

READING LIST FOR AMERICAN POLITICS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS (last updated August 8, 2009)

The following list is not exhaustive. You should consult with your MA or PHD advisor/committee chair, and other committee members regarding the readings on this list in terms of what they expect you to read for the level of exam you will be taking (i.e., either master's or doctorate level). It is possible that your advisor/committee chair will recommend additional readings.

Students are expected to keep up with the relevant academic literature in comparative politics published in peer reviewed academic journals such as:

American Political Science Review

American Journal of Political Science

British Journal of Political Science

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Politics

Legislative Studies Quarterly

Political Research Quarterly

PS: Political Science and Politics (for research notes, state-of-the-field reports, and articles on pedagogy)

Public Opinion Quarterly

Publius: The Journal of Federalism

I. AMERICAN NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

1. PRESIDENCY

Aberbach, Joel D. and Mark A. Petterson. Eds. 2005. The Executive Branch. Oxford University Press

Cameron, Charles M. 2000. Veto Bargaining: Presidents and the Politics of Negative Power. Cambridge University Press.

Corwin, Edwin 1984. The Presidency: Office and Powers. New York: New York University Press.

Edwards, George C. 2003. On Deaf Ears. Yale University Press

Herzik, Eric 1985. "The President, Governors, and Mayors: A Framework for Comparative Analysis," Presidential Studies Quarterly, 15(2): 253-271.

Howell, William G. 2003. Power without Persuasion. Princeton University Press

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Kallenbach, Joseph 1966. The American Chief Executive: The Presidency and the Governorship. New York: Harper & Row.

Kernell, Samuel. Going Public: New Strategies of Presidential Leadership. Congressional Quarterly.

Mayer, Kenneth R. 2001. With the Stroke of a Pen. Princeton

Moe, Terry M. 1985. The Politicized Presidency. in John E. Chubb and Paul E. Peterson, eds., The New Direction in American Politics. Brookings Institution.

Neustadt, Richard. Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents. Free Press.

Pfiffner, James. 2008. *Power Play*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

Rudavelige, Andrew. 2002. Managing the President's Program. Princeton University Press.

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Skowronek, Stephen. 1993. The Politics Presidents Make: Leadership from John Adams to George Bush. Harvard University Press.

2. CONGRESS

Arnold, R. Douglas. 1990. The Logic of Congressional Action. Yale Univ. Press.

Bailey, Michael A. 2007. "Comparable Preference Estimates across Time and Institutions for the Court, Congress and Presidency" *American Journal of Political Science* 51, 3 (July): 433-448.

Baumgartner, Frank, and Bryan D. Jones. 1993. Agendas and Instability in American Politics. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Jacobson, Gary, The Politics of Congressional Elections. Most Recent Edition, Longman.

Kingdon, John. Congressmen's Voting Decisions. University of Michigan Press.

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Mayhew, David R. 1974. Congress: The Electoral Connection. Yale University Press.

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Shepsle, Kenneth A. and Barry R. Weingast. 1994. "Positive Theories of Congressional Institutions." Legislative Studies Quarterly 19: 149-179.

Sinclair, Barbara. 1989. The Transformation of the U.S. Senate. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Swers, Michele L. 2002. The Difference Women Make: The Policy Impact of Women in Congress. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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SEE ALSO: Cox and McCubbins, Aldrich, and Rohde, McCarty, Poole, and Rosenthal citations under party.

3. JUDICIARY

Bailey, Michael A. and Forrest Maltzman. 2008. "Does Legal Doctrine Matter? Unpacking Law and Policy Preferences on the U.S. Supreme Court" *American Political Science Review* 102, 3 (August): 369- 384.

Bickel, Alexander M. 1962. The Least Dangerous Branch. Bobbs-Merrill.

Caldeira, Gregory and Wright, John. 1988. Interest Groups and Agenda-Setting in the Supreme Court of the United States. American Political Science Review 82 : 1109-

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Melnick, R. Shep. 1984. Regulation and the Courts. Brookings.

Murphy, Walter. 1964. Elements of Judicial Strategy. University of Chicago Press.

Perry, H.W., Jr. 1991. Deciding to Decide. Harvard University Press.

Roosevelt, Kermit 2008. The Myth of Judicial Activism: Making Sense of Supreme Court Decisions. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Rosenberg, Gerald. 1991. The Hollow Hope: Can Courts Bring About Social Change? University of Chicago Press.

Spaeth, Harold J. & Jeffrey Segal. 2002. The Supreme Court & the Attitudinal Model Revisited. Cambridge.

Stumpf, Harry P. and John H. Culver 1991. The Politics of State Courts. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

Journal of Empirical Legal Research (consult advisor/committee chair on appropriate readings from this journal)

4. BUREAUCRACY

Brehm, John and Scott Gates. 1997. Working, Shirking, and Sabotage. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Frederickson, H. George and Kevin Smith. 2003. The Public Administration Theory Primer. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press.

Gormley, William and Steven Balla. 2007. Bureaucracy and Democracy: Accountability and Performance, 2nd ed. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press.

Huber, John and Charles Shipan. 2002. Deliberate Discretion: The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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Radin, Beryl. 2006. Challenging the Performance Movement. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

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Weber, Max. 1952. In Robert Merton, ed., Reader in Bureaucracy. Glencoe: Free Press, pp. 18-26.

Wilson, James Q. 1989. Bureaucracy: What Government Agencies Do and Why They do It. New York: Basic Books.

Wood, B. Dan and Richard Waterman. 1994. Bureaucratic Dynamics. Boulder, Colo.: Westview Press.

II. AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS

1. POLITICAL PARTIES

Aldrich, John H. 1995. Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America. University of Chicago Press.

APSA Committee on Political Parties. 1950. Toward a More Responsible Party System. American Political Science Review 44: supplement (September).

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Downs, Anthony 1957. An Economic Theory of Democracy. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, Inc.

Fiorina, Morris P. 2006. Culture War?: The Myth of a Polarized America, Second Edition. New York: Pearson Longman

McCarty, Nolan, Keith T. Poole, and Howard Rosenthal. 2007. Polarized America: The Dance of Ideology and Unequal Riches. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.

Rohde, David. 1991. Parties and Leaders in the Post-Reform House. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. 1991.

Schattschneider, E.E. 1942. Party Government. Westport: Greenwood Press.

Schattschneider, E.E. 1960. The Semisovereign People. Hinsdale: The Dryden Press.

Sundquist, James. *The Dynamics of the American Party System*, Brookings Institution

Wattenberg, Martin. 1998. The Decline of American Political Parties, 1952-88, Fifth Edition. Harvard University Press.

2. PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

Campbell, Angus, Philip Converse, Warren Miller, and Donald Stokes. 1960. The American Voter. Wiley.

Carmines, Edward, and James Stimson. 1989. Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics. Princeton U Press.

Converse, Philip. 1964. The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics. In David Apter, Ideology and Discontent. London: Free Press of Gencoe.

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

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Gelman, Andrew, David Park, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi, and Jeronimo Cortina. 2008. Red State, Blue State, Rich State, Poor State: Why Americans Vote the Way They Do. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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Cook, Timothy. 1988. Governing with the News. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Zaller, John R. 1999. "A Theory of Media Politics: How the Interests of Politicians, Journalists, and Citizens Shape the News." UCLA. Unpublished book manuscript. (<http://www.polisci.ucla.edu/faculty/zaller/media%20politics%20book%20.pdf>)

III. General Areas

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