

Good Afternoon-Evening.

This is a “foundation” or “core” seminar on the subject of American Politics. This seminar has several purposes: present to you the “classical” readings on this subject; approach this subject from three perspectives---history-theoretical, institutional, and behavioral or quantitative; emphasis analytical and integrative thinking on this reading and subject; and prepare you to do well on qualifying or comprehensive exams in either the masters or doctoral program.

The material is divided into three modules, conforming to the perspectives noted in the prior paragraph. Each of the modules will consume about 4-5 weeks, and it is my expectation that we can work back and forth among subjects in an intellectual, professional manner. We will do so by my directing you in a conversation among yourselves. This conversation will focus on how the discipline of political science thinks and writes about politics in the United States, but is not a conversation about contemporary politics except insofar as some current matter can illustrate this professional thinking and writing. This conversation requires you to participate, to adopt a neutral position with respect to other students’ and they yours’, to check at the door your beliefs, opinions, philosophies, attitudes preferences and so forth. You must be willing to think out loud, politely and courteously. You must read the material before class, not during, or after it.

In addition to the required reading, there is recommended reading. The supplemental<sup>1</sup> expand on the required readings.

My approach to this subject and class is that of Michael Corleone: “It’s strictly business. It’s not personal.”

Your abilities will be assessed in several ways. During the course of the seminar, I will evaluate, subjectively, your participation. Each student will write, and distribute to every other student in the seminar, a research paper (I get a copy, too). The subject of the paper must be chosen by September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This paper is due November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Depending on the size of the class each student will also lead at least part of one session, on a topic of my choosing. You will respond to the “exam” questions posted below. You can consider this to be practice for your Qualifying Exams. This is due in class, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. You will circulate to the other students, and myself a copy of the “Exam.”

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<sup>1</sup> These Supplemental readings were developed in the following manner. In the mid-1980’s I surveyed available reading lists and or syllabi in American Politics, first from a publication by the American Political Science Association. Subsequently I reviewed similar material on departmental websites. From these lists, the readings were developed, and include those readings thought to be a consensus and were listed on all through most, lists. Finally I coordinate these with Professor Fisher’s (nee Gordon’s) syllabus. The only exception to this is some of the material under political parties which treats the use of functional MRI imaging to determine response to party or candidate image, or on the genetic predisposition to party identification or ideological persuasion.

Email submissions are not accepted, all material must be printed in some standard font, e.g. Courier, Times New Roman, using black ink on flat white paper. There is no page limit on this material and each paper/exam must conform to normal academic expectations. Please refer to any of the published articles to see what this means. Use these as your “model”.

I will continuously assess your participation, in terms of quality and quantity.

Regrettably, there have been over the last few years and in a number of departments, several instances of plagiarism by graduate students. If you do not know what plagiarism means, put your hand in the air NOW, and I will deal with this. Very generally, plagiarism is the false (fraudulent) representation of some other persons work as your own. *If you do this you will receive and F for the class, and I will send you to the student judicial system.*

I reserve the right to modify the syllabus, including shrinking some topics in time, or required readings, and so forth.

If you have some disability that affects your work, or arrival or leaving the class let me know; we'll get it worked out.

The following weights will apply for the course grade:

Research Paper	40%
Questions	40%
Participation	20%

Finally, I will set up an email list serve or mailing alias, using ONLY your UNR email address. We can communicate with each other via this medium.

Let's now pause for questions

I have asked that the following materials be ordered for your consideration. They will serve as the core reading of the seminar:

Madison, J. *Notes of the Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787*, Kock (ed.)  
Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 2 vols., Binder, ed.  
Hamilton, et al., *The Federalist Papers*, Rossiter(ed) available on line at  
<http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/>  
Goodin & Klingeman, *A New Handbook of Political Science*  
Gimple, *Patchwork Nation*  
Neustadt, *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents*  
Mayhew, *Congress: The Electoral Connection*  
Segal, J. A. *The Supreme Court: An Attitudinal Model*  
Downs, *An Economic Theory of Democracy*  
Aldrich, *Why Parties*

Lewis-Beck, *The American Voter Revisited*  
Sullivan, et al., *Political Tolerance in America*  
Dahl, Robert "Decision making in a democracy," 6 *Journal of Public Law*  
Fiorina, Morris, "An outline for a model of party choice," 21 *American Journal of Political Science* 601-625  
Hardin, G., "The Tragedy of the Commons" 162 *Science* 1243-1248

Required and On Reserve at the Library

Elazar, *American Federalism: A View from the States*  
Finifter, *Political Science: The State of the Discipline*

Required viewing: I'll provide copies

An American Tale  
Darmok, #202, Season 5, Episode 2 *Star Trek: The Next Generation*

Topics

Historical-theoretical

The American People and Perspectives on Their Study

Institutional

American Federalism  
The American National Executive  
The American Legislatures: Structure, Performance and Behavior  
The Courts and the Politics of Justice

Behavioral-Quantitative

Parties and Elections, including Attitudes, Public Opinion and  
Political Tolerance: Ideology and Attitudes

FINAL EXAM QUESTIONS  
Due last class meeting

Please choose 2 of the following three questions and respond to them. In responding to *each* question you *must* use *all* of the *required* materials assigned on the syllabus, plus whatever else you have found useful.

1. Using Tocqueville and Elazar and Hardin, construct a normatively based theory of American politics. How do all of the other authors compliment this interpretation?
2. Using Fiorina, "An outline for a model of party choice," and Sullivan, et al., construct an empirical theory of American politics. How do all of the authors compliment this interpretation?
3. Using Mayhew and Neustadt construct an institutional theory of American politics. How do all of the other authors compliment this interpretation?

You *must* respond to this question, after responding to the first two. In answering you *must* use *all* of the *required* materials assigned on the syllabus, plus whatever else you have found useful.

Using Robert Dahl's, "Decision Making in a Democracy," please construct a unifying theory of American politics, in which both of the theories you created on the previous section are included. Please write down this unifying theory, so that I and the other readers can read it. Why does this theory work? What's wrong with it?

## **The Americans, Original Intentions & Perspective on Their Study**

The country, or at least its political and “intellectual” elites have for the last 20 years or so, have been through a debate about “original intentions”(first principles) of the framers, or non-framers. So, I’m going to ask you to read, and consider those intentions. Madison’s notes, comprising by his own account some 1/3rd to 2/5ths of the remarks at the Federal Convention constitute the definitive account of that meeting. There are other journals, e.g. Yates, but none are as complete or detailed and none contain all of the votes on the issues debated in the convention. Farrand compiled a complete collection of all of the records of the federal convention. The “op-ed” explanations of the constitution, The Federalist Papers, written over the name of Publius by Madison, Hamilton and Jay, are considered to be the definitive explanation of what will happen if the constitution was put into effect are today relied on as authoritative by all, especially the courts. However this wisdom was not universally agreed to at the time, see e.g. the Anti-Federalist papers, written and published by various folks in the several states.

d’Tocqueville’s journals, part first person account part travelogue, part philosophical consideration of democratic forms of government, part hagiography to new England small town government and, part prescient observation on the corrosive effects of slavery is considered the definitive post-convention account of America. It can be thought of as being an epic poem, cultural myth, insightful view of the Americans and the like.

### Required

Madison, *Notes of the Debates. In the Federal Convention, 1787*, all  
Tocqueville, all  
Hardin, G. *The Tragedy of the Commons*, 162 *Science* 1243-1248

### Required viewing

An American Tail, Darmok

### Supplemental

in *Finifter*, the essays by Shalala and Stokes  
in *Goodin & Klingeman* essays by Goodin & Klingeman,  
Almond and Dogan  
Levy, *Original Intent & the Framers Constitution*  
Cohen, *Science and the Founding Fathers*  
Rakove, *Original Meanings*  
McDonald, *Novo Ordo Seclorum*  
Smith, "Beyond Tocqueville, Myrdal, and Hartz: the multiple traditions in  
America," 87 *American Political Science Review* 549-566  
Wills, *A Necessary Evil*  
Schattschneider, *The Semi-sovereign People*  
Lowi, "The State in Political Science:..." 86 *American Political Science  
Review*, 1-8.  
\_\_\_\_\_, "A Review of Herbert Simon's Review..." 26 *PS* 51-53.

Simon, H. "The State of American Political Science..."<sup>26</sup> PS 49-51.  
Truman, *The Governmental Process*  
Olson, *The Logic of Collective Action*  
Hirshman, *Exit, Voice, and Loyalty*

Supplemental, Disciplinary Treatments

Somit & Tannenhaus, *Political Science: The History of the Discipline*  
Crick, *The American Science of Politics: Its Origins and Conditions*,  
Berkeley: UC Press  
Ricci, *The Tragedy of Political Science*, New Haven: Yale U Press  
Ross, *The Origins of American Social Science*,  
Siedelman & Harpham, *Disenchanted Realists*

Supplemental, Textual Presentations (Some of these are very old, but reflect the changing approach to the topic at the freshman, or introductory level)

Dolobare & Eldeman, *American Politics: Policies, Power Change*  
Parenti, *Democracy for the Few*  
Dye & Zeigler, *The Irony of Democracy*  
Burns, Peltason & Crowin, *Government by the People*  
Dahl, *Democracy in the United States*  
Freeman, *Power and Politics in America*  
Katznelson & Kasselmann, *The Politics of Power: A Critical Introduction to American Government*  
Aranson, *American Government, Strategy and Choice*  
Mitchell, *Public Choice in America*  
Wilson, *American Government: Politics, Process and Policy*  
Fiorina, et al. *The New American Democracy*, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Shea, Smith and Green, *Living Democracy* 2<sup>nd</sup> (the 1<sup>st</sup> is better)

## FEDERALISM AND STATE AND LOCAL POLITICS

Federalism is one of two implied, unstated, principles underlying the Constitutional arrangements in the United States. (The other is separation of powers.) The fundamentality of this principle is evident in the decisions detailing how the congress is staffed, how the president was originally and still is elected, the flow of tax legislation in congress, and the distribution of powers between the central government and states. This is an implied principle the adoption of which is illuminated on page 34 of the Notes. This principle is however constrained by Article VI clause 2, and settled April 11<sup>th</sup> 1865, at Appomattix Court House, Va.

Required        Rossiter, essays #s 15-20, 30-36, 39, 44-46  
                     Gimple  
                     Tocqueville, All  
                     Elazar, All  
                     Finifter, Chapter 9

### Supplemental: General

V.O. Key, *Southern Politics in State and Nation*  
Lamis, A.P., *The New Two Party South*  
Riker, *Federalism: Origin, Operation, Significance*  
\_\_\_\_\_, *The Development of American Federalism*  
Dahl, *Size and Democracy*  
Beer, Samuel H. 1973. "The Modernization of American Federalism." 3  
*Publius* 49-95.  
Chubb, John. "The Political Economy of American Federalism." 79  
*American Political Science Review* 994-1015  
Wills, *A necessary evil*.

### Supplemental : Cultural

The Current Debate de jure in American Politics is a Neo-d'Tocquevillian argument about Social Capital. This was started (restarted) by:

Putnam, R. , "Bowling Alone" 6, *Journal of Democracy*, 65-78, 1995  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Making Democracy Work*, 1993, Princeton  
(but see, Weinberg, and Eubank, "Democracy in one country the case of  
Italy," 9 *Terror. Pol. Viol.* 98-108  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Bowling Alone*  
Sckopol and Fiorina, *Civic Engagement in American Democracy*  
Ladd, E.R., *The Lad Report*  
Bella, *Habits of the Heart*.  
Gastil, *Cultural Regions of the United States*  
Garreau, *The Seven Nations of North America*

- Sharkansky, "The Utility of Eleazar's political culture", 2 *Polity*, 68-83
- Savage, "Looking for Political Subcultures:..." 34 *Western Political Quarterly*, 331-336
- Clynch, "A critique of Ira Sharkansky's:..." 5 *Polity*, 135-141
- Patterson, "The political culture of the American States," 30 *Journal of Politics* 187-209
- Luttbeg, "Classifying the American States:" 15 *Midwest Journal of Political Science* 703-721 (now titled: *American Journal of Political Science*)
- Johnson, "Political Culture in the American States:..." 20 *American Journal of Political Science* 491-509
- Schlitz & Rainey, "The Geographic Distribution of Eleazar's political subcultures among the mass population," 31 *Western Political Quarterly* 410-415 (now *Political Research Quarterly*)
- Herzik, "The Legal-Formal Structuring of State Politics..." 38 *Western Political Quarterly*, 413-423
- Sharkansky, "Economic development, regionalism, and state political systems," 12 *Midwest Journal of Political Science*, 41-61
- Ritt, "Political Cultures and Political Reform:..." 4 *Publius*, 127-133
- Lowery & Sigelman, "Political Culture and State Public Policy:..." 35 *Western Political Quarterly* 376-384

Supplemental: Fiscal--the "New" Federalism

- Hanson, "Intergovernmental Relations," in Grey, V. & Jacob, H. *Politics in the American States: A comparative Analysis*, 6th ed.
- Wright, "Models of National, State, Local Relations," in *Understanding Intergovernmental Relations*
- Stein, "The Allocation of Federal Aid Monies," 75 *Amer Poli Sci Review* 334-343
- Monypenny, "Federal Grants-in-aid to State Governments:..." *National Tax Journal*, 1960
- Ingham, "Policy Implementation through bargaining:..." 25 *Public Policy*, 499-526
- Kettl, "The Fourth Face of Federalism," 41 *Public Admin Review* 366-371
- Regan, *The New Federalism*
- Caputo & Cole, *Revenue Sharing*
- Inman, *Financing the New Federalism*
- Walker, *Toward a Functioning Federalism*
- Gittell, ed., *State Politics and the New Federalism*
- Pelissero, "State Aid and City Needs," 46 *Journal of Politics*, 916-935
- Hale & Paley, *The Political of Federal Grants*
- Stonecash, "Centralization in State - Local Fiscal Relationships," 34 *Western Political Quarterly*, 301-309
- Conlan, "Federalism and competing values in the Reagan Administration" 15 *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 29-47.
- Lester, "New federalism and environmental policy" 16 *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 149-165

## CONGRESS

Required: Mayhew, *The Electoral Connection*  
March, J.G. & Olsen, J.P., "The New Institutionalism: Organizational Factors in Political Life," 78 *Amer Pol Sci Rev*, 734-750  
Miller, W.E. & Stokes, D.E., "Constituency Influence in Congress," 57 *Amer Pol Sci Re*, 45-56  
Rossiter, Essays ed #s 10, 12, 23-28, 30-34, 51-57, 62, 63  
Finifter, Chapter 6  
Goodin and Klingeman essays 4,6,7 (Public Administrators may want to read essays 24-27, as this subject started with Wilson's considerations of Congress and Administration)

### Supplemental:

Cox and McCubbin, *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the US House of Representatives*. **Very Strongly recommend reading**

Groseclose, Timothy and David King. 2001. "Committee Theories Reconsidered." Chapter 9 in Dodd and Oppenheimer (eds.) *Congress Reconsidered*.

Poole, Keith et al. 1991. "Patterns of Congressional Voting." 35 *American Journal of Political Science* 228.

Polsby, Nelson W. 1968. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." 62 *American Political Science Review* 144-68

Deering, C. J. & Smith, S. S. (1997). *Committees in Congress*.

Pitkin, H., *On Representation*

Marini, J., *The Politics of Budget Control*, Crane Russak,  
Walker et al., *The Legislative System*  
Riker, Wm., *A Theory of Political Coalitions*  
W. Wilson, *Congressional Government*

Mathews, *U.S. Senators and Their World*

Polsby, N. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives," 62 *Amer. Pol. Sci. Rev.* 144-168.

Fenno, "U.S. house members in their constituencies: an exploration," 71 *Amer. l. Sci. Rev.*, 883-917  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Congressmen and Committees; and Homestyle*

Hinkley, *Stability and Change in Congress*  
\_\_\_\_\_, *The Seniority System in Congress*

Jacobson, *The Electoral Origins of Divided Government*

Goodwin, *Little Legislatures: Committees in Congress*

Cooper, *The Origins of the Standing Committees and the Development of the Modern House*

Denzau & McKay, "Gate keeping and monopoly power in committees: . . ." 27 *Amer. Journ. Pol. Sci.*, 740-761

- Jacobson, *Money in Congressional elections*  
\_\_\_\_\_ and Kernell, *Strategy and Choice in Congressional Elections*  
Malbin, *Political Money*  
Schutz, *Money Politics and Campaign Finance Reform Law in the States*  
Gordon, *Campaign Contributions and Legislative Voting: A new Approach*  
Alexander, *Financing the 19\_\_ Election* (there are several editions of work)  
Sorauf, *Money in American Elections*  
Fiorina, *Congress: Keystone of the Washington Establishment*  
Price, D. "Careers and committees in the American congress," in Aydelotte, W.O. *The History of Parliamentary Behavior*  
Tuftte, E. "Determinants and the outcomes of midterm congressional elections," 68 *Amer Pol Sci Rev* 8112-826  
Collie, "Incumbancy Electoral safety and turnover in the House of Representatives" 75 *Amer Pol Sci Rev* 119-131  
Rohde, D., "Presidential vetoes and congressional response" 29 *Amer. Journ. Pol. Sci.* 397-427  
Brady, D. "A reevaluation of realignments in American politics: Evidence from the house of representatives," 79 *Amer Pol Sci Rev* 28-49  
Dodd & Oppenheimer, *Congress Reconsidered*

## THE EXECUTIVE

Most of the work on the executive is in book monograph, memoirs, and biographies, so that is what will be concentrated on. This is largely due to the fact that there have been so few members of that branch. This lends to more anecdotal, historical, moral and ethical treatments of the institution. Memoirs are obviously non-objective as are contemporary analyses. The critical works are Corwin's *The Presidency: Office and Powers*, Neustadt's *Presidential Power* and Barber's *Presidential Character*. The former is the definitive legal-institutional examination and is regrettably out of print. The second transformed thinking about the inhabitants of this branch while the third introduced a form of analysis that is used to this day in popular accounts of presidents as distinct from the presidency.

Required Neustadt, *Presidential Power*

Rossister, Essays #ed 24-29, 67-77

Essential to read

Corwin, L., *The Presidency: Office and Powers*, 1958 ed

Kallenbach, *The American Chief Executive*

Herzik, E. "The President governors and mayors: a framework for comparative analysis," *Presidential Studies quarterly*,

Sabato, *Goodbye to Goodtime Charlie*

Hager, Gregory L. and Terry Sullivan. 1994. "President-centered and Presidency-centered Explanations of Presidential Public Activity." 38 *American Journal of Political Science* 1079-1103.

Wildavsky, Aaron. "The Two Presidencies." In Wildavsky, *Perspectives on the Presidency* 448-461.

Corwin, E. S. (1939). "The Presidents as administrative chief." *Journal of Politics* 17-61.

Supplemental

Skowronek, "Notes on the presidency in the political order", in Orren and Skowronek, *1 Studies in American Political Development* 266-302

Laski, H.J., *The American Presidency*

Burns, J.M., *Presidential Government*

White, T., *The Making of the President*, 4 vols, 1960-1972

Edwards, G., *Presidential Influence in Congress*

Nathan, *The Administrative Presidency*

Cronin, T. and Greenberg, S. *The Presidential Advisory System*

Rose, R. *The Post-Modern President*

Allison, G. *The Essence of Decision*

Fisher, L. *Presidential Spending Power*

Tulis, J.K. *The Rhetorical Presidency*

Lowi, T. *The Personal President*

Barber, M.D., *Presidential Character*

Hess, S.. *Organizing the President*

Greenstein, F.I., *The Hidden-Hand Presidency*

## THE COURTS

As with the executive, the most work on the Supreme Court of the United States is largely in the form of historical accounts, biographies (Alphous Masons are the best), analyses of legal-constitutional reasoning, and of disputes between the Courts and other branches of the government. Again, contemporary accounts and biographies should be viewed with care. Unlike the executive however courts regularly announce decisions, hundreds of thousands a year, and record those decisions. So, those whose inclination is to counting this stuff up and from that exercise infer general patterns, have an ample data base.

There are then another approach to the courts that is quantitative, or scientific, or behavioral or whatever you wish to call it. This work began with C. Herman Prichett's analysis of Supreme Court voting patterns, and continues to this day. This body of work assumes that judges are driven by personal attitudes that affect their approach to law, precedent and to the arguments before them, as illustrated with the questioning of Judges Roberts and Alito by the Senate Judiciary Committee. It also assumes that judges are a product of their environment, their political beliefs and react to their environment accordingly. Representative works in this area are listed below the more "chatty" and "fun" material.

The "lower" courts, Federal District Courts, Circuit Courts of Appeal and state courts and court systems is much more amenable quantitative analysis, and there is a great deal of such material. Furthermore in terms of direct effect on individual's lives the lower courts are much more important than is the U.S. Supreme Court. It is in these courts that most cases end, and most judicially mandated policy decisions are made, and imposed.

I am asking you to read what is widely thought in the discipline to be a simple article. Like all profound work, Dahl's article is simple, and represents, in my judgment the best uniting of the major forces in American politics and the ways of thinking about it.

Required:

- Dahl, R., "Decision making in a democracy, the Supreme Court as a national policy maker," 6 *Journal of Public Law*," 1958
- Segal, J. *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*
- Adamany, D., Legitimacy, realigning elections and the supreme court," *Wisconsin Law Review*, 1973, 790-848
- Gibson, J.L., " Judges Role Orientations, Attitudes and Decisions..." 72 *American Political Science Review September*, 911-924.
- Casper, J.D., "The Supreme Court and national policy making," 70 *Amer. Pol. Sci. Rev.*, 50-63
- Rosister, Essays #ed 78-83
- Finifter, chapter 7

Supplemental

- Mishler, William and Reginald Sheehan. "The Supreme Court as a Counter-majoritarian Institution? The Impact of Public Opinion on Supreme Court Decisions." *87 American Political Science Review* 87-101.
- Segal, Jeffrey A. and Harold J. Spaeth. "Symposium: The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model." *4 Law and Courts* 3-12.
- Hasford and Spriggs, *The Politics of Precedent*
- Maltzamn, Spriggs and Wahlbeck, *Crafting Law on the Supreme Court*
- Roosevelt III, Kermit, *The Myth of Judicial Activism*
- Stumpf and Culver's *The Politics of State Courts*
- Dolebare, *Trial Courts in Urban America*
- Goldman, S., *Picking Federal Judges, Lower Court Selection from Roosevelt Through Regan*
- Bickel, A M , *The Least Dangerous Branch*
- Murphy, W.F., *Elements of Judicial Strategy*
- Wasby, S. *The Impact of Supreme Court Decisions*, 2nd ed
- Schubert, G. *The Judicial Mind*
- \_\_\_\_\_, "A psychological analysis of the Warren court," *56 Amer Pol Sci Rev*, 90-107, 1952
- Gibson, J.L., "The concept of role in judicial research," *3 Law Policy Quarterly* 291-308
- Warren, Charles, *The Supreme Court* 2 vol.
- Shapiro, M. *Law and Politics in the Supreme Court*
- Abraham, A.. *Justice and Presidents* 2nd ed.
- Becker, T., *Comparative Judicial Politics*
- Tullock, G., *The Logic of the Law*
- Posner, E., *Economic Analysis of Law*
- Baum, Lawrence "Policy Goals in Judicial Gatekeeping: A Proximity Model of Discretionary Jurisdictions" *21 Am Journ of Pol Sci* 13-36
- Goldman, S. *The Appointment of Federal Judges*,

## POLITICAL PARTIES AND VOTING

### Required Rossiter, Essay No. 10

- Downs, all.  
Aldrich, *Why Parties All*  
Lewis-Beck, All.  
Fiorina, "An Outline for a Model of Party Choice," 21 *Amer Journ Poli Sci*, 601-625  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*  
Finifter, Essays 5 & 12  
Goodin and Klingeman, 9,11 and 30

### Supplemental

- Abramowitz, Alan I. and Kyle L. Saunders. "Ideological Realignment in the U.S. Electorate." 60 *Journal of Politics* 634-652  
Fiorina, Morris. "Parties and Partisanship: A 40-Year Retrospective." 24 *Political Behavior* 93-115.  
Abramson, P. R., & Aldrich, J. (The decline of electoral participation in America. 76 *American Political Science Review* 502-521.  
Abramson, P. R. & Ostrom, C. W., Jr. Macropartisanship: An empirical reassessment. 85 *The American Political Science Review* 181-192.  
Bartels, L. M. . Partisanship and voting behavior, 1952-1996. 44 *American Journal of Political Science* 35-50.  
Brody, R. The puzzle of political participation in America. In A. Kings (Ed), *The New American political system*. Washington: American Enterprise Institute  
Fiorina, M. P. "Information and rationality in elections" In J. A. Ferejohn & J. H. Kuklinski (Eds.) *Information and Democratic Processes*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.  
Highton, B. "Easy registration and voter turnout. 59 *The Journal of Politics* 565-575  
Ladd, E. C., & Hadley, C. *The Transformations of the American Party System*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. New York: W. W. Norton\  
Lau, R. R., Sigelman, L., Heldman, C., & Babbitt, P. he effects of negative political advertising: A meta-analysis assessment. 93 *The American Political Science Review*, 851-875.  
McDonald, M. P., & Popkin, S. L. The myth of the vanishing voter. 95 *American Political Science Review* 963-974.  
Poundstone, *Gaming the vote*.  
Pomper, G. *Passions and Interests*  
McKuen, M.B., Erickson, R.S., & Stimson, J.A., "Micropartisanship" 83 *Amer Pol Sci Review* 1125- 112  
Smith, E.R.A.N., *The Unchanging American Voter*  
Keith, B.E., et al., *The Myth of the Independent Voter*  
Teixeria, R., *Why Americans Don't Vote*

- Schlesinger, J., "On the theory of party organization," 46 *Journ Pol* 369-400
- Duverger, M., *Political Parties*
- Michels, R., *Political Parties*
- Converse, P. et al., *The American Voter*
- Burnham, W., *Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Democracy*
- Schattschneider, E. E., *Party Government*
- No Author, "Toward a More Responsible Two Party System," 44 *American Political Science Review* (Supp)
- Rae, D., *The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws*
- Grofman, B. & Lijphart, A. *Electoral Laws & Their Political Consequences*, 1986.
- Lijphart, A., *Electoral Systems and Party Systems*, 1994
- Sundquist, J., *Dynamics of the Party System*
- Rosenstone et al., *Third Parties In America*
- Key, V.O. "A Theory of Critical Elections," 17 *Journ of Pol* 3-18, 1955
- \_\_\_\_\_, "Secular Realignment and the Party System," 21 *Journ of Pol*, 198-210
- Ferguson, T. "Party realignment & American industrial structures:..." in Zarembka (ed) 6 *Research in Political Economy* 1-82
- Burnham, W., "The Changing Shape of the American Political Universe," 59 *Amer Pol Sci Rev*, 7-28
- Campbell, A. and Markus, G. "Plus ca Change:..." 73 *Amer Pol Sci Rev*, 32-49
- Campbell, A., "A Classification of Presidential Elections," in Miller, W.E. and Stokes, D.E., *Elections & the Political Order*
- Abramson, "Generational Change and the Decline of Party Identification in America," 70 *Amer Pol Sci Rev* 469-478
- Wolfinger, R., "Why Political Machines Have Not Withered Away and Other Revisionist Thoughts", 34 *Journ of Pol* 365-398
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