837.

Stephen A. Jessee. 2010. "Partisan Information and Spatial Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 327-40.

For further reading

Michael Alvarez, *Information and Elections*. Univ. of Michigan Press, 1997.

George Rabinowitz and Stuart Elaine McDonald. 1989. "A Structural Theory of Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review*, pp. 93-121.

Robert Erikson and David Romero. 1990. "Candidate Equilibrium and the Behavioral Model of the Vote." *American Political Science Review*. 1103-1126.

Anders Westholm. 1997. "Distance vs. Direction: The Illusory Defeat of the Proximity Theory of Electoral Choice." *American Political Science Review*, pp. 865-884.

Kathleen Knight. 1985. "Ideology in the 1984 Election: Sophistication Does Matter" *Journal of Politics*, pp. 828-53.

Larry Bartels. 1996. "Uninformed Voters: Information Effects in Presidential Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: pp. 194-230.

Morris Fiorina P. 1978. "Economic Retrospective Voting in American National Elections: A Micro-Analysis," *American Journal of Political Science* 22: 426-443.

Marc Hetherington. 1999. "The Effect of Political Trust on the Presidential Vote, 1968-96." *American Political Science Review*. 93: 311-326.

Oct. 17: Explaining Election Outcomes

Readings:

Erikson and Wlezien, *The Timeline of Presidential Elections*. **Entire**.

Bartels, *Unequal Democracy*, Chapter 4. "Partisan Biases in Economic Accountability"

Articles for discussion:

John Zaller. 2008. "Floating Voters in Presidential Elections, 1948-2000. Chapter 6 in *Studies in Public Opinion*. William Saris and Paul Sniderman, eds. *TO BE AVAILABLE ON COURSEWORKS*.

Ray Fair. 2009. "Presidential and Congressional Vote Share Equations." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 55-72.

Kevin Arseneaux and Gregory Huber. 2007. "Identifying the Persuasive Effects of Presidential Advertising." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 957-977.

Alan Gerber et al., 2011. "How Large and Long-Lasting are the Effects of Televised Campaign Ads? Results from A Randomized Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 135-150.

For further reading:

Erikson, MacKuen, and Stimson, *The Macro Polity*: New York: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 3, 7.

Henry Brady and Richard Johnston (eds). 2006. *Capturing Campaign Effects*. University of Michigan Press

Robert S. Erikson and Thomas Palfrey. 2000. "Equilibrium in Campaign Spending Games: Theory and Data." *American Political Science Review*. 595-609.

D. Sunshine Hillygus and Simon Jackman. 2003. "Voter Decision Making in Election 2000: Campaign Effects, Partisan Activation, and the Clinton Legacy." *American Journal of Political Science*. 47: 583-96.

Yotam Margalit. 2011. "Costly Jobs: Trade-Related Layoffs, Government Compensation, and Voting in US

Elections.” 166-188.

John Zaller. 1992. Chapter 10. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Public Opinion*. Cambridge University Press.

Michael Alvarez. 1998. Chapters 3 ,9, 10. *Information and Elections*. Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press.

Robert S. Erikson and Thomas Palfrey. 1998. “Campaign Spending and Incumbency: An Alternative Simultaneous Equation Approach.” *Journal of Politics*. 355-73.

Andrew Gelman and Gary King, 1993. "Why are American Presidential Election Campaign Polls so Variable when Votes are So Predictable?" *British Journal of Political Science*. pp. 409-51.

Robert S. Erikson and Christopher Wlezien. 1999. “Presidential Polls as a Time Series: The Case of 1996. *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Summer. 73: pp. 163-177.

Robert Huckfeldt, John Sprague, and Jeffrey Levine. 2000. “The Dynamics of Collective Deliberation in the 1996 Election:.” *American Political Science Review*. 94: 641-652.

Martin Gilens, Lynn Vavreck, and Martin Cohen. 2007. “The Mass Media and the Public’s Assessments of Presidential Candidates, 1952–2000.” *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 1160-1175.

Robert S. Erikson. 2009. "The American Voter and the Economy," *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 41 (July): 467-471.

Oct. 24: Congressional Elections

Readings:

Jacobson, *The Politics of Congressional Elections*. Entire.

Abramson, Aldrich, and Rohde, *Change and Continuity in the 2008 Elections*.

Chapter 9. “Candidates and Outcomes in 2008”

Chapter 10. “The Congressional Electorate of 2008”

R. Erikson & G. Wright. 2009. "Voters, Candidates, and Issues in Congressional Elections. In Dodd/Oppenheimer (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered* (9th edition). Washington: CQ Press. *TO BE AVAILABLE ON COURSEWORKS*.

Joseph Bafumi, Robert Erikson, and Christopher Wlezien. 2010. “Balancing, Generic Polls, and Midterm Congressional Elections.” *Journal of Politics* 72: July.

Articles for discussion:

Markus Prior. 2006. “The Incumbent in the Living Room: The Rise of Television and the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections” *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 657-673.

Joshua D. Clinton. 2006. “Representation in Congress: Constituents and Roll Calls in the 106th House.” *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 397-409,

Stephen Ansolabehere and Philip Edward Jones. 2010. "Constituents' Responses to Congressional Roll Call Voting." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 683-597.

Jamie Carson, Erik Engstrom, and Jason Roberts. 2007. "Candidate Quality, the Personal Vote, and the Incumbency Advantage in Congress." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 289-301.

Walter J. Stone, Sarah A. Fulton, Cherie D. Maestas and L. Sandy Maisel. 2010. "Incumbency Reconsidered: Prospects, Strategic Retirement, and Incumbent Quality in U.S. House Elections" *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 178-190.

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S. Ansolabehere, James M. Snyder, Jr., Charles Stewart III. 2001. "Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp, 136-159.

Walter R. Mebane. 2000. "Coordination, Moderation, and Institutional Balancing in American Presidential and House Elections." *American Political Science Review*. 37-58.

R. Erikson and G. Wright. 2001. "Representation of Constituency Ideology in Congress." In Brady/Cogan/Fiorina (eds.) *Continuity and Change in House Elections*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Alesina, Alberto and Howard Rosenthal. 1995. Chapter 4: "The Midterm Cycle." *Partisan Politics, Divided Government, and the Economy*. Cambridge University Press.

Oct. 31: **Elections and Representation**

Readings:

Erikson, MacKuen, and Stimson. *The Macro Polity*: Chapters 9, 11. *TO BE AVAILABLE ON COURSEWORKS*.

Erikson and Tedin. *American Public Opinion*. Chapters 10, 11.

Larry Jacobs and Robert Y. Shapiro. 2002. "Politics and Policy Making in the Real World: Crafted Talk and the Loss of Democratic Responsiveness." Chapter 3 in Manza, Cook, and Page (eds.), *Navigating Public Opinion*. *TO BE AVAILABLE ON COURSEWORKS*.

Bartels, *Unequal Democracy*.

Chapter 8. "The Eroding Minimum Wage."

Chapter 9. "Economic Inequality and Political Representation"

Chapter 10. "Unequal Democracy."

Articles for discussion:

Jeffrey R. Lax and Justin H. Phillips. 2009. "Gay Rights in the States: Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 367-386.

Stephen Ansolabehere, Alan Gerber, and James Snyder. 2002. "Equal Votes, Equal Money." *American Political Science Review*. Pp. 767-777.

William Bernhard and Brian R. Sala. 2006. "The Remaking of the American Senate: The 17th Amendment and Ideological Responsiveness." *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 345-367.

Thad Kousser, Jeffrey B. Lewis, and Seth E. Maskett. 2007. "Ideological Adaptation? The Survival Instinct of Threatened Legislators." *Journal of Politics*. Pp. 828-843.

Andrew Healy and Neil Malhotra. "Myopic Voters and Natural Disaster Policy." *American Political Science Review*. pp. 387-406.

For further reading:

Martin Gilens. 2012. *Affluence and Influence: Economic Inequality and Political Power in America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Alberto Alesina and Howard Rosenthal. 1995. Chapter 7: "Partisan Business Cycles." *Partisan Politics, Divided Government, and the Economy*.

Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright, and John P. McIver. 1993. *Statehouse Democracy*. Cambridge University Press.

Robert S. Erikson, Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. "Public Opinion and Policy: Causal Flow in a Macro System Model." Chapter 2 in Manza, Cook, and Page (eds.), *Navigating Public Opinion* Oxford University Press.

MacKuen and Rabinowitz. 2003. *Electoral Democracy*. University of Michigan Press.

Chapter 6. MacKuen, Erikson, Stimson, Knight. "Elections and the Dynamics of Ideological Representation."

Chapter 7. Luskin, "The Heavenly Public."

Chapter 9. Aldrich. "Electoral Democracy during Politics as Usual—and Unusual"

Nov. 14: **Contemporary Issues: Growing Polarization?**

Morris Fiorina. *Culture War?* **Entire.**

Alan Abramowitz. *The Disappearing Center* **Entire.**

Bartels, *Unequal Democracy*. Chapter 3. "Class Politics and Partisan Change"

Further reading:

Joseph Bafumi and Robert Shapiro. "A New Partisan Voter." *Journal of Politics*. 2009, 1-24.

Robert Y. Shapiro and Yaeli Bloch-Elkon. 2008. "Do the Facts Speak for Themselves? Partisan Disagreement as a Challenge to Democratic Competence." *Critical Review* 20 (1-2): 115-139.

M. Kent Jennings and Laura Stoker. 2008. "Of Time and the Development of Partisan Polarization." *American Journal of Political Science*. Pp. 619-635.

Nolan McCarty, Keith Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2006. *Polarized America*. MIT Press.

Andrew Gelman et al. 2008. *Red State Blue State; Rich State Poor State*. Princeton University Press.

Joseph Bafumi and Robert Shapiro. "A New Partisan Voter." *Journal of Politics*. 2009, 1-24.