

P.S. 6100 Survey in American Politics
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Purpose

This seminar is designed to introduce you to the evolution and current state of the scholarly study of American politics. While it is impossible to give all of the important literature, debates, approaches and sub-fields the emphasis that they deserve, this course will focus on what are considered the foundational works and continuing debates in the field and attempt to provide you with a refined base of readings that may be built upon as you develop areas of interest and expertise. Additional readings are listed to guide your readings beyond the requirements of the seminar.

Below is an outline of seminar topics. Each week, one of you will serve as discussion leader. The responsibilities of that role will be discussed at length during our first meeting.

Week	Topic	Discussion Leader
1 Aug 21	Introduction: The Discipline	Haynes
2 Aug 28	Theory/History The American Constitution and the Founding	Chris Jackson
3 Sep 11	Federalism	Karen Gunter
4 Sep 11	Theory: Paradigms of Political Science	Dan Minnich
5 Sep 18	Institutions Congress	George Lichter
6 Sep 25	The Presidency/Bureaucracy	Julie Cardwell
7 Oct 2	Divided Government/Conflict and Cooperation	Jason Seitz
8 Oct 9	Supreme Court	John Nah
9 Oct 16	Political Parties	Jason Seitz
10 Oct 23	Interest Groups	Dan Minnich
11 Oct 30	Political Behavior Political Psychology/Public Opinion	Julie Cardwell
12 Nov 6	Political Socialization/Media Effects	George Lichter
13 Nov13	Voting	John Nah
14 Nov20	Participation/Social Movements	Karen Gunter
15 Nov 27	Candidate Behavior	Chris Jackson
16 Dec 4	Overview and Discussion	Haynes

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Scroll below and you can also read the critical responses of students to the works read.

Books Available at the Bookstore:

V. Ostrom, The Meaning of American Federalism: Constituting a Self-Governing Society Institute for Contemporary Studies (Reprint Edition, 1994- paperback).

Rosenstone and Hansen: 1993. Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America. MacMillan Press.

T. Cook (1998) Governing the News: The News Media as a Political Institution. Chicago: University of Chicago Press

C. Jones (1994) The Presidency in a Separated System. Washington, DC: Brookings.

M. Fiorina (1992/96) Divided Government. (2nd Ed.) Boston: Addison-Wesley.

E. Gerber (1999) The Populist Paradox: Interest Group Influence and the Promise of Direct Legislation. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Books are available at the U.G.A. Bookstore. Obtaining articles and book chapters will be discussed the first day of class.

Grades will be based on your performance on three written assignments (25% of your final grade each) (detailed at the end of this syllabus) and your performance as discussion leaders and participants (weekly comments by email) (25 % of your final grade).

Readings

Week 1 The Discipline

Required: M. Holden Jr. (2000) The Competence of Political Science: "Progress in Political Research Revisited." *APSR* 94: 1-20.

Foundations of our Government and American Political Theory

Week 2 Theory/History

Required: The Constitution

Required: Federalist No. 10; 47-51

Required: R. Hardin (1989) "Why a Constitution?"; Cain and Jones (1989) "Madison's Theory of Representation"; and Chappell and Keech (1989) "Electoral Institutions in the Federalist Papers: A Contemporary Perspective" in Grofman and Wittman, eds. The Federalist Papers and the New Institutionalism. Agathon Press.

Web sources: Rousseau's the [Social Contract](#)

Additional Bibliography

A.de Tocqueville, Democracy in America

Edward S. Corwin (1936) The Constitution as Instrument and as Symbol
APSR, 30: 1071-1085.

H. Chase and C. Ducake (1920/1978) Erwin Corwin's The Constitution and What It Means Today. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

C. Beard (1929) An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States. New York: MacMillan.

R. Dahl (1956) A Preface to Democratic Theory. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

C. Jillson (1981) "Constitution-making: Alignment and Realignment in the Federal Convention of 1787." *APSR*. 75: 598-612.

C. Jillson & C. Eubanks (1984) "The Political Structure of Constitution-Making." *AJPS*. 28:

435-458.

J. Sundquist (1986) Constitutional Reform and Effective Government. Washington, DC: Brookings.

J. Wilson (1990) "Interests and Deliberation in the American Republic" *PS*. December 558-562.

M. Ethridge (1991) "Minority Power and Madisonianism." *AJPS*. 35: 335-356.

Samuel Freeman (1992) Original Meaning, Democratic Interpretation, and the Constitution, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, Vol. 21: 3-42

W. Riker (1996) The Strategy of Rhetoric. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

R. M. Smith (1997) Civic Ideals: Conflicting Visions of Citizenship in US History. New Haven: Yale University Press.

B. Weingast (1997) "The Political Foundations of Democracy and the Rule of Law." *APSR* 91: 245-263.

Week 3 Theory/History

Required: V. Ostrom, The Meaning of American Federalism: Constituting a Self-Governing Society (Reprint Edition, 1994- paperback).

Student Comments: [Jason Seitz](#) [Chris Jackson](#) [Dan Minnich](#) (good example of a strong "comment") [John Nah](#) [Julie Cardwell](#) [George Lichter](#)

Additional Bibliography:

D. Wright (1978) Understanding Intergovernmental Relations. North Scituate, MA: Duxbury.

S. Welch and K. Thompson (1980) "The Impact of Federal Incentives on State Policy Innovation." *AJPS*. 24: 715-729.

D. Walker (1981) Toward a Functioning Federalism. Cambridge: Winthrop. (Ch. 3 & 4)

J. Chubb (1985) "Federalism and the Bias for Centralization." in J. Chubb and P. Peterson (eds.) New Directions in American Politics.

J. Chubb (1985) "The Political Economy of Federalism." *APSR*. 79: 994-1015.

P. Peterson, B. Rabe, and K. Wong (1986) When Federalism Works. Washington, DC: Brookings.

T. Anton (1989) American Federalism and Public Policy: How the System Works. New York: Random House.

M. Rich (1989) "Distributive Politics and the Allocation of Federal Grants." *APSR*. 83: 193-213.

T. Dye (1990) American Federalism: Competition Among Governments. Lexington: Lexington Books.

A. Rivlin (1992) "A New Vision of American Federalism." *PAR*. 52: 315-320.

J. Lee and J. Shannon (1992) "The Crisis and Anti-Crisis Dynamic: Rebuilding the American Federal System." *PAR*. 52: 321-329.

M. Berkman (1993) The State Roots of National Politics: Congress and the Tax Agenda, 1978-1986. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.

P. Peterson (1995) The Price of Federalism. Washington, DC: Brookings.

Week 4 Paradigms in Political Science

Required: S. Huntington (1974) Paradigms in American Politics: Between the One, the Two and the Many. *PSQ* 89: 1-26 (Available through J-Stor)

Required: D. Arnold (1982) Overtilled and Undertilled Fields in American Politics. *PSQ* 97: 91-103 (Available through J-Stor)

Required: Systems Theory: D. Easton (1975) "A Re-examination of the Concept of

Political Support" *BJPS*. 5: 435-457.

Required: Rational Choice J. Aldrich (1993) "Rational Choice Theory and the Study of American Politics" in L. Dodd and C. Jillson (eds.) The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations. Boulder: Westview Press, 208-233.

Required: Pluralism/Interest Group Liberalism: J. Manley (1983) "Neo-Pluralism: A Class Analysis of Pluralism I and Pluralism II." *APSR*. 77: 368-389 (including comments by C. Lindblom and R. Dahl). (Available through J-Stor)

Required: American Exceptionalism: S. Steinmo (1993) "American Exceptionalism Reconsidered: Culture vs. Institutions" in L. Dodd & C. Jillson (eds.) The Dynamics of American Politics.

Required: Political Culture: A. Wildavsky (1987) "Choosing Preferences by Constructing Institutions: A Cultural Theory of Preference Formation." *APSR*. 81: 3-21. (plus comments by Laitin and reply by Wildavsky *APSR*. 82: 589-597.) (Available through J-Stor)

Required: Institutions and the State: J. March and J. Olson (1984) "The New Institutionalism and Organized Factors in American Life." *APSR*. 78: 734-749. (Available through J-Stor)

Student Comments: [Jason Seitz](#) [Chris Jackson](#) [Dan Minnich](#) [John Nah](#) [Julie Cardwell](#)
[Karen Gunter](#) [George Lichter](#)

Systems Theory

D. Easton (1965) *A Framework for Political Analysis*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

D. Easton (1965) *A Systems Analysis of Political Life*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Rational Choice

A. Downs (1957) An Economic Theory of Democracy. New York: Harper and Row. (Chapters 1-4,7,8,14)

W. Riker (1982) Liberalism Against Populism. San Francisco: W.H. Freeman. (Chapters 1, 2 & 4)

J. Enelow and M. Hinich (1984) The Spatial Theory of Voting. New York: Cambridge University Press.

K. Shepsle (1989) "Studying Institutions: Some Lessons from the Rational Choice Approach" *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 1: 131-147.

D. Green and I. Shapiro (1994) Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory. New Haven: Yale University Press. (plus Critical Review. Volume 9, #1-2 "Special Issue".)

D. Wittman (1995) The Myth of Democratic Failure: Why Political Institutions are Efficient. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Pluralism/Interest Group Liberalism

D. Truman (1951/1971) The Governmental Process. New York: Alfred Knopf. (Chapters 1-3, 16)

R. Dahl (1961) Who Governs? New Haven: Yale University Press.

P. Bacharach (1967) A Theory of Democratic Elitism. Boston: Little, Brown.

J. Walker (1966) "A Critique of The Elitist Theory of Democracy." *APSR*. 60: 285-295.

R. Dahl (1966) "Further Reflections on "The Elitist Theory of Democracy." *APSR*. 60: 296-305.

T. Lowi (1967) "The Public Philosophy: Interest Group Liberalism." *APSR*. 61: 5-24.

R. Dahl (1982) Dilemmas of Pluralist Democracy. New Haven: Yale University Press.

P. McClain and J. Garcia (1993) "Expanding Disciplinary Boundaries: Black, Latino and Racial Minority Group Politics in Political Science." in A. Finifter (ed.) Political Science: The State of

the Discipline II. Washington DC: APSA. 247-279.

C. Stone (1993) "Group Politics Re-examined: From Pluralism to Political Economy" in L. Dodd and C. Jillson (eds.) The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations. Boulder: Westview Press, 277-296.

American Exceptionalism

L. Hartz (1952) "American Political Thought and the American Revolution." *APSR*. 46: 321-342.

L. Hartz (1955) The Liberal Tradition in America. New York: Harcourt, Brace. (Chapter 1)

D. Bell (1975) "The End of American Exceptionalism." *The Public Interest*. 41: 193-224.

S. Huntington (1982) "American Ideals versus American Institutions." *PSQ*. 97: 1-37.

R. Rose (1989) "How Exceptional is the American Political Economy?" *PSQ*. 104: 91-115.

D. Bell (1989) "American Exceptionalism Revisited: The Role of a Civil Society." *The Public Interest*. 95: 38-56.

S. Lipset (1996) American Exceptionalism: A Double-Edged Sword. New York; W. W. Norton.

Political Culture

S. Stouffer (1955) Communism, Conformity and Civil Liberties. New York: Doubleday.

G. Almond & S. Verba (1963/65) The Civic Culture: Political Attitudes and Democracy in Five Nations. Boston: Little, Brown. (Chapters 1 & 3)

D. Elazar (1966/72) American Federalism: A View From the States. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell. (Chapters 4 & 5)

D. Devine (1972) The Political Culture of the United States. Boston: Little, Brown.

J. Hochschild (1981) What's Fair? American Beliefs about Distributive Justice. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

H. McCloskey and J. Zaller (1984) The American Ethos. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

S. Verba and G. Orren (1985) Equality in America. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. (Chaps. 1 & 2).

R. Inglehart (1988) "The Renaissance of Political Culture." *APSR*. 82: 1203-1230.

A. Wildavsky (1989) "A World of Difference - The Political Philosophies and Political Behaviors of Rival American Cultures." in A. King (ed.) The New American Political System. (2nd Edition.) Washington DC: AEI Press, 263-286.

E. J. Dionne, jr. (1991) Why Americans Hate Politics. New York: Simon and Schuster.

R. Ellis (1993) American Political Cultures. New York: Oxford University Press.

J. Lieske (1993) "Regional Subcultures of the United States." *JOP* 55: 888-913.

J. Granato, R. Inglehart and D. Leblang (1996) "The Effect of Cultural Values on Economic Development: Theory, Hypotheses and Some Empirical Tests." (plus comments by R. Jackman, R. Miller, D. Swank, response by authors and rejoinder) *AJPS*. 40: 607-716

G. Gendzel (1997) "Political Culture: Geneology of a Concept." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. 28: 225-250.

Institutions and the State

C. Lindblom (1977) Politics and Markets. New York: Basic Books.

M. Carnoy (1984) The State and Political Theory. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

E. Greenberg (1985) Capitalism and the American Political Ideal. (Chapters 2 & 3)

P. Evans (1985) Bringing the State Back In. New York: Cambridge University Press.

R. Alford and R. Friedland (1985) Powers of Theory. New York: Cambridge University Press.

G. Almond (1988) "The Return to the State." *APSR*. 82: 853-874. plus comments by Nordlinger, Lowi and Fabbrinni 875-901.

G. Esping-Andersen (1990) The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism. Princeton: Princeton

University Press.

T. Mitchell (1991) "The Limits of the State: Beyond Statist Approaches and Their Critics." *APSR*. 85: 77-96. (and comments *APSR*. 86: 1007-1021.)

T. Skocpol (1993) "The Origins of Social Policy in the United States: A Polity-Centered Analysis" in L. Dodd and C. Jillson (eds.) The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations. Boulder: Westview Press, 182-206.

Nature of American Democracy/Critics of the American Political System

T. Lowi (1969) The End of Liberalism. New York: W.W. Norton.

R. Hanson (1985) The Democratic Imagination in America. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

R. Dahl (1990) Democracy and Its Critics. New Haven: Yale University Press.

B. Jones (1994) Reconceiving Decision-Making in Democratic Politics. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

D. Kinder and L. Sanders (1996) Divided by Color. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

P. Sniderman and E. Carmines (1997) Reaching Beyond Race. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

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

Institutions

Week 5 Congress

Required: M. McCubbins and T. Schwartz (1984) "Congressional Oversight Overlooked: Police Patrols or Fire Alarms." *AJPS* 28: 165-179. (Available through J-Stor)

Required: L. Dodd (1986) "A Theory of Congressional Cycles: Solving the Puzzle of Change." in Wright et al. (eds.) Congress and Policy Change. NY: Agathon Press, pp: 3-44.

Required: D. Arnold (1990) The Logic of Congressional Action. New Haven: Yale University Press. (Chapters 1, 7, 10)

Required: M. Mezey (1993) "Legislatures: Individual Purpose and Institutional Performance." in A. Finifter (ed.) Political Science: The State of the Discipline II. Washington DC: APSA. 335-364.

Required: K. Shepsle and B. Weingast (1994) "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 19: 149-179.

Student comments on required readings: [Julie Cardwell](#) [George Lichter](#) [Jason Seitz](#) [John Nah](#) [Karen Gunter](#) [Dan Minnich](#) [Chris Jackson](#)

Additional Bibliography

D. Matthews (1960) U.S. Senators and Their World. New York: Vintage.

W. Miller and D. Stokes (1963) "Constituency Influence in Congress." *APSR*. 57: 45-56.

N. Polsby (1968) "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." *APSR*. 62: 144-168.

R. Fenno (1973) Congressman in Committees. Boston: Little, Brown.

J. Kingdon (1973/89) Congressmen's Voting Decisions. (3rd Ed.) New York: Harper & Row.

D. Mayhew (1974) Congress: The Electoral Connection. New Haven: Yale University Press.

R. Fenno (1978) Home Style. Boston: Little, Brown.

M. Fiorina (1977/1989) Congress: Keystone to the Washington Establishment. New Haven: Yale University Press.

J. Sundquist (1981) The Decline and Resurgence of Congress. Washington, DC: Brookings. (Ch. 1,7,13-16)

J. Cooper and D. Brady (1981) "Institutional Context and Leadership Style: The House from Cannon to Rayburn." *APSR*. 75: 411-425.

S. Smith and C. Deering (1984/1990) Committees in Congress. (2nd ed.) Washington DC: CQ Press.

M. McCubbins and T. Page (1987) "A Theory of Congressional Delegation." in M. McCubbins and T. Sullivan (eds.) Congress: Structure and Process. NY: Cambridge University Press. 409-425.

D. Brady (1988) Critical Elections and Congressional Policy Making. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press.

B. Sinclair (1989) The Transformation of the U.S. Senate. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

D. Rohde (1991) Parties and Leaders in the Post-Reform House. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

K. Krehbiel (1991) Information and Legislative Organization. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

D. R. Kiewiet and M. McCubbins (1991) The Logic of Delegation: Congressional Parties and the Appropriation Process. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

G. Jacobson (1992) The Politics of Congressional Elections. (3rd edition) NY: Harper Collins.

S. Ansolabehere, D. Bray & M. Fiorina (1992) "The Vanishing Marginal and Electoral Responsiveness." *BJPS*. 22: 21-38.

G. Cox and M. McCubbins (1993) Legislative Leviathan. Berkeley: University of California Press.

L. Dodd (1993) "Congress and the Politics of Renewal: Redressing the Crisis of Legitimation." in L. Dodd & B. Oppenheimer (eds.) Congress Reconsidered. (5th edition) Washington, DC: CQ Press.

B. Sinclair (1995) Legislators, Leaders and Lawmaking. Baltimore; Johns Hopkins.

P. Herrnsen (1995) Congressional Elections. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

R. Stein and K. Bickers (1995) Perpetuating the Pork Barrel: Policy Subsystems and American Democracy. New York: Cambridge University Press.

J. Hibbing and E. Theiss-Morse (1995) Congress as Public Enemy: Public Attitudes Toward American Political Institutions. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

R. Hall (1996) Participation in Congress. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

S. Adler and J. Lipinski (1997) "Demand Side Theory and Congressional Committee Composition: A Constituency Characteristics Approach." *AJPS*.

N. Ornstein, R. Peabody and D. Rohde (1997) "The US Senate: Toward the 21st Century." in L. Dodd and B. Oppenheimer (eds.) Congress Reconsidered (6th Ed.), 1-28.

L. Dodd and B. Oppenheimer (1997) "Revolution in the House: Testing the Limits of Party Government." in L. Dodd and B. Oppenheimer (eds.) Congress Reconsidered (6th Ed.) 29-60.

Week 6

Required R. Neustadt (1960/1991) Presidential Power and the Modern Presidency: The Politics of Leadership from Roosevelt to Reagan. New York: The Free Press. Chapters 1-3

Required: C. Jones (1994) The Presidency in a Separated System. Washington, DC: Brookings. (Chapters 1-5)

Required: Hager and Sullivan (1994) President-centered and Presidency centered Explanations of Presidential Public Activity. *AJPS* 38: 1079-1103.

Student Comments: [Lichter](#) [Gunter](#) [Nah](#) [Jackson](#) [Minnich](#) [Seitz](#) [Cardwell](#)

Additional Bibliography

P. Sperlich (1975) "Bargaining and Overload:..." in A. Wildavsky (ed.) Perspectives on the Presidency. Boston: Little, Brown, 406-430. (Comment on Neustadt)

- J. Barber (1972/1992) The Presidential Character (4th edition). Englewood Cliffs. NJ: Prentice Hall. (Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15)
- J. Qualls (1977) "Barber's Typological Analysis of Political Leaders." *APSR*. 71: 182-211. (and Barber's response: "Nonsensical Analysis of Nonexistent Works." *APSR*. 71: 212-225.)
- S. Skowronek (1984) "Presidential Leadership in Political Time" in Nelson (ed.) The Presidency and the Political System.
- S. Kernell (1986) Going Public: New Strategies of Presidential Leadership. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly.
- D. Rivers and N. Rose (1985) "Passing the President's Program: Public Opinion and Presidential Influence in Congress." *AJPS*. 29: 183-196.
- G. Edwards and S. Wayne (1990) Presidential Leadership. New York: St. Martin's Press.
- T. Sullivan (1990) "Bargaining with the President: A Simple Game and Some Evidence." *APSR*. 84: 1167-1196.
- R. Rose (1991) The Postmodern Presidency (2nd Edition). Chatham: Chatham House.
- D. Gleiber and S. Shull (1992) "Presidential Influence in the Policymaking Process." *WPQ*. 45: 441-467.
- S. Skoronek (1992) "Franklin Roosevelt and the Modern Presidency." *SAPD*. 6: 322-358.
- S. Skoronek (1993) The Politics Presidents Make: Leadership from John Adams to George Bush. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. (Chapters 1-3, 8)
- C. Campbell (1993) "Political Executives and Their Officials." in A. Finifter (ed.) *Political Science: The State of the Discipline II*. Washington DC: APSA. 383-406.
- P. Light (1993) "Presidential Policy Making" in George Edwards et al. (eds.) *Researching the Presidency: Vital Questions, New Approaches*. 161-199.
- B. Woodward (1994) The Agenda: Inside the Clinton Whitehouse. New York: Simon & Schuster.
- C. Jones (1994) The Presidency in a Separated System. Washington, DC: Brookings. (Chapters 1-5)
- S. Renshon (1996) *The Psychological Assessment of Presidential Candidates*. Albany: NYU Press.
- J. Cohen (1997) Presidential Responsiveness and Public Policy Making: The Publics and the Policies that Presidents Choose. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- T. Cronin & M. Genovese (1998) The Paradoxes of the American Presidency. New York: Oxford University Press.

Week 7 Divided Government

- Required:** C. Jones (1994) The Presidency in a Separated System. Washington, DC: Brookings. (Chapters 6-7)
- Required:** M. Fiorina (1992/96) Divided Government. (2nd Ed.) Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

Student Comments: [Lichter](#) [Gunter](#) [Nah](#) [Jackson](#) [Minnich](#) [Seitz](#) [Cardwell](#)

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- V. O. Key (1956) American State Politics. New York: Alfred Knopf. (Chapter 7)
- A. Cowart (1973) "Electoral Choice in the American States: Incumbency Effects, Partisan Forces, and Divergent Partisan Majorities." *APSR*. 67: 835-853.
- J. Sundquist (1988) "Needed: A Political Theory for a New Era of Coalition Government in the United States." *PSQ*. 103: 613-635.
- G. Cox and S. Kernell (1991) The Politics of Divided Government. Boulder: Westview Press.
- G. Jacobson (1990) The Electoral Origins of Divided Government. Boulder: Westview Press.
- D. Mayhew (1991) Divided We Govern: Party Control, Lawmaking and Investigations.

1946-1990. New Haven: Yale University Press.

R. Born (1994) "Split Ticket Voters, Divided Government and Fiorina's Policy-Balancing Model." (plus rejoinder and response) *LSQ*. 19: 95-129.

M. Shugart (1995) "The Electoral Cycle and Institutional Sources of Divided Presidential Government." *APSR*. 89: 327-343.

A. Alesina and H. Rosenthal (1995) Partisan Politics, Divided Government and the Economy. New York: Cambridge University Press.

D. Epstein and S. O'Halloran (1996) "Divided Government and the Design of Administrative Procedures: A Formal Model and Empirical Test." *JOP*. 58: 373-397.

K. Krehbiel (1996) "Institutional and Partisan Sources of Gridlock: A Theory of Divided and Unified Government." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 8: 7-40.

Week 8 Supreme Court

Required: R. Dahl (1957) Decision Making in a Democracy: The Supreme Court as a National Policy-maker." *Journal of Public Law*. 6: 279-295.

Required: B. Canon (1992) "The Supreme Court as Cheerleader in Politico-Moral Disputes." *JOP* 54: 637-653. (Available through J-Stor)

Required: J. Gibson, G. Caldeira, and V. Baird (1998) "On the Legitimacy of National High Courts." *APSR* 92: 343-358.

Student Comments: [Lichter](#) [Gunter](#) [Nah](#) [Jackson](#) [Minnich](#) [Seitz](#) [Cardwell](#)

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W. Murphy (1964) Elements of Judicial Strategy. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

G. Schubert (1965) The Judicial Mind. Evanston: Northwestern University Press.

R. Berger (1977) Government by Judiciary: The Transformation of the 14th Amendment. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

H. Spaeth (1979) Supreme Court Policy Making: Explanation and Prediction. San Francisco: Freeman.

J. Choper (1980) Judicial Review and the National Political Process. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

D. O'Brien (1986) Storm Center. (2nd edition) New York: W.W. Norton.

T. Marshall (1987) "The Supreme Court as Opinion Leader." *APQ*. 15: 147-168.

K. Hall (1988) The Magic Mirror: Law in American History. New York: Oxford University Press.

G. Caldiera & J. Wright (1988) "Organized Interests and Agenda Setting in the U.S. Supreme Court." *APSR* 82: 1109-1127.

C. Franklin and L. Kosaki (1989) "The Republican Schoolmaster: The Supreme Court, Public Opinion and Abortion." *APSR*. 83: 751-772.

R. Bork (1990) The Tempting of America: The Political Seduction of the Law. New York: Simon & Schuster.

G. Rosenberg (1991) The Hollow Hope: Can Courts Bring About Social Change? Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

H. Perry (1991) Deciding to Decide: Agenda Setting in the U.S. Supreme Court. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

L. Baum (1991) "Membership Change and Collective Voting Change in the US Supreme Court." *JOP*. 3-24.

L. Epstein & J. Kobylyka (1992) The Supreme Court and Legal Change. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

J. Gates (1992) The Supreme Court and Partisan Realignment. Boulder: Westview Press.

- T. George and L. Epstein (1992) "On the Nature of Supreme Court Decision Making." *APSR*. 86: 323-337.
- R. Hodder-Williams (1992) "Six Notions of 'Political' and the US Supreme Court." *BJPS*. 22: 1-20.
- J. Segal and H. Spaeth (1993) The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model. New York: Cambridge.
- W. Mischler & R. Songer (1993) "The Supreme Court as Countermajoritarian Institution? The Impact of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decisions." *APSR*. 87: 87-101.
- R. Davis (1994) Decisions and Images: The Supreme Court and the Press. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall.
- S. Brenner and H. Spaeth (1995) Stare Indecisus: The Alteration of Precedent on the Supreme Court, 1946-1992. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- H. Jacob et al. (1996) Courts, Law and Politics in Comparative Perspective. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- S. Gerber and K. Park (1997) "The Quixotic Search for Consensus on the US Supreme Court: A Cross-Judicial Empirical Analysis of the Rehnquist Court Justices." *APSR* 91: 390-408.
- C. Shipan (1997) Designing Judicial Review: Interest Groups, Congress and Communications Policy. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press.
- L. Epstein and J. Knight (1998) The Choices Justices Make. Washington, DC: CQ Press.
- T. Johnson and A. Martin (1998) "The Public's Conditional Response to Supreme Court Decisions." *APSR* 92: 299-310.
- P. Walbeck, J. Spriggs II, and F. Maltzman (1998) "Marshalling the Court: Bargaining and Accommodation on the US Supreme Court." *AJPS* 42: 294-315
- S. Wood, et al. (1998) "Acclimating Effects for Supreme Court Justices: A Cross-Validation, 1888-1940." *AJPS* 42: 690-697.
- C. Epp (1998) The Rights Revolution: Lawyers, Activists and Supreme Courts in Comparative Perspective. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- H. Spaeth and J. Segal (1999) Majority Rule or Minority Will: Adherence to Precedence on the US Supreme Court. NY: Cambridge University Press.
- C. Sunstein (1999) One Case at a Time: Judicial Minimalism on the Supreme Court. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Week 9 Political Parties

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Week 15 Candidate Behavior

Required: Campaign Craft Daniel M. Shea

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Grading: Your grade for the course will be determined by your performance in two areas: **written assignments** and **participation**. Your participation percentage is set at 25 percent. You will be evaluated on how prepared you are for your role as discussion leader as well as whether or not you

prepared your **weekly readings commentary** in a responsible fashion. Thus, participation grades come from your **weekly** verbal and written participation. The other 75 percent of your grade is determined by your performance on the following assignments.

Assignments:

One- (25 percent) Applying Paradigms in Political Science: Many paradigms offer partial explanations of American politics. Choose a recent phenomenon of interest to you and offer explanations of this from the perspective of at least three of the following:

1. Institutional Theory
2. State or Polity Centered Viewpoint
3. Rational Actor Theory
4. Cultural Explanations (including American Exceptionalism perspectives)
5. Economic Theory
6. Psychological Explanations of Behavior

Due: End of Week 5 /Length: 5-8 pages

Two- (25 percent) Examining Political Institutions in American Politics:
Choose a political institution of most interest to you.

1. President/Presidency
2. U S. Congress
3. U S Supreme Court
4. Federal Bureaucracy
5. Political Parties
6. Interest Groups

Part 1 What have we learned about this institution from existing research? What questions about the operation, politics, or effectiveness of this institution seem well answered and what questions seem less well answered or not discussed at all?

Part 2. Take a question or set of questions in the latter categories ("less well" or "not at all") and respond to the following queries and directions:

Write a research design laying out the way you'd design a study to answer your question(s). Money is no object. But be clear why the study would be productive and defend each decision you make with regard to what to study and what to ignore, what data is appropriate and what is not, how you would conceptualize and operationalize key concepts, etc.

Questions to consider include:

Why is your question a "good one"?

What makes it interesting to Political Science?

What theory(ies) would you use to try to answer this question?

How does the theory inform what question you chose, what type of answer you expect, and what type(s) of data or information you'd collect to try to answer the question(s)?

Due: End of Week 10/Length 8 to 10 pages

Three (25 percent) Explaining Political Behavior: Choose a political "behavior" of most interest to you.

- 1.Acquisition or change of political opinions
- 2.Socialization to politics
- 3.Voting (turnout)
- 4.Voting for a specific candidate or party
- 5.Participation, other than voting
- 6.Membership in a politically active interest group

What explanations most satisfy you about how we understand this political behavior? What evidence supports your conclusions? What theory and/or evidence contradicts your conclusions? Why are these alternative explanations or contrary evidence not conclusive?

Due: End of Week 16 /Length: 6-8 pages.

Weekly Comments

Non-discussion leaders are expected to write *one page* comments on the weeks readings to be distributed via e-mail by Noon Sunday afternoon. This gives ample time to review your communication, particularly given slow servers and such. These comments should highlight important points/major weaknesses and strengths, critique perspectives offered by these readings, and identify questions each reader believes need to be answered by further discussion or additional research. Late emails or the absence of emails will be penalized. If for some reason you are not able to email your peers with your commentary, hard copies must be in their/my folders/mailbox first thing Monday morning.