

One who asks law to rule, therefore, seems to be asking god and intellect alone to rule, while one who asks man adds the beast. Desire is a thing of this sort; and spiritedness perverts rulers and the best of men. Hence law is reason without appetite.... [But] when it happens that a whole family, or even some one person among the rest, is so outstanding in virtue that this virtue is more preeminent than that of all the rest, it is just in that case that the family be a kingly one and have authority over all matters, or that this one person be a king.

—Aristotle, *Politics* 1287a-1288a

Many things there are, which the Law can by no means provide for, and those must necessarily be left to the discretion of him, who has the Executive Power in his hands, to be ordered by him, as the publick

A+ (98%-100%), A (93%-97%), A- (90%-92%)
B+ (88%-90%), B (83%-87%), B- (80%-82%)
C+ (78%-80%), C (73%-77%), C- (70%-72%)
D+ (68%-70%), D (63%-67%), D- (60%-62%)
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- Sidney M. Milkis & Michael Nelson, *The American Presidency: Origins and Development, 1776-2014*, 7th ed. (Sage/CQ Press, 2016) [ISBN 9781483318691]
- Michael Nelson, ed., *The Evolving Presidency: Landmark Documents, 1787-2015*, 5th ed. (Sage/CQ Press, 2016) [ISBN 9781483368566]
- [bundled together at discount: ISBN 9781506350059]

A course website will be available to registered students through the Moodle system.

Although most of the readings for the course will be in the textbook and the book of

- Wed., 2/8 From Jackson to Lincoln
 Milkis & Nelson, *American Presidency*, ch. 5-6 (pp, 131-187)
 SOURCES: Jackson, First Message to Congress; Jackson, Veto
 Message; Lincoln, Message to Congress; Lincoln, Letter to
 Hodges; Lincoln, Gettysburg Address; Lincoln, Second
 Inaugural in *Evolving Presidency* (pp, 75-95).
- Wed., 2/15 The Presidency in Retreat
 Milkis & Nelson, *American Presidency*, ch. 7 (pp, 188-226)
 SOURCES: *Ex parte Milligan*; Johnson Impeachment; Pendleton
 Act; Bryce, “Why No Great Men...,” in *Evolving Presidency*
 (pp, 95-116)
- Wed., 2/22
- Wed., 3/1 Richard Neustadt, *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents*, ch.
 1-3 (pp. 3-49)
 Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., “The Ambiva

Wed., 3/29 Personalizing the Modern Presidency (pp, 350-395)
Milks & Nelson, *American Presidency*, ch. 11
SOURCES: Kennedy, Inaugural;