

Political Science 760: American Government and Politics

Spring 2022

Class Time: Tuesdays 6:00pm-8:45pm

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Course Description

This course is the proseminar in American politics. We will cover a variety of topics, including work in both political behavior and political institutions. What we cover will include both classic and contemporary work, but the class will naturally be an overview and thus will merely give you a glimpse into areas of research in American politics—hopefully inspiring you to dig deeper into what you find most interesting.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of POL 760 students will be able to:

1. Understand theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of American politics;
2. Understand the foundational literature as well as the current state of the literature in American politics;
3. Be able to identify unresolved questions in the American politics literature as well as be able to come up with solutions to resolve these questions;
4. Be able to articulate in both written and spoken form 1, 2, and 3;
5. And, most importantly for your future as an academic: be able to identify an area of interest, create a fruitful research idea in this area, and write a paper capable of being published in the future.

Required Texts

There are no required texts. All readings will be online.

Course Requirements

You are expected to attend class regularly, be prepared by reading the assigned material *before* class, and complete all assignments at an acceptable level for a PhD student.

Grading:	% of Final Grade
Class Participation	30%
Reaction Papers	30%
Final Paper & Presentation	40%

Participation (30%): You are expected to attend class and participate in discussions (note: quality of comments is more important than quantity). If you have an emergency situation and cannot fulfill these requirements, you must let me know immediately. I reserve the right to give unannounced **pop quizzes** that will contribute toward the participation grade if I can sense people are not doing the readings.

Reaction Papers (30%): You will write five papers critically assessing an article. You can write on any article they wish, but not more than one a week. These reaction papers must be circulated to the class by **noon the day before class**. The first time you send a reaction paper late, you will receive half credit for that reaction paper. After that, all late reaction papers will receive a zero. These papers must use a 12 point font and be no longer than one page single spaced—I will not read any text on the second page. In the reaction papers, you will present a considered argument explaining the strengths and weaknesses of the paper’s theory and evidence. You should **not** simply summarize the article. These papers are to get you to more deeply understand the literature, as well as practice constructively criticizing past work and producing solutions to what is missing in past work. Criticism without solutions is not interesting or helpful.

Final Paper and Presentation (40%): Throughout the semester you will be working on a final paper that is based on the literature we cover but follows your own research trajectory. This paper can either use observational data (using already collected data) or experimental data (proposing an experimental design that you will use in the future), but either way will need to present a unique, interesting, an important argument or theory of the caliber that you could publish in the future. The goal is to get you started on your own research, and so you should use this as an opportunity to get started on a very important aspect of your PhD training. You will present this project to class on the last day of class (when you will also hand in your final paper). Throughout the semester, we will have chats about your project to make sure people are staying on top of the assignment and to get some feedback from others (as well as practice *giving* feedback to others).

Final Grading Scheme

92 – 100	A
89 – 91	B+
83 – 88	B
80 – 82	C+
74 – 79	C
71 – 73	D+
65 - 73	D
0 - 64	F

Schedule

January 11th—Week 1 (Introduction)

- Introduction and Course Expectations
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Think about potential research topics (due February 1st)

January 18th—Week 2 (Political Parties and Partisanship)

- Key, V. O., Jr. 1955. “A Theory of Critical Elections.” *The Journal of Politics* 17: 3–18.

- Bartels, Larry M. 2000. "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952–1996." *American Journal of Political Science* 44: 35–50.
- Hetherington, Marc J. 2001. "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review* 95: 619–631.
- Huddy, Leonie, Liliana Mason, and Lene Aarøe. 2015. "Expressive Partisanship: Campaign Involvement, Political Emotion, and Partisan Identity." *American Political Science Review* 109(1): 1–17.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Think about potential research topics (due February 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Aldrich, John H. 2011. *Why Parties? A Second Look*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
 - Campbell, Angus, Philip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: Riley.
 - Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper.
 - Green, Donald P., Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler. 2004. *Partisan Hearts and Minds: Political Parties and the Social Identities of Voters*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
 - Klar, Samara, and Yanna Krupnikov. 2016. *Independent Politics: How American Disdain for Parties Leads to Political Inaction*. Cambridge University Press.

January 25th—Week 3 (Public Opinion)

- Achen, Christopher H. 1975. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." *American Political Science Review* 69: 1218–1231.
- Druckman, James N., Erik Peterson, and Rune Slothuus. 2013. "How Elite Partisan Polarization Affects Public Opinion Formation." *American Political Science Review* 107: 57–79.
- Jerit, Jennifer. 2009. "How Predictive Appeals Affect Policy Opinions." *American Journal of Political Science* 53 (2): 411–426.
- 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.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Think about potential research topics (due February 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Converse, Philip E. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." In *Ideology and Discontent*, ed. David E. Apter. New York: Free 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.
 - Feldman, Stanley. 2003. "Enforcing Social Conformity: A Theory of Authoritarianism." *Political Psychology* 24 (1): 41–74.

- Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1992. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Zaller, John R. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

February 1st—Week 4 (Citizen Competence I: Political Knowledge and Misinformation)

- Research topics due
- 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.
- Kuklinski, James H., Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit, David Schwieder, and Robert F. Rich. 2000. “Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship.” *The 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.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Start literature review (in-depth discussion of project March 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Delli Carpini, Michael X., and Scott Keeter. 1997. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
 - Fiske, Susan T., Donald R. Kinder, and W. Michael Larter. 1983. “The Novice and the Expert: Knowledge-Based Strategies in Political Cognition.” *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology* 19 (4): 381-400.
 - Gilens, Martin. 2001. “Political Ignorance and Collective Policy Preferences.” *American Political Science Review* 95: 379–396.
 - 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.
 - Lodge, Milton, Kathleen M. McGraw, and Patrick Stroh. 1989. “An Impression-Driven Model of Candidate Evaluation.” *American Political Science Review* 83: 399–419.
 - Mondak, Jeffrey J. 2001. “Developing Valid Knowledge Scales.” *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 224–238.

February 8th—Week 5 (Citizen Competence II: The Media, Persuasion, and Emotions)

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

- 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.
- Prior, Markus. 2013. “Media and Political Polarization.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 16: 101- 127.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Start literature review (in-depth discussion of project March 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Hetherington, Marc J. 1999. “The Effect of Political Trust on the Presidential Vote, 1968–1996.” *American Political Science Review* 93: 311–326.
 - 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.

February 15th—Week 6 (Polarization, etc.)

- Iyengar, Shanto, Yphtach Lelkes, Matthew Levendusky, Neil Malhotra, and Sean J. Westwood. 2019. “The Origins and Consequences of Affective Polarization in the United States.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 22: 129-146.
- 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 and Neil Malhotra. 2016. “Does Media Coverage of Partisan Polarization Affect Political Attitudes?” *Political Communication* 33(2): 283-301.
- Webster, Steven W., Elizabeth C. Connors, and Betsy Sinclair. 2022. “The Social Consequences of Political Anger.” *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Start literature review (in-depth discussion of project March 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Abramowitz, Alan I., and Kyle L. Saunders. 2008. “Is Polarization a Myth?” *The Journal of Politics* 70 (2): 542–555.
 - Fiorina, Morris P., and Samuel J. Abrams. 2008. “Political Polarization in the American Public.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 11: 563-588.

- 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.
- Iyengar, Shanto, Tobias Konitzer, and Kent Tedin. 2018. “The Home as a Political Fortress: Family Agreement in an Era of Polarization.” *The Journal of Politics* 80(4): 1326-1338.
- Iyengar, Shanto, Gaurav Sood, and Yphtach Lelkes. 2012. “Affect, Not Ideology: A Social Identity Perspective on Polarization.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 76(3): 405–431.
- Levendusky, Matthew S. 2013. “Why Do Partisan Media Polarize Viewers?” *American Journal of Political Science* 57 (3): 611-623.
- Levendusky, Matthew S., and Neil Malhotra. 2016. “(Mis)perceptions of Partisan Polarization in the American Public.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80 (S1): 378-391.
- Martin, Gregory J, and Steven W. Webster. 2020. “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.
- 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.
- Stoker, Laura, and M. Kent Jennings. 2008. “Of Time and the Development of Partisan Polarization.” *American Journal of Political Science* 52 (3): 619-635.
- West, Emily A., and Shanto Iyengar. 2020. “Partisanship as a Social Identity: Implications for Polarization.” *Political Behavior*.
- Westwood, Sean, Erik Peterson, and Yphtach Lelkes. 2019. “Are There Still Limits on Partisan Prejudice?” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83(3): 584-597.

February 22nd—Week 7 (Political Talk, Context, and Social Influence)

- Carlson, Taylor N. 2019. “Through the Grapevine: Informational Consequences of Interpersonal Political Communication.” *American Political Science Review* 113(2): 325-339.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, and John Sprague. 1987. “Networks in Context: The Social Flow of Political Information.” *American Political Science Review* 81: 1197–1216.
- Klar, Samara. 2014. “Partisanship in a Social Setting.” *American Journal of Political Science* 58 (3): 687-704.
- Rossiter, Erin L. 2021. “Measuring Agenda Setting in Interactive Political Communication.” *American Journal of Political Science*.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Start literature review (in-depth discussion of project March 1st)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Barabas, Jason. 2004. “How Deliberation Affects Policy Opinions.” *American Political Science Review* 98: 678–701.
 - Berinsky, Adam J. 2004. “Can We Talk? Self-Presentation and the Survey Response.” *Political Psychology* 25(4): 643-659.

- Carlson, Taylor N., and Jaime E. Settle. 2016. “Political Chameleons: An Exploration of Conformity in Political Discussions.” *Political Behavior* 38(4): 817-859.
- Cialdini, Robert B., Raymond R. Reno, and Carl A. Kallgren. 1990. “A Focus Theory of Normative Conduct: Recycling the Concept of Norms to Reduce Littering in Public Places.” *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 58(6): 1015.
- Connors, Elizabeth C. 2020. “The Social Dimension of Political Values.” *Political Behavior* 42: 961-982.
- Conover, Pamela J. 1988. “The Role of Social Groups in Political Thinking.” *British Journal of Political Science* 18: 51-76.
- Cramer, Katherine J. 2016. *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
- Darmofal, David. 2006. “The Political Geography of Macro-level Turnout in American Political Development.” *Political Geography* 25 (2): 123-150.
- Green, Jon, Jonathon Kingzette, and Michael Neblo. 2019. “Deliberative Democracy and Political Decision Making.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Jeffrey J. Mondak, Matthew Hayes, Matthew T. Pietryka, and Jack Reilly. 2013. “Networks, Interdependence, and Social Influence in Politics.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology*, edited by Leonie Huddy, David O. Sears, and Jack S. Levy. Oxford University Press.
- Karpowitz, Christopher F., Tali Mendelberg, and Lee Shaker. 2012. “Gender Inequality in Deliberative Participation.” *American Political Science Review* 106: 533–547.
- Klar, Samara, and Yotam Shmargad. 2017. “The Effect of Network Structure on Preference Formation.” *The Journal of Politics* 79 (2): 717-721.
- Krupnikov, Yanna, Kerri Milita, John Barry Ryan, and Elizabeth C. Connors. 2020. “How Gender Affects the Efficacy of Discussion as an Information Shortcut.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 8(2): 268-284.
- Mutz, Diana C. 2002. “Cross-Cutting Social Networks: Testing Democratic Theory in Practice.” *American Political Science Review* 96 (2): 111-26.
- Mutz, Diana C., and Jeffrey J. Mondak. 2006. “The Workplace as a Context for Cross-cutting Political Discourse.” *The Journal of Politics* 68 (1): 140-155.
- Putnam, Robert D. 1995. “Bowling Alone: America’s Declining Social Capital.” *Journal of Democracy* 6: 65–78.
- Settle, Jaime E. 2018. *Frenemies: How Social Media Polarizes America*. Cambridge University Press.

March 1st—Week 8 (Elections, Voting, and Participation)

- In-depth discussion of projects
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Continue working on project (rough draft due April 5th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - 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.
 - Gerber, Alan S., Donald P. Green, and Christopher W. Larimer. 2008. "Social Pressure and Voter Turnout: Evidence From a Large-Scale Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review* 102(1): 33–48.
 - 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.
 - Riker, William H., and Peter Ordeshook. 1968. "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting." *American Political Science Review* 62: 25–42.
 - 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.

No class Tuesday, March 8th (Spring Break)

March 15th—Week 9 (Race and Gender)

- 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.
- Stauffer, Katelyn E. 2021. “Public Perceptions of Women’s Inclusion and Feelings of Political Efficacy.” *American Political Science Review*: 1-16.
- Shoub, Kelsey. 2021. “Comparing Systemic and Individual Sources of Racially Disparate Traffic Stop Outcomes.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.
- 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.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Continue working on project (rough draft due April 5th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - 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.
 - Jardina, Ashley. 2019. *White Identity Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
 - Huddy, Leonie, and Nayda Terkildsen. 1993. “Gender Stereotypes and the Perception of Male and Female Candidates.” *American Political Science Review* 37: 119-147.
 - 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., 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.
 - Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. “Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent ‘Yes’.” *The Journal of Politics* 61(3): 628-657.
 - White, Ismail K., Chryl N. Laird, and Troy D. Allen. 2014. "Selling Out?: The Politics of Navigating Conflicts Between Racial Group Interest and Self-Interest." *American Political Science Review* 108(4): 783-800.
 - Wolbrecht, Christina. 2010. *The Politics of Women’s Rights: Parties, Positions, and Change*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

March 22nd—Week 10 (The Presidency)

- Canes-Wrone, Brandice. 2001. “The President’s Legislative Influence from Public Appeals.” *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 313–329.
- Kriner, Douglas L., and Andrew Reeves. 2015. “Presidential Particularism and Divide-the-Dollar Politics.” *American Political Science Review* 109: 155–171.

- Moe, Terry M., and William G. Howell. 1999. “The Presidential Power of Unilateral Action.” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 15: 132–179.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Continue working on project (rough draft due April 5th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Cameron, Charles M. 2000. *Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

March 29th—Week 11 (Congress)

- 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.” *The Journal of Politics* 77: 861–873.
- 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.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Continue working on project (rough draft due April 5th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - 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.
 - Mayhew, David R. 1974. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
 - McCubbins, Mathew D., and Thomas Schwartz. 1984. “Congressional Oversight Overlooked: Police Patrols Versus Fire Alarms.” *American Journal of Political Science* 28: 165–179.
 - Poole, Keith T., and Howard Rosenthal. 1997. *Congress: A Political-Economic History of Roll Call Voting*. New York: Oxford University Press.
 - Thomsen, Danielle M. 2014. “Ideological Moderates Won’t Run: How Party Fit Matters for Partisan Polarization in Congress.” *The Journal of Politics* 76 (3): 786-797.
 - 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.

April 5th—Week 12 (The Supreme Court)

- Rough draft of paper due
- Bailey, Michael A. 2007. “Comparable Preference Estimates Across Time and Institutions for the Court, Congress, and Presidency.” *American Journal of Political Science* 51(3): 433-448.
- Black, Ryan C. and Ryan J. Owens. 2009. “Agenda Setting in the Supreme Court: The Collision of Policy and Jurisprudence.” *The Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1062-1075.
- Schoenherr, Jessica A., Elizabeth A. Lane, and Miles T. Armaly. 2020. “The Purpose of Senatorial Grandstanding during Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings.” *Journal of Law and Courts*.
- Segal, Jeffrey A., and Harold J. Spaeth. 1996. “The Influence of Stare Decisis on the Votes of United States Supreme Court Justices.” *American Journal of Political Science* 40(4): 971-1003.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Finish final paper and presentation (due April 19th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M., Dino P. Christenson, and Matthew P. Hitt. 2013. “Quality over Quantity: Amici Influence and Judicial Decision Making.” *American Political Science Review* 107: 446-460.
 - Epstein, Lee and Jack Knight. 1998. *The Choices Justices Make*. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly.
 - Johnson, Timothy R., Paul J. Wahlbeck and James F. Spriggs, II. 2006. “The Influence of Oral Arguments on the U.S. Supreme Court.” *The American Political Science Review* 100(1): 99-113.
 - Lauderdale, Benjamin E. and Tom S. Clark. 2012. “The Supreme Court’s Many Median Justices.” *American Political Science Review* 106: 847-866.

April 12th—Week 13 (Interest Groups and the Bureaucracy)

- Drolc, Cody A., and Lael R. Keiser. 2020. “The Importance of Oversight and Agency Capacity in Enhancing Performance in Public Service Delivery.” *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*: 1-17.
- Huber, John D., Charles R. Shipan, and Madelaine Pfahler. 2001. “Legislatures and Statutory Control of Bureaucracy.” *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 330–345.
- Hall, Richard D., and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. “Buying Time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees.” *American Political Science Review* 84: 797–820.
- Hojnacki, Marie, and David C. Kimball. 1998. “Organized Interests and the Decision of Whom to Lobby in Congress.” *American Political Science Review* 92: 775–790.
- For Next Class:
 - Read
 - Finish final paper and presentation (due April 19th)
- Recommended Readings:
 - Baumgartner, Frank R., Jeffrey M. Berry, Marie Hojnacki, David C. Kimball, and Beth L. Leech. 2009. *Lobbying and Policy Change: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Why*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Baumgartner, Frank R., and Beth L. Leech. 2001. "Interest Niches and Policy Bandwagons: Patterns of Interest Group Involvement in National Politics." *The Journal of Politics* 63 (4): 1191-1213.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- Schattschneider, E.E. 1975. *The Semisovereign People*. Hinsdale, IL: Dryden.
- Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1983. "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America." *American Political Science Review* 77: 390–406.

April 19th—Week 14

- Presentations
- Final Papers Due