

Political Science 252
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American Politics: Behavior

This course is designed to help prepare graduate students in political science to pass the comprehensive examination in the field of American Politics. Its companion course, PS 251, focuses on the formal institutions of American Government. This course focuses on the political behavior of individual citizens and informal political organizations such as parties and interest groups

Books you should have:

- Anthony Downs, *An Economic Theory of Democracy*, Harper and Row, 1957.
Mancur Olson, *The Logic of Collective Action*, Harvard, 1965.
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Samuel Popkin, *The Reasoning Voter*, 2nd ed., Chicago, 1994.
John Aldrich, *Why Parties? Origins and Transformation of Party Politics in America*, Chicago, 1995.
James A. Stimson, *Public Opinion in America: Moods, Cycles, and Swings*, 2nd ed. Westview Press, 1999.
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Assignments:

I. Public Opinion: Political Values

- *Alexis de Toqueville, *Democracy in America*, Part I, Sections 2, 3, and 5; Part II, Sections 3-9.
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III. Public Opinion: Influences

- *John Zaller and Stanley Feldman, "A Simple Theory of Survey Response," *AJPS* 36 (1992), pp. 579-616.
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- *Samuel Kernell, "Explaining Presidential Popularity," *APSR* 72 (1978):506-22.
- Shanto Iyengar and Donald Kinder, *News That Matters* (1987).
- *B. Page, R. Shapiro, and G. Dempsey, "What Moves Public Opinion?" *APSR* 81 (1987):23-44.
- *B. Page and R. Shapiro, "Effects of Public Opinion on Policy," *APSR* 77 (1983):175-190
- *M. MacKuen, R. Erikson, and J. Stimson, "Macropartisanship," *APSR* 83 (1989):1125-1142.
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- R. Erikson, M. MacKuen, and J. Stimson, "What Moves Macropartisanship? A Response to Green, Palmquist, and Schickler," *APSR* 92 (1998):901-912
- *G. Jacobson, "The Effects of the George W. Bush Presidency on Partisan Attitudes," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 39 (June 2009):172-209V
- *G. Jacobson, "Perception, Memory, and Partisan Polarization on the Iraq War," *Political Science Quarterly* 125 (Spring 2010), pp. 1-26.
- Paul Sniderman, "A New Look in Public Opinion Research," in *Political Science: The State of the Discipline II*, ed. Ada Finifter (1989), pp. 220-245.
- John Zaller, *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion* (1992).

IV. Political Participation

- *W. Riker and P. Ordeshook, "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting," *APSR* (1970):25-41
- Sidney Verba and Norman Nie, *Participation in America: Political Democracy and Social Equality* (1972), chs. 1, 8, 10, 14, 15, 20
- S. Rosenstone and M. Hansen, *Mobilization, Participation, and American Democracy* (1993).
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- *J. Fowler, L.A. Baker, and C.T. Dawes, "Genetic Variation in Political Participation," *APSR* (2008):233:248.
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- *Campbell, Converse, Miller and Stokes, *The American Voter* (1960), chs. 1-4, 6-8, 19-20.
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- R. Neimi and M. K. Jennings, "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification," *AJPS* 35 (1991):970-988.
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- *Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections* (1981), chs. 1, 5, 9, 10.
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- John Aldrich, et al., "Foreign Affairs and Issue Voting: Do Presidential Candidates 'Waltz Before a Blind Audience'?" *APSR* 83 (1989):123-141
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- *G. Jacobson, *The Politics of Congressional Elections*, 7th ed. (2009).
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- *V.O. Key, Jr., "A Theory of Critical Elections," *Journal of Politics* 17 (1955):3-18.
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- W.D. Burnham, "Party Systems and the Political Process" in William N. Chambers and W.D. Burnham, *The American Party Systems* (1975)
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IX. Interest Groups

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