

# POLI 760: American Government and Politics

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**Course Description:** This course is the gateway proseminar in American politics. As such, it is designed to provide an overview of the research literature on a wide array of topics, each of which has an extensive literature of its own. The course focuses predominantly on the two major sub-fields of political behavior and political institutions. Since this is an introduction to the literature, in many weeks we will cover both contemporary and “classic” work.

**Learning Outcomes:** Students who successfully complete the course will demonstrate the ability to:

- describe the theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of American politics
- apply and evaluate theories, hypotheses, and supporting evidence
- actively and deeply participate in class discussion
- identify unresolved questions in the existing literature
- produce an original piece of scholarly research that contributes to the understanding of American politics.

**Prerequisite(s):** While there are no formal prerequisites for this course, it is tailored for Ph.D. students in political science. Students will benefit from having taken POLI 701, the introduction to research design, and POLI 502, the introduction to statistical methods, in a previous semester. If you do not fit this profile I generally would not recommend that you take this course, although I would be happy to discuss it as an option under certain circumstances.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Office Hours:** W 11:00-12:00, and by appointment

**Course Materials:** Required readings for the course will be drawn primarily from selected books and numerous journal articles. Students should bring all required readings with them to class on the day they are assigned. Readings may be added or dropped and the syllabus and schedule may be altered at the discretion of the instructor.

*Required Books:*

Aldrich, John H. 2011. *Why Parties? A Second Look*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Cramer, Katherine J. 2016. *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Jardina, Ashley. 2019. *White Identity Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Mason, Lilliana. 2011. *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*. Chicago: University of

Chicago Press.

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

## **Expectations and Evaluation**

Because this is a Ph.D.-level seminar and not a lecture-oriented course, the success of the class will depend heavily on the full participation of each student. Broadly speaking, students will be expected to do all the required reading prior to each scheduled meeting and to participate actively and thoughtfully in class discussion.

You have now moved past the “consumer” stage of your academic career and into the phase in which your interaction with what you read takes on the form of a dialogue as you become a “producer” of knowledge. This requires reading and writing much more than you may be accustomed to doing. As such, I cannot stress enough how important it will be to keep on schedule, to constructively give and receive criticism, to take intellectual risks, and to persevere. What that means for this class is that you should not hesitate to engage deeply in discussion and begin reading beyond the syllabus.

Grades for the course will be comprised of the following three components:

### **1. Class participation and discussion (30%)**

As described above, it is imperative that every student attend each class session prepared to be an active participant in discussion. Both the quantity and the quality of comments are important, including leading discussion on the days that correspond with submission of a critical review. Let me emphasize that you will not earn higher than a B+ in this course unless you are a frequent, well-prepared, and thoughtful participant in class discussion. This also means that you should be prepared to lead discussion on any article when called upon to do so.

### **2. Critical Reviews (60%)**

Students will be required to complete four critical reviews of the literature assigned for specific weeks. These papers will be 6-8 pages (double-spaced, at most a 12 point font, with one inch margins) and they should **concisely** synthesize the theory, methods, and findings and—most importantly, and at **greater length—critique** the literature for that particular week. Effort and attention should be focused on analysis and criticism and not on summarization.

### **3. Human Subjects Training (10%)**

Ethical research practices are a critical component of political science. As scholars who are becoming producers of knowledge, it is important for you to be familiar with and trained in proper procedures for conducting research that involves human subjects. As a result, all students will be required to provide proof of completion of the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)'s basic course on human subjects research in the social and behavioral sciences. More information will be provided on this during the semester, including the due date for the completion of this requirement.

**Formatting:** All papers should be prepared professionally. This means using standard fonts and formatting (such as double spacing), as well as disciplinary standards for citations and references.

It would be a good idea to begin familiarizing yourself now with the APSA's *Style Manual*, which covers the format required for submissions to many (albeit not all) political science journals. You can access it here: <https://connect.apsanet.org/stylemanual/>. While not required, I encourage production of papers in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**A Note on Grading:** A minimum grade of a "C" in this course is required in order for it to count toward fulfilling the Ph.D. degree requirements. However, a grade less than a "B" is typically considered unsatisfactory, and in fact a student receiving three grades below a "B" is at risk of removal from the Ph.D. program. All work will be graded on a letter scale, with an "A" representing exceptional work, a "B+" good performance, and a "B" minimally satisfactory output.

**Accessibility:** Any student with a documented disability should contact the Office of Student Disability Services at 803-777-6142 and then follow up with me to make arrangements for appropriate accommodations.

**Incompletes and Academic Integrity:** All work must be turned when it is due. I do not give incompletes save for truly exceptional circumstances of a serious and unforeseen nature. In accordance with the USC Honor Code and professional standards, I expect that all work will be your own and take very seriously any form of academic misrepresentation, including improper or omitted citation of sources and misappropriation of another's work. Students are also expected to conduct themselves in a professional and civil manner.

## Course Schedule

### Week 1 (January 15): Political Participation

Brady, Henry E., Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 89: 279–294.

Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Riley. Ch. 2, 5.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper. Ch. 1, 14.

Gerber, Alan S., and Donald P. Green. 2000. "The Effects of Canvassing, Telephone Calls, and Direct Mail on Voter Turnout: A Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 94: 653–663.

Karpowitz, Christopher F., Tali Mendelberg, and Lee Shaker. 2012. "Gender Inequality in Deliberative Participation." *American Political Science Review* 106: 533–547.

Putnam, Robert D. 1995. "Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital." *Journal of Democracy* 6: 65–78.

Riker, William H., and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *American Political Science Review* 62: 25–42.

*Recommended:*

Aldrich, John H. 1993. "Rational Choice and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 37: 246–278.

Fowler, James H., Laura A. Baker, and Christopher T. Dawes. 2008. "Genetic Variation in Political Participation." *American Political Science Review* 102: 233–248.

Holbein, John B., and D. Sunshine Hillygus. 2016. "Making Young Voters: The Impact of Preregistration on Youth Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 60 (2): 364–382.

Jackman, Robert W. 1987. "Political Institutions and Voter Turnout in Industrial Democracies." *American Political Science Review* 81: 405–423.

Kahn, Kim Fridkin, and Patrick J. Kenney. 1999. "Do Negative Campaigns Mobilize or Suppress Turnout? Clarifying the Relationship between Negativity and Participation." *American Political Science Review* 93: 877–889.

Krupnikov, Yanna. 2011. "When Does Negativity Demobilize? Tracing the Conditional Effect of Negative Campaigning on Voter Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 55 (4): 797–813.

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

Prior, Markus. 2007. *Post-Broadcast Democracy: How Media Choice Increases Inequality in Political Involvement and Polarizes Elections*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

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

Timpone, Richard J. 1998. "Structure, Behavior, and Voter Turnout in the United States." *American Political Science Review* 92: 145–158.

Verba, Sidney, Kay L. Schlozman, and Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

## **Week 2 (January 22): Public Opinion – Foundations**

Achen, Christopher H. 1975. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." *American Political Science Review* 69: 1218–1231.

Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." In *Ideology and Discontent*, ed. David E. Apter. New York: Free Press.

Jerit, Jennifer. 2009. "How Predictive Appeals Affect Policy Opinions." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (2): 411–426.

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

*Recommended:*

Brehm, John. 1993. *The Phantom Respondents: Opinion Surveys and Political Representation*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Feldman, Stanley. 1988. "Structure and Consistency in Public Opinion: The Role of Core Beliefs and Values." *American Journal of Political Science* 32: 416–440.

Mutz, Diana C., and Jeffrey J. Mondak. 2006. "The Workplace as a Context for Cross-cutting Political Discourse." *Journal of Politics* 68 (1): 140-155.

Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1992. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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: 233–249.

Zaller, John R., and Stanley Feldman. 1992. "A Simple Theory of the Survey Response: Answering Questions versus Revealing Preferences." *American Journal of Political Science* 36: 579–616.

### **Week 3 (January 29): Public Opinion – Framing and Citizen Competence**

Barabas, Jason. 2004. "How Deliberation Affects Policy Opinions." *American Political Science Review* 98: 678–701.

Druckman, James N., Erik Peterson, and Rune Slothuus. 2013. "How Elite Partisan Polarization Affects Public Opinion Formation." *American Political Science Review* 107: 57–79.

Kuklinski, James H., Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit, David Schwieder, and Robert F. Rich. 2000. "Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship." *Journal of Politics* 62: 790–816.

Lupia, Arthur. 1994. "Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections." *American Political Science Review* 88: 63–76.

Miller, Joanne M., and Jon A. Krosnick. 2000. "News Media Impact on the Ingredients of Presidential Evaluations: Politically Knowledgeable Citizens Are Guided by a Trusted Source." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 301–315.

Mondak, Jeffrey J. 2001. "Developing Valid Knowledge Scales." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 224–238.

*Recommended:*

Barabas, Jason, and Jennifer Jerit. 2010. "Are Survey Experiments Externally Valid?" *American Political Science Review* 104: 226–242.

Bartels, Larry M. 1996. "Uninformed Votes: Information Effects in Presidential Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 194–230.

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

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

Druckman, James N. 2001. "On the Limits of Framing Effects: Who Can Frame?" *Journal of Politics* 63: 1041–1066.

Hetherington, Marc J. 1998. "The Political Relevance of Political Trust." *American Political Science Review* 92: 791–808.

Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2001. "Advantages and Disadvantages of Cognitive Heuristics in Political Decision Making." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 951–971.

Rahn, Wendy M., John H. Aldrich, and Eugene Borgida. 1994. "Individual and Contextual Variations in Political Candidate Appraisal." *American Political Science Review* 88 (1): 193–199.

#### **Week 4 (February 5): Voting Behavior**

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

Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Riley. Ch. 6, 7.

Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1980. "The Two Faces of Issue Voting." *American Political Science Review* 74: 78–91.

Coppock, Alexander, and Donald P. Green. 2016. "Is Voting Habit Forming? New Evidence from Experiments and Regression Discontinuities." *American Journal of Political Science* 60: 1044–1062.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper. Ch. 3, 13.

Klar, Samara. 2014. "Partisanship in a Social Setting." *American Journal of Political Science* 58 (3): 687–704.

Lodge, Milton, Kathleen M. McGraw, and Patrick Stroh. 1989. "An Impression-Driven Model of Candidate Evaluation." *American Political Science Review* 83: 399–419.

*Recommended:*

Abramson, Paul R., John H. Aldrich, Phil Paolino, and David W. Rohde. 1992. "'Sophisticated' Voting in the 1988 Presidential Primaries." *American Political Science Review* 86: 55–69.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper. Ch. 11, 12.

Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. Ch. 1.

Hetherington, Marc J. 1999. "The Effect of Political Trust on the Presidential Vote, 1968–1996." *American Political Science Review* 93: 311–326.

MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1992. "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy." *American Political Science Review* 86: 597–611.

Markus, Gregory B., and Philip E. Converse. 1979. "A Dynamic Simultaneous Equation Model of Electoral Choice." *American Political Science Review* 73: 1055–1070.

Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

## **Week 5 (February 12): Political Polarization**

Fiorina, Morris P., and Samuel J. Abrams. 2008. "Political Polarization in the American Public." *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 563–588.

Klar, Samara, Yanna Krupnikov, and John Barry Ryan. 2018. "Affective Polarization or Partisan Disdain?: Untangling a Dislike for the Opposing Party from a Dislike of Partisanship." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82 (2): 379–390.

Levendusky, Matthew S. 2013. "Why Do Partisan Media Polarize Viewers?" *American Journal of Political Science* 57 (3): 611–623.

Martin, Gregory J, and Steven W. Webster. ND. "Does Residential Sorting Explain Geographic Polarization?" *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Mason, Lilliana. 2011. *Uncivil Agreement: How Politics Became Our Identity*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Stoker, Laura, and M. Kent Jennings. 2008. "Of Time and the Development of Partisan Polarization." *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (3): 619–635.

*Recommended:*

Abramowitz, Alan I., and Kyle L. Saunders. 2008. "Is Polarization a Myth?" *The Journal of Politics* 70 (2): 542–555.

Druckman, James N., Erik Peterson, and Rune Slothuus. 2013. "How Elite Partisan Polarization Affects Public Opinion Formation." *American Political Science Review* 107: 57–79.

Fiorina, Morris P., Samuel A. Abrams, and Jeremy C. Pope. 2008. "Polarization in the American Public: Misconceptions and Misreadings." *The Journal of Politics* 70 (2): 556–560.

Levendusky, Matthew S., and Neil Malhotra. 2015. "(Mis)perceptions of Partisan Polarization in the American Public." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80 (S1): 378-391.

Mason, Lilliana. 2015. "'?I Disrespectfully Agree?: The Differential Effects of Partisan Sorting on Social and Issue Polarization'." *American Journal of Political Science* 59: 128-145.

Thomsen, Danielle M. 2014. "Ideological Moderates Wont Run: How Party Fit Matters for Partisan Polarization in Congress." *The Journal of Politics* 76 (3): 786-797.

## **Week 6 (February 19): Political Psychology**

Brader, Ted. 2005. "Striking a Responsive Chord: How Political Ads Motivate and Persuade Voters by Appealing to Emotions." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (2): 388-405.

Druckman, James N., James H. Kuklinski, and Lee Sigelman. 2009. "The Unmet Potential of Interdisciplinary Research: Political Psychological Approaches to Voting and Public Opinion." *Political Behavior* 31: 485-510.

Feldman, Stanley. 2003. "Enforcing Social Conformity: A Theory of Authoritarianism." *Political Psychology* 24 (1): 41-74.

Fiske, Susan T., Donald R. Kinder, and W. Michael Larmer. 1983. "The novice and the expert: Knowledge-based strategies in political cognition." *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 19 (4): 381-400.

Gerber, Alan S., James G. Gimpel, Donald P. Green, and Daron R. Shaw. 2011. "How Large and Long-lasting Are the Persuasive Effects of Televised Campaign Ads? Results from a Randomized Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 105: 135-150.

Goren, Paul, Christopher M. Federico, and Miki Caul Kittilson. 2009. "Source Cues, Partisan Identities, and Political Value Expression." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (4): 805-820.

Huddy, Leonie, Stanley Feldman, Charles Taber, and Gallya Lahav. 2005. "Threat, Anxiety, and Support of Antiterrorism Policies." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (3): 593-608.



*Recommended:*

Clifford, Scott, and Jennifer Jerit. 2013. "How Words Do the Work of Politics: Moral Foundations Theory and the Debate over Stem Cell Research." *The Journal of Politics* 75 (3): 659-671.

Conover, Pamela J. 1988. "The Role of Social Groups in Political Thinking." *British Journal of Political Science* 18: 51-76.

Druckman, James N., Donald P. Green, James H. Kuklinski, and Arthur Lupia. 2006. "The Growth and Development of Experimental Research in Political Science." *American Political Science Review* 100: 627-635.

Goren, Paul. 2005. "Party Identification and Core Political Values." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (4): 881-896.

Mutz, Diana C., and Byron Reeves. 2005. "The New Videomalaise: Effects of Televised Incivility on Political Trust." *American Political Science Review* 99 (1): 1-15.

## **Week 7 (February 26): Gender and Politics**

Badas, Alex, and Katelyn E. Stauffer. 2019. "Voting for Women in Nonpartisan and Partisan Elections." *Electoral Studies* 57: 245-255.

Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Suzanna De Boef, and Tse-Min Lin. 2004. "The Dynamics of the Partisan Gender Gap." *American Political Science Review* 98: 515-528.

Clayton, Amanda, Diana Z. O'Brien, and Jennifer M. Piscopo. 2019. "All Male Panels? Representation and Democratic Legitimacy." *American Journal of Political Science* 63 (1): 113-129.

Fox, Richard L., and Jennifer L. Lawless. 2004. "Entering the Arena? Gender and the Decision to Run for Office." *American Journal of Political Science* 48: 264-280.

Huddy, Leonie, and Nayda Terkildsen. 1993. "Gender Stereotypes and the Perception of Male and Female Candidates." *American Political Science Review* 37: 119-147.

Karpowitz, Christopher F., Quin Monson, and Jessica R. Preece. 2017. "How to Elect More Women: Gender and Candidate Success in a Field Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 61: 927-943.

*Recommended:*

Hawkesworth, Mary. 2003. "Congressional Enactments of Race-Gender: Toward a Theory of Raced-Gendered Institutions." *American Political Science Review* 97: 529-550.

Kalla, Joshua, Frances Rosenbluth, and Dawn Teele. 2018. "Are You My Mentor? A Field Experiment on Gender, Ethnicity, and Political Self Starters." *Journal of Politics* 80: 337-341.

Kanthak, Kristin, and Jonathan Woon. 2015. "Women Don't Run? Election Aversion and Candidate Entry." *American Journal of Political Science* 59 (3): 595-612.

Karpowitz, Christopher F., Tali Mendelberg, and Lee Shaker. 2012. "Gender Inequality in Deliberative Participation." *American Political Science Review* 106: 533-547.

Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent Yes?" *Journal of Politics* 61 (3): 628-657.

Wolbrecht, Christina. 2010. *The Politics of Women's Rights: Parties, Positions, and Change*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

### **Week 8 (March 4): Race and Politics**

Baumgartner, Frank R., Derek A. Epp, Kelsey Shoub, and Bayard Love. 2017. "Driving While Black: It's Getting Worse." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5 (1): 107-131.

Brown, Robert, and Todd C. Shaw. 2002. "Separate Nations: Two Attitudinal Dimensions of Black Nationalism." *Journal of Politics* 64 (1): 22-44.

Jardina, Ashley. 2019. *White Identity Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

King, Desmond S., and Rogers M. Smith. 2005. "Racial Orders in American Political Development." *American Political Science Review* 99: 75-92.

Link, Michael W., and Robert W. Oldendick. 1996. "Social Construction and White Attitudes toward Equal Opportunity and Multiculturalism." *Journal of Politics* 58: 149-68.

White, Ismail K. 2007. "When Race Matters and When It Doesn't: Racial Group Differences in Response to Racial Cues." *American Political Science Review* 101 (2): 339-354.

#### *Recommended:*

Acharya, Avdit, Matthew Blackwell, and Maya Sen. 2016. "The Political Legacy of American Slavery." *Journal of Politics* 78: 621-641.

Dawson, Michael C. 1995. *Behind the Mule: Race and Class in African-American Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Key, V. O., Jr. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: A.A. Knopf.

Oliver, J. Eric, and Tali Mendelberg. 2000. "Reconsidering the Environmental Determinants of White Racial Attitudes." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 574-589.

*March 11: No Class (Spring Break)*

**Week 9 (March 18): Macro Politics, the Media, and Policymaking**

Barabas, Jason, and Jennifer Jerit. 2009. "Estimating the Causal Effects of Media Coverage on Policy-Specific Knowledge." *American Journal of Political Science* 53: 73-89.

Gilens, Martin. 2001. "Political Ignorance and Collective Policy Preferences." *American Political Science Review* 95: 379-396.

Prior, Markus. 2013. "Media and Political Polarization." *Annual Review of Political Science* 16: 101-127.

Scheufele, Dietram A. 1999. "Framing as a theory of media effects." *Journal of Communication* 49 (1): 103-122.

Stimson, James A., Michael B. MacKuen, and Robert S. Erikson. 1995. "Dynamic Representation." *American Political Science Review* 89: 543-565.

Wlezien, Christopher. 1995. "The Public as Thermostat: Dynamics of Preferences for Spending." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 981-1000.

*Recommended:*

Althaus, Scott L. 2003. *Collective Preferences in Democratic Politics: Opinion Surveys and the Will of the People*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Baumgartner, Frank R., and Bryan D. Jones. 2009. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Berry, Christopher R., Barry C. Burden, and William G. Howell. 2010. "After Enactment: The Lives and Deaths of Federal Programs." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 1-17.

Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. *The Macro Polity*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Kingdon, John W. 1995. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2nd ed. New York: Harper Collins.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1998. *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Mutz, Diana C. 2007. "Effects of "In-Your-Face" Television Discourse on Perceptions of a Legitimate Opposition." *American Political Science Review* 101 (4): 45-59.

Stimson, James A. 2004. *Tides of Consent: How Public Opinion Shapes American Politics*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## Week 10 (March 25): Congress

Ansolabehere, Stephen, James M. Snyder, Jr., and Charles Stewart III. 2001. "Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 136–159.

Binder, Sarah A. 1999. "The Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock, 1947-96." *American Political Science Review* 93 (3): 519–533.

Collie, Melissa P. 1988. "Universalism and the Parties in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1921–80." *American Journal of Political Science* 32 (4): 865–883.

Fenno, Richard F. 1977. "U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies: An Exploration." *American Political Science Review* 71: 883–917.

Jacobson, Gary C. 2015. "It's Nothing Personal: The Decline of the Incumbency Advantage in US House Elections." *Journal of Politics* 77: 861–873.

Mayhew, David R. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press. Ch. 1.

Miller, Warren E., and Donald E. Stokes. 1963. "Constituency Influence in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 57: 45–56.

Shepsle, Kenneth A., and Barry R. Weingast. 1987. "The Institutional Foundations of Committee Power." *American Political Science Review* 81: 85–104.

Weingast, Barry R., and William J. Marshall. 1988. "The Industrial Organization of Congress; or, Why Legislatures, Like Firms, Are Not Organized as Markets." *Journal of Political Economy* 96: 132–163.

### *Recommended:*

Aldrich, John H., and David W. Rohde. 2000. "The Republican Revolution and the House Appropriations Committee." *Journal of Politics* 62: 1–33.

Anderson, William, D., Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, and Valeria Sinclair-Chapman. 2003. "The Keys to Legislative Success in the U.S. House of Representatives." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 28 (3): 357–386.

Ansolabehere, Stephen, and Philip Edward Jones. 2010. "Constituents' Responses to Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 583–597.

Cain, Bruce E., John A. Ferejohn, and Morris P. Fiorina. 1987. *The Personal Vote: Constituency Service and Electoral Independence*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Carson, Jamie L., Gregory Koger, Matthew J. Lebo, and Everett Young. 2010. "The Electoral Costs of Party Loyalty in Congress." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 598–616.

Cox, Gary W., and Mathew D. McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the U.S. House of Representatives*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Eggers, Andrew C., Anthony Fowler, Jens Hainmueller, Andrew B. Hall, and James M. Snyder, Jr. 2015. "On the Validity of the Regression Discontinuity Design for Estimating Electoral Effects: New Evidence from over 40,000 Close Races." *American Journal of Political Science* 59: 259–274.

Fiorina, Morris P. 1989. *Congress: Keystone of the Washington Establishment*. 2nd ed. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1991. *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Polsby, Nelson W. 1968. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." *American Political Science Review* 62: 144–168.

Poole, Keith T., and Howard Rosenthal. 1997. *Congress: A Political-Economic History of Roll Call Voting*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Rohde, David W. 1991. *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

## **Week 11 (April 1): Presidency and Bureaucratic Politics**

Cameron, Charles M. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. New York: Cambridge University Press. Ch. 1, 2, 3.

Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2001. "The President's Legislative Influence from Public Appeals." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 313–329.

Huber, John D., Charles R. Shipan, and Madelaine Pfahler. 2001. "Legislatures and Statutory Control of Bureaucracy." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 330–345.

Kriner, Douglas L., and Andrew Reeves. 2015. "Presidential Particularism and Divide-the-Dollar Politics." *American Political Science Review* 109: 155–171.

McCubbins, Mathew D., and Thomas Schwartz. 1984. "Congressional Oversight Overlooked: Police Patrols Versus Fire Alarms." *American Journal of Political Science* 28: 165–179.

Moe, Terry M., and William G. Howell. 1999. "The Presidential Power of Unilateral Action." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 15: 132–179.

Neustadt, Richard E. [1960] 1990. *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents: The Politics of Leader-*

*ship from Roosevelt to Reagan*. New York: The Free Press. Ch. 3.

*Recommended:*

Bond, Jon R., and Richard Fleisher. 1990. *The President in the Legislative Arena*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Brehm, John, and Scott Gates. 1997. *Working, Shirking, and Sabotage: Bureaucratic Response to a Democratic Public*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

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