

Seminar in American Politics and Policy
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Purpose

This course is the required seminar for the American politics and public policy field. The basic goal is to orient students to the subfields within American politics. I have organized the seminar around the core institutions—in some cases—and around basic questions that have motivated American politics scholarship in others. Naturally, we will cover the Courts, the Congress, and the Presidency; but we will also examine why some vote and others do not, how individuals decide which candidate to support, the formation of political opinions and attitudes, the role of the media, and so on. Because we will be covering a broad swath of research, the readings constitute a sample of the relevant material. By reading and discussing this research, as well as by completing the course assignments itemized below, you will build a solid foundation for understanding the field of American politics. However, if you are planning to take a field exam in American politics and public policy, your preparation should take you beyond the confines of this seminar. You will need to do additional reading in these areas. To give you a start on this reading, I have listed a limited number of “recommended” readings. I do not expect you to do these readings for class; rather, as you continue to learn about these areas of the literature, I encourage you to examine these readings.

Requirements

One Pagers: Come to class having read the materials listed for that class entry on the syllabus and be prepared to raise questions and participate in a discussion. Specifically, prepare a set of notes for each reading. You may want to think of this exercise as preparation for the comprehensive exam. For each reading, you should create a set of notes that will enable you to quickly identify the key question, why the question is interesting (e.g. where it fits in the broader literature), the authors’ unique theoretical approaches, how authors test their approaches, and the basic conclusions authors draw. While I will expect each student to prepare notes for each reading, students will only turn-in a one page (single-spaced) reaction to the readings. These one page reactions are to capture your impressions of the state of the literature we will be discussing. In contrast to your notes on each reading, the one page reaction paper should not summarize each

reading. Rather, you should use the reaction paper to discuss the big picture. What are the main debates motivating these scholars? Why do they matter? How can we extend knowledge in this area in useful ways? I want you to understand each reading positively. In other words, as you read a piece, you should put yourself in the author's corner and attempt to understand how and why the study was conducted. However, in the one page reaction, I want you to don your critic's hat. How could these studies be made more compelling? What questions remain unresolved?

Discussion Leadership: In addition to participating in the seminar, each student will also lead one seminar. This exercise will challenge you in ways that participating in discussions will not. For students who aspire to academia, this exercise will place you in the role of leading a graduate-level seminar. Although I will not collect your reading notes most weeks, I will collect your reading notes for the week you lead. In addition to providing basic notes on each reading, you should also prepare a set of 5-10 discussion questions for each reading. Take care to craft questions that require in-depth thinking and avoid simple yes or no questions. You might imagine yourself in the role of writing comprehensive examination questions as you think about guiding the discussion. This sort of thinking should both inspire meaningful discussion and help prepare you for the type of questions you will encounter in your exams.

Final Paper: For the final paper, you will attempt to make your own contribution to one of the areas covered in the seminar. **I EXPECT YOU TO CONDUCT FRESH RESEARCH FOR THIS PAPER, NOT REVISE A PAPER FROM ANOTHER SEMINAR.** The goal is to produce the type of manuscript that you could (eventually) submit for publication in a journal. Please see the *Style Manual for Political Science*, published by the American Political Science Association, for formatting. The final paper should be 15-20 pages in length plus a 150 word abstract and title page. Each paper will consist of introductory sections identifying the scholarly literature, outlining your research question, and describing your potential contribution to the literature; a data and methods section describing your methodological approach to answering your research question; a section describing the results of your analyses; a conclusion; and a bibliography.

The basic break-down of the course grade is as follows:

- Participation: 10%
- One Pagers: 40%
- Discussion Leadership: 20%
- Final Paper: 30%

Incompletes will not be granted except in the case of extreme, documented, non-academic, emergencies.

Required Books

Prior, Markus. 2007. *Post-Broadcast Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Segal, Jeffrey and Harold Spaeth. 2002. *The Supreme Court and the Attitudinal Model Revisited*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Cox, Gary and Matthew McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the US House of Representatives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Lewis-Beck et al. 2008. *The American Voter Revisited*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Disability Policy

University policy 3342-3-18 requires that students with disabilities be provided reasonable accommodations to ensure their equal access to course content. If you have a documented disability and require accommodations, please contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to make arrangements for necessary classroom adjustments. Please note, you must first verify your eligibility for these through Student Accessibility Services (contact 330-672-3391 or visit www.kent.edu/sas for more information on registration procedures).

Class Schedule (abbreviations: JOP=Journal of Politics, APSR=American Political Science Review, AJPS=American Journal of Political Science, PRQ=Political Research Quarterly, PB=Political Behavior, POQ=Public Opinion Quarterly, BJPS=British Journal of Political Science)

- **January 20—Welcome and overview**
- **January 27— Formation of Opinions and Attitudes**

Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-5.

Achen, Christopher. (1975). "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." *American Political Science Review*. 69: 1218-1231.

Philip E. Converse, "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics," In David Apter, ed., *Ideology and Discontent* (1964).

Niemi, Richard G. and M. Kent Jennings. 1991. "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification." *AJPS* 35:970-988.

Jacoby, William G. 1991. "Ideological Identification and Issue Attitudes." *AJPS* 35:178-205.

Recommended Readings:

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

Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

John Zaller and Stanley Feldman, "A Simple Theory of the Survey Response: Answering Questions versus Revealing Preferences," *American Journal of Political Science* 36 (1992): 579-616.

Delli Carpini, Michael X. and Scott Keeter. 1996. *What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Page, Benjamin I. and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1992. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in Americans' Policy Preferences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Sniderman, Paul M., Richard A. Brody, and Philip E. Tetlock, 1991. *Reasoning and Choice*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

- **February 3—Opinions and Attitudes: Topics**

Zaller, John. 1992. *The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 6-9, 12.

Abramowitz, Alan and Kyle Saunders. 2008. "Is Polarization a Myth?" *Journal of Politics*. 70: 542-555.

Fiorina, Morris P. and Samuel J. Abrams. 2008. "Political Polarization in the American Public." *Annual Review of Political Science*. 11: 563-588.

Hetherington, Marc J. 2001. Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review*. 95:3. 619-631.

Bartels, Larry M. 2006. What's the Matter with What's the Matter with Kansas? *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 1:201–226.

Recommended:

Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. (2002). *The Macro Polity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Fiorina, Morris P. 2005. *Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

MacKuen, Michael B., Robert S. Erikson, and James A. Stimson. 1989. "Macropartisanship." *APSR* 83:1125-1142.

Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1984. "On the Theory of Party Organization." *JOP* 46:369-400.

- Aldrich, John H. 1999. "Political Parties in a Critical Era." *APQ*. 27:9-32.
- Gibson, James L., Cornelius P. Cotter, John F. Bibby, and Robert J. Huckshorn. 1983. "Assessing Party Organizational Strength." *AJPS* 27:193-222.
- Schlesinger, Joseph A. 1985. "The New American Political Party." *APSR* 79:1152-1169.
- APSA Committee on Political Parties. 1950. "Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System: A Report of the Committee on Political Parties." *APSR* 44(3) (Supplement):1-99.
- Sears, David O., Richard R. Lau, Tom R. Tyler, and Harris M. Allen, Jr. 1980. "Self-Interest vs. Symbolic Politics in Policy Attitudes and Presidential Voting." *APSR* 74:670-684.
- Jacoby, William G. 1995. "The Structure of Ideological Thinking in the American Electorate." *AJPS* 39:314-335.
- Rahn, Wendy. 1993. "The Role of Partisan Stereotypes in Information Processing about Political Candidates." *American Journal of Political Science*. 37(May): 472-96
- Sullivan, John L., James E. Piereson, and George E. Marcus. 1978. "Ideological Constraint in the Mass Public: A Methodological Critique and Some New Findings." *American Journal of Political Science* 22:233-249.
- Layman, Geoffrey C., and Thomas Carsey. 2002a. "Party Polarization and 'Conflict Extension' in the American Electorate. *American Journal of Political Science* 46 (October): 786-802.
- Layman, Geoffrey C., and Thomas M. Carsey. 2002b. Party Polarization and Party Structuring of Policy Attitudes: A Comparison of Three NES Panel Studies. *Political Behavior* 24 (September):199-236.
- DiMaggio, Paul, John Evans, and Bethan Bryson. 1996. "Have American's Social Attitudes Become More Polarized?" *American Journal of Sociology* 102 (3):690-755.
- Brewer, Mark D. 2005. "The Rise of Partisanship and the Expansion of Partisan Conflict within the American Electorate." *Political Research Quarterly*. 58:219-230.
- Abramowitz, Alan, and Kyle Saunders. 2005. "Why Can't We All Just Get Along? The Reality of a Polarized America." *The Forum*. 3:2. 1-22.
- Conover, Pamela Johnston and Stanley Feldman. 1981. "The Origins and Meaning of Liberal-Conservative Self-Identifications." *AJPS* 25:617-645.

- **February 10—Participation**

Lewis-Beck et al. 2008. *The American Voter Revisited*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. (Chapters 1-5).

Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Floating Voters and Floating Activists: Political Change and Information." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:1. 124-134.

Highton and Wolfinger. (2001). "The Political Implications of Higher Turnout." *British Journal of Political Science*. 31: 179-223.

William Riker and Peter Ordeshook, "A Theory of the Calculus of Voting," *American Political Science Review* 62 (1968): 25-42.

Michael P. McDonald and Samuel L. Popkin, "The Myth of the Vanishing Voter," *American Political Science Review* 95 (2001): 963-74.

Gerber, Alan S., and Donald P. Green. 2000. "The Effects of Canvassing, Phone Calls, and Direct mail on Voter Turnout: A Field Experiment." *American Political Science Review*. 94(Sept.): 653-63.

Brady, Henry E., Sidney Verba, and Kay Lehman Schlozman. 1995. "Beyond SES: A Resource Model of Political Participation." *APSR* 89:271-294.

Recommended Readings:

Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Campaign Activism and the Spatial Model: Getting Beyond Extremism to Explain Policy Motivated Participation." *Political Behavior*. 29:3. 369-390.

Verba, Sidney., Kay Lehman Schlozman, Henry E. Brady. 1995. *Voice and Equality: Civic Voluntarism in American Politics*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Wolfinger, Raymond and Steven J. Rosenstone. 1980. *Who Votes?* New Haven: Yale University Press.

Popkin, Samuel L. 1991. *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Alvarez, R. Michael. 1997. *Information and Elections*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Campbell, Angus, Phillip E. Converse, Warren E. Miller, and Donald E. Stokes. 1960. *The American Voter*. New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper Collins Publishers.

Fiorina, Morris P. 1981. *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Putnam, Robert D. 2000. *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*.

New York: Simon and Schuster.

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John Aldrich, "Rational Choice and Turnout," *American Journal of Political Science* 37 (1993), 246-78.

Richard J. Timpone, "Structure, Behavior, and Voter Turnout in the United States," *American Political Science Review* 92 (1998): 145-58.

Kim Fridkin Kahn and Patrick J. Kenney, "Do Negative Campaigns Mobilize or Suppress Turnout? Clarifying the Relationship between Negativity and Participation," *American Political Science Review* 93 (1999): 877-89.

Mutz, Diana. 2002. "The Consequences of Cross-Cutting Networks for Political Participation." *American Journal of Political Science*. 46(Oct.): 838-55.

Powell, G. Bingham. 1986. "American Voter Turnout in Comparative Perspective." *American Political Science Review*. 80(Mar.): 17-43.

Fowler, James. 2006. "Altruism and Turnout." *Journal of Politics*. 68 (Aug.): 674-683.

Gerber, Alan S., Donald P. Green, and Ron Shachar. 2003. "Voting May Be Habit-Forming: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment." *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (3, July): 540-550.

Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "Voter Registration and Turnout in the United States." *Perspectives on Politics* 2(Sept.): 507-516.

Leighley, Jan E. 1995. "Attitudes, Opportunities and Incentives - A Field Essay on Political Participation." *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 181-209.

Leighley, Jan E., and Jonathan Nagler. 1992. "Socioeconomic Bias in Turnout 1964-1988: The Voters Remain the Same." *American Political Science Review* 86(Sept.): 725-736.

Plutzer, Eric. 2002. "Becoming a Habitual Voter: Inertia, Resources and Growth in Young Adulthood." *American Political Science Review*. 96(Mar.): 41-56.

Squire, Peverill, Raymond E. Wolfinger, and David P. Glass. 1987. "Residential Mobility and Voter Turnout." *American Political Science Review* 81(Mar.): 45-66.

Brehm, John and Wendy Rahn. 1997. "Individual-Level Evidence for the Causes and Consequences of Social Capital." *AJPS* 41:999-1023.

Kim, Hyojoung and Peter S. Bearman. 1997. "The Structure and Dynamics of Movement Participation." *American Sociological Review* 62:70-93.

Putnam, Robert P. 1995. "Tuning In, Tuning Out: The Strange Disappearance of Social Capital in America." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 28:664-83.

Beck, Paul Allen and M. Kent Jennings. 1982. "Pathways to Participation." *APSR* 76:94-108.

Burns, Schlozman, and Verba, 1997. "The Public Consequences of Private Inequality: Family Life and Citizen Participation." *APSR* 91: 373-389.

Jackman, 1993. "Rationality and Political Participation." *AJPS* 37: 279-290.

Feddersen, 2004. "Rational Choice Theory and the Paradox of Not Voting." *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 18: 99-112.

Ferejohn, John A., and Morris P. Fiorina. 1974. "The Paradox of Not Voting: A Decision Theoretic Analysis." *APSR* 68: 525-536.

Ansolabehere, Iyengar, Simon, and Valentino, 1994. "Does Attack Advertising Demobilize the Electorate?" *APSR* 88: 829-838.

Kahn and Kenney, 1999. "Do Negative Campaigns Mobilize or Suppress Turnout? Clarifying the Relationship between Negativity and Participation." *APSR* (Dec): 877-890.

Paul Abramson and John Aldrich, "The Decline of Electoral Participation in America," *American Political Science Review* 76 (1982): 502-21.

Lau, Sigelman, Rovner. 2007. "The Effects of Negative Political Campaigns: A Meta-Analytic Reassessment." *Journal of Politics*.

- **February 17—Voting**

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Rabinowitz, George, and Stuart Elaine MacDonald. 1989. "A Directional Theory of Issue Voting." *APSR* 83:93-121.

Lewis and King. (1999). "No Evidence on Directional vs. Proximity Voting." *Political Analysis*. 8: 21-33.

Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Ideology and Evaluation in an Experimental Setting: Comparing the Proximity and the Directional Models." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:2. 263-274.

Redlawsk, David. 2001. "You Must Remember This: A Test of the On-Line Model of Voting." *Journal of Politics*. 63(Feb.): 29-58.

Recommended:

Miller and Shanks. (1996). *The New American Voter*.

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

Westholm. (1997). "Distance versus Direction: The Illusory Defeat of the Proximity Theory of Electoral Choice." *American Political Science Review*. 4: 865-83.

Jacobson. (1989). "Strategic Politicians and the Dynamics of U.S. House Elections, 1946-1986." *American Political Science Review*. 83: 773-793.

Stone and Rapoport. (2001). "It's Perot Stupid! The Legacy of the 1992 Perot Movement in the Major Party System, 1992-2000." *P.S. Political Science and Politics*. 34: 49-58.

Party ID

Larry M. Bartels, "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996," *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (2000): 35-50.

Marc J. Hetherington, "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization," *American Political Science Review* 95 (2001): 619-32.

Incumbency

Andrew Gelman and Gary King, "Estimating Incumbency Advantage Without Bias," *American Journal of Political Science* 34 (1990) 1142-64.

Gary W. Cox and Jonathan Katz, "Why Did the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections Grow?," *American Journal of Political Science* 40 (1996): 478-97.

Economics

Gregory B. Markus, "The Impact of Personal and National Economic Conditions on the Presidential Vote: A Pooled Cross-Sectional Analysis," *American Journal of Political Science* 32 (1988): 137-54.

Michael B. McKuen, Robert S. Erikson, and James Stimson, "Peasants or Bankers? The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy," *American Political Science Review* 86 (1992): 597-611.

Harold D. Clarke and Marianne C. Stewart, "Prospections, Retrospections, and Rationality: The 'Bankers' Model of Presidential Approval Reconsidered," *American Journal of Political Science* 38 (1994): 1104-23.

Hemut Norpoth, "Presidents and Prospective Voters," *Journal of Politics* 58 (1996): 776-92.

Richard Nadeau and Michael S. Lewis-Beck, "National Economic Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections," *Journal of Politics* 63 (2001): 159-81.

Issues

Edward G. Carmines and James A. Stimson, "The Two Faces of Issue Voting," *American Political Science Review* 74 (1980): 78-91.

Alan Abramowitz, "It's Abortion, Stupid: Policy Voting in the 1992 Presidential Election," *Journal of Politics* 57 (1995): 176-86.

John R. Petrocik, "Issue Ownership in Presidential Elections, with a 1980 Case Study," *American Journal of Political Science* 40 (1996): 825-50.

Campaign Effects and Candidate Evaluations

Milton Lodge and Marco Steenbergen, with Shaun Brau, "The Responsive Voters: Campaign Information and the Dynamics of Candidate Evaluation," *American Political Science Review* 89 (1995): 309-26.

Daron R. Shaw, "A Study of Presidential Campaign Event Effects from 1952-1992," *Journal of Politics* 61 (1999): 387-422.

Gelman, Andrew and Gary King. 1993. "Why Are American Presidential Election Polls So Variable When Voters Are So Predictable?" *BJPS* 23:409-451.

Markus Gregory B., and Philip E. Converse. 1979. "A Dynamic Simultaneous Equation Model of Electoral Choice." *APSR*. 73:1055-1070.

Burden, Barry C. and David C. Kimball. 1998. "A New Approach to the Study of Ticket Splitting." *APSR* 92:533-544.

Cox, Gary W. 1990. "Centripetal and Centrifugal Incentives in Electoral Systems." *AJPS* 34:903-935.

- **February 24—The Media**

Prior, Markus. 2007. *Post-Broadcast Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Mutz, 2005. "The New Videomalaise: Effects of Televised Incivility on Political Trust." *APSR* 99 (1): 1-16.

Iyengar, Peters, and Kinder. 1982. "Experimental Demonstrations of the 'Not-so-Minimal' Consequences of Television Evening News Programs." *APSR*. 76. 848-58.

Recommended:

Iyengar and Kinder. 1987. *News That Matters*. Chicago: University of Chicago.

Who Influences Whom? The President, Congress, and the Media by Edwards and Wood in *The American Political Science Review*, 93:2.

Nelson, Thomas E., Rosalee A. Clawson, and Zoe M. Oxley. 1997. "Media Framing of a Civil Liberties Conflict and Its Effect on Tolerance." *American Political Science Review*. 91(Sept.): 567-83.

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Larry Bartels, "Messages Received: The Political Impact of Media Exposure," *American Political Science Review* 87 (1993): 267-85.

- **March 3—Congress: Models of Organization**

Cox, Gary and Matthew McCubbins. 2005. *Setting the Agenda: Responsible Party Government in the US House of Representatives*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Smith, Steven S. 2000. "Positive Theories of Congressional Parties." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 25(2): 193-215.

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Krehbiel, Keith. (1991). *Information and Legislative Organization*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Krehbiel, Keith. (1998). *Pivotal Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

David W. Rohde, *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House* (1991).

Gary Cox and Mathew D. McCubbins, *Legislative Leviathan* (1993).

Kenneth Shesple and Barry Weingast, "The Institutional Foundations of Committee Power," *American Political Science Review* 81 (1987): 85-104.

Barry Weingast and William Marshall, "The Industrial Organization of Congress: Or, Why Legislatures, Like Firms, Are Not Organized as Markets," *Journal of Political Economy* 96 (1988): 132-63.

David W. Rohde, "Parties and Committees in the House: Member Motivations, Issues, and Institutional Arrangements," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 19 (1995): 341-

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Polsby, Nelson. 1968. "The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives." *APSR* 62: 144-168.

Weisberg, Herbert F. 1978. "Evaluating Theories of Congressional Roll-Call Voting." *AJPS* 22:554-577.

Krehbiel, Keith. 1995. "Cosponsors and Wafflers from A to Z." *AJPS* 39:906-923.

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Kingdon, J. 1977. "Models of Legislative Voting." *Journal of Politics*. 39:563-95.

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Lupia, Arthur and Mathew W. McCubbins. (1994). "Who Controls? Information and the Structure of Legislative Decision Making." *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 19:3. 361-384.

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Gilligan, Thomas and Keith Krehbiel. (1990). "Organization of Informative Committees by a Rational Legislature." *American Journal of Political Science*. 34:2. 531-564.

Schickler, 2000. "Institutional Change in the House of Representatives: A Test of Partisan and Ideological Power Balance Models." *APSR* 94: 269-288.

- **March 10—Congress: Representation**

Bartels, Larry M. 1991. "Constituency Opinion and Congressional Policy Making: The Reagan Defense Buildup." *APSR* 85:457-474.

Fenno, Richard F., Jr., "U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies," *American Political Science Review* 71 (1977): 883-917.

Rothenberg, Lawrence S. and Mitchell S. Sanders, "Severing the Electoral Connection: Shirking in the Contemporary Congress." *American Journal of Political Science* 44 (2000): 316-325.

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Hall, Richard L., and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. "Buying time: Moneyed Interests and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees." *APSR* 84:797-820.

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Connection,” *American Political Science Review* 90 (1996): 21-33.

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- **March 17—The Presidency**

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Charles Ostrom and Dennis Simon, “Promise and Performance: A Dynamic Model of Presidential Popularity,” *American Journal of Political Science* 79 (1985): 334-58.

Lyn Ragsdale and John J. Theiss, “The Institutionalization of the American Presidency, 1924-92,” *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (1997): 1280-1318.

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McCarty, 2000. “Presidential Pork: Executive Veto Power and Distributive Politics. *APSR* 94(1):117-129.

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- Kernell, Samuel. 1997. *Going Public: New Strategies of Presidential Leadership*. 3rd ed. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.
- Neustadt, Richard. 1990 . *Presidential Power and the Modern Presidents*. NY: Free Press.
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