

POLITICAL SCIENCE 7900
SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS

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Monday 1:30-4:20 p.m.
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3. Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. Harper and Row. [290 pgs]
4. Achen & Bartels. 2016. *Democracy for Realists*. University of Chicago Press. [328 pgs]
5. Kingdon. 1984/2010. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policy*. [230 pgs]

Many additional readings for the course are academic articles, chapters, posted on Moodle.

I also recommend you keep up with the news and interesting articles or blogs. Here are some options:

1 D W · O 1 H:Z V S D	Wall Street Journal	www.wsj.com
	New York Times	www.nyt.com
	Washington Post	www.washingtonpost.com
	BBC	www.bbc.com/news
PS Blogs:	Monkey Cage	http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/
	Mischief of Faction	https://www.vox.com/mischief-of-faction
	Five Thirty Eight	http://fivethirtyeight.com/
	Pollster	http://www.pollster.com/
	Duck of Minerva	http://duckofminerva.com/
	Lawfare	https://www.lawfareblog.com/
	Polyarchy	https://www.vox.com/polyarchy

Evaluating Your Performance

Your overall course grade will be determined by the following:

Attendance & Participation	20%
Weekly Reading Responses	30%
Book Presentation	10%
10-page Paper & Outline	40%

ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION (20%)

Attendance at every class meeting is required. Excused absences will be granted with a signed statement from a doctor or administrator. (Please note: the LSU Student Health Center will not provide medical excuses for illness or injury.) If you know you will miss class with an excused absence (e.g. university event), please let me know well ahead of time. Religious holidays are excused with prior notification. Punctuality is crucial. 1.0 pts for each unexcused absence.

Your weekly in-class discussion participation is critical to my ability to track your progress and your own development in understanding the material. This requires you to have a comprehensive understanding of the readings. When we talk about readings in class, we will discuss the kinds of questions addressed in your reading response memos.

WEEKLY READING RESPONSES

Choose an extra book to read from the booklist

in a zero grade on the assignment, failing the class and disciplinary probation until graduation. For a second academic

4. Congress²September 11~314pgs)

Mayhew1974.CongressThe Electoral Connection. (180 pgs)

Poole & Rosenthal 1997.Congress: A Political Economic History of Roll Voting. 326.(24 pgs)

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7. Courts & Policy ²October 2 (~300 pgs)

Policy

Kingdon. 1984/2010. Agendas, Alternatives, and Public En Policy (230 pgs)

Courts

Rosenberg. 1997. The Hollow Hope: Can Courts Bring About Social Ch. Ch (30 pgs)

Horowitz 1977. The Courts and Social Policy (30 pgs)

Seagal & Cover. 1989. Ideological Values and the Votes of U.S. Supreme Court. JPSR (8 pgs)

8. Political Parties ²October 9 (~220 pgs)

Aldrich. 1995. Why Parties? The Origin Transformation of Party Politics in America, 2, 9. (80 pgs)

Bawn et al. 2011. A theory of political parties: Groups, policy demands and nominations in America. PPB (10 pgs)

Schickler. Racial Realignment. Ch 1. (25 pgs)

Grossman & Hopkins. 2013. Asymmetric Politics. (20 pgs)

Miller & Schofield. 2003. Activists and Partisan Realignment. APSR (15 pgs)

Ranney, Austin. 1962. The Doctrine of Responsible Party Governance. (14 pgs)

Snyder & Groseclose. 2001. Estimating party influence on roll call Voting. (15 pgs)

Box-Steffensmeier et al. 2004. Dynamics of the partisan gender gap. (15 pgs)

Valentino & Sears. 2005. Old Times There Are Not Forgotten: Race and Partisan Realignment in the Contemporary South. AJPS (15 pgs)

9. Interest Groups ²October 16 (~264 pgs)

Schattschneider. 1960. The Semisovereign People (139 pgs)

Hall & Deardorff. 2006. Lobbying as Legislative Substitution. (15 pgs)

Yackee & Yackee. 2006. Bias towards business? Assessing interest group influence on the US budget. (10 pgs)

Olson 1981. The Rise and Fall of Nations 2 (18 pgs)

Wilson 1973. Political Organization 3 (20 pgs)

Chong 1991. Collective Action and the Civil Rights Movement. (40 pgs)

Hansen. 1985. The Political Economy of Group Membership. (15 pgs)

Skocpol et al. 2000. Nation of Organizers: The Institutional Origins of Civic Voluntarism in the United States. (18 pgs)

10. Racial Politics ²October 23 (~330 pgs)

Movements & Structure

McAdam. 1982. Political Process and the Development of the Black Insurgency (105 pgs)

Williams. 2003. The Constraint of Race (40 pgs)

Smith. 1996. We Have No Leaders (20 pgs)

Black Political Behavior

Tate, K. 1993. From Protest to Politics (50 pgs)

Gay. 2004. Putting Race in Context: Identifying the Environmental Determinants of Black Racial Attitudes (14 pgs)

Dawson 1994. Behind the Mural. Princeton: Princeton University Press. (40 pgs)

Bobo & Gilliam 1990. Race, Sociopolitical Participation, and Black Empowerment. APSR (15 pgs)

White Racial Attitudes

Kinder & Winter. 2001. Exploring the Racial Divide: Blacks, Whites, and Opinion on National Issues (15 pgs)

Acharya & Sen. 2015. The Political Legacy of American Slavery (18 pgs)

Tesler. 2013. The Return of Fashioned Racism. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 104(1): 1-12. (12 pgs)

Sniderman, Carmines, Layman, & Carter. 1996. Beyond Race: Social Justice as a Race Neutral Issue (10 pgs)

11. Elections & Voting ²October 30 (328 pgs)

Achen & Bartels. 2016. Democracy for Realists. (328 pages)

12. Public Opinion ²November 6 (~170 pgs)

Origins

Jennings et al. 2009. Politics across generations (17 pgs)

Alford, Funk, & Hibbing. 2005. Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted? APSR (12 pgs)

Capacity

Converse. 1964. The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics. Apter (ed.), Ideology and Discontent (14 pgs)

Lupia 1994. Shortcuts Versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections. APSR (12 pgs)

Dynamics

Kam. 2005. Who Ties the Party Line?: Cues, Causal Individual Differences, and Political Behavior. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 88(1): 163-182. (15 pgs)

Berinsky. 2007. Assuming the Costs of War: Events, Elites, and American Public Support for Military Operations. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. 92(1): 97-110. (20 pgs)

Brader, Valentino, & Suhay. 2008. What Triggers Public Opposition to Immigration? Anxiety, Group Cues, and Immigration Threat. *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(1): 18-32. (16 pgs)

Views

Hibbing & Theiss-Morse. 2001. Process preferences & American politics: What the people want government to do (8 pgs)

Walsh. 2012. Putting Inequality in Its Place: Rural Consciousness and the Power of Perspective (10 pgs)

Gibson. 2008. Intolerance and political repression in the United States: A half century after Meadlo (10 pgs)

13. Participation ²November 13 (230 pgs)

Burns, Schlozman, & Verba. 2001. Private Roots of Public Action, 8, 1 (76 pgs)

Karpowitz, Mendelberg, & Shaker. 2012. Gender inequality in deliberative participation (12 pgs)

Aldrich. 1993. Rational Choice and Turnout (30 pgs)

McDonald & Popkin. 2001. The Myth of the Vanishing Voter (10 pgs)

Powell. 1986. American Voter Turnout in Comparative Perspective (25 pgs)

Valentino & Neuner. 2017. Why the Sky Didn't Fall: Mobilizing Anger in Reaction to Voter ID Laws (8 pgs)

Krupnikov, Yanna. 2017. When Does Negativity Demobilize? Testing the Conditional Effect of Negative Campaigning on Voter Turnout (15 pgs)

Verba. Would the Dream Turn Out to Be A Nightmare? (15 pgs)

Lee, Taeku. 2002.

Valentino, Hutchings, & White. 2002. Cues That Matter: How Political Ads Prime Attitudes during Campaigns. APSR (13 pgs)

Druckman. 2004. Political preference formation: Competition, deliberation & the (ir)relevance of framing effects. APSR (13 pgs)

Brader. 2005. Striking a Responsive Chord: How Political Ads Motivate and Persuade Voters by Appealing to Emotions. APSR (15 pgs)

15. Representation² November 27 (~185 pgs)

Pitkin. 1967. The Concept of Representation (31 pgs).

Kinder & Kam.2010.Us Against The Ethnocentric Foundations of American Opinion
Kinder & Sanders. 1996.Divided by Color: Racial Politics & Democratic Ideals
Klinkner & Smith. 1999.The Unsteady March: The Rise & Decline of Racial Equality in America
Kousser & Phillips.2012.The Power of American Government: Winning on Budgets & Losing on Policy
Krehbiel. 1998.Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking
Lenz.2013.Follow the Leader