

## **POL 612: Seminar in American Political Parties**

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### *Summary Statement*

I have (at least) two strong convictions about the study of political parties. The first is that parties offer a particularly good vehicle for studying the politics of democratic society. The reason, simply, is that parties are the principal linkage between citizens and elites in the struggle to decide who will control the formal institutions of government. For the citizens, parties are an organized expression of collective interests--sometimes coherent, sometimes disjointed. At elections these grievances and aspirations are presented for public inspection and it is then that observers can discover what matters and what is ignored in a polity. At the elite end of the linkage, parties are the institutions through which elites coordinate their activities as they attempt to appeal to and satisfy the interests and grievances of their support base. Observing how the elites articulate grievances, mobilize the concerned, and craft public policy alternatives offers one of the best ways to learn about the politics of a society. In short, the study of political parties is in many ways the study of democratic governance

The second conviction is that, having said all of the above, the study of political parties is exceedingly broad and very difficult to boil down into a nice, neat, semester-long package. Decisions must therefore be made on what is more or less important, a value judgement about which I am somewhat uncomfortable. The syllabus reflects these convictions; it focuses upon parties as linkage institutions in a representative setting (some would disapprove) and it touches some topics while leaving others out, with no justification beyond the time limit imposed by the length of the semester. Anyone interested in topics that are not covered here should feel free to come talk to me.

### *Student Responsibilities*

As with all graduate seminars, this one will be premised on extensive reading and preparation, participation in seminar discussions, and writing and research.

### Participation (20% of final grade)

It is my strong feeling that seminars should be more about what you think of the readings and less about what I think of them. In other words, the quality of the seminar will depend largely upon the level of participation of the students. *Everyone is expected to prepare the assigned readings by the day of the seminar and be willing and able to participate meaningfully in discussions.* Note that it is my experience that waiting until the day before the seminar to begin the readings is not a very good way to facilitate this goal. Our objective is to emerge from each meeting with a solid understanding of each article/chapter, not only individually but also how they might be integrated. In my opinion, one of the major differences between graduate and undergraduate training is that you are now expected to do more than merely summarize readings and other people's opinions. Rather, you are expected to analyze the readings--for both their strengths and weaknesses--and evaluate them with your own insights.

### Agenda Papers (25% of final grade)

Each class member will choose one seminar meeting at which to present a brief paper on the assigned readings. The paper should be an overview and **critical analysis** of the week's readings in which you develop and support a line of argument concerning the material. Importantly, **this paper should be more than a mere summary of the readings**. It should be a coherent, analytical treatment of the topic intended to stimulate discussion. Thus, a good agenda paper will contain the following: (1) a brief summary of each article; (2) an analysis/critique of the material; and most importantly, (3) a well-developed line of argument that attempts to draw the readings together. As discussion leader, you will be expected to summarize the most important theoretical arguments in the required readings for your week as well as to lead class discussion of those readings. The discussion leader is encouraged to use instructional aides such as handouts.

The paper should be roughly 8-10 typewritten pages. In order to give your classmates adequate time to prepare their critiques (see below) of your work, papers should be distributed to them (and me) by Monday afternoon prior to the next day's class meeting. In the seminar, paper presenters should be prepared to give an oral summary of their papers and help lead the discussion. [Note: except under extreme circumstances (to be defined by me), agenda papers that are not turned in on time for the class to prepare critiques will not be accepted.

#### Critiques (20% of final grade)

To encourage timely reading of each week's material as well as to develop your analytical skills, each class member will submit a series of critiques of the weekly agenda papers. These critiques should offer opinions and thoughts about the summary, analysis, and line of reasoning offered in the agenda paper for that week, as well as your own brief analyses of the week's readings. These will be due on the day of the seminar and should be roughly 3-4 typewritten pages.

#### Research Design (35% of final grade)

One goal of any graduate seminar should be to engage in the research enterprise. Each week our meetings will be about honing your skills in analyzing other peoples' research. One of the most important aspects of the class will be how you put these insights to work in your own research. As such, each student will be responsible for producing a research design. Note that we are not talking about annotated bibliographies or literature reviews here, but a research project in which you study a body of literature, develop a well-reasoned argument, and then set about to design a test of your ideas in an empirical fashion. What I am looking for here is a sophisticated treatment of a problem of interest to you in any area of party politics. My goal here is to get you positioned to produce a manuscript that will result in a conference paper or publication. We will take the first step here – the generation of a topic and design of the study. Anybody interested in addressing the next stages – data gathering and analysis – is encouraged to do so.

A final note on grading: It is my strong belief that as political scientists we must be held accountable not only for the quality of our ideas and analyses, but for our ability to express them. Unfortunately, as you will soon discover in your readings, many in the profession fall woefully short in this latter area. I do not expect you to be among this group. *As such, I will be taking grammar and spelling into account on all written assignments.* As I hand back your weekly assignments they will be marked for grammatical errors. I expect you to pay attention to these markings and use them to help you avoid habitual mistakes and improve your writing skills.

#### *Ground Rules*

Attendance: Assumed

Incompletes: In general, I do not have a philosophical problem with incompletes, so long as they are taken for the right purpose. In my mind, this means for someone who is well along in a research project and needs a little more time to bring it to fruition; it does not mean a student who hasn't gotten around to doing the work and is in a panic at the end of the semester. Based on these criteria incompletes may be given if necessary and at my discretion.

Required Readings: Readings will be taken from a variety of academic journals and texts and will be provided in the form of xerox copies when not available on JSTOR. In addition, you may wish to purchase the following:

Note: I reserve the right to modify the weekly readings detailed below as new materials come to my attention.

## **Part I: Foundations of Parties and Party Systems**

Week 1 (Jan 14): Introduction

Madison, James. *Federalist #10*

Schattschneider, E. *Party Government*

-Chapter 1: In Defense of Political Parties

Epstein, L. 1986. *Political Parties in the American Mold*. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press.

-Chapter 2: The Scholarly Commitment to Parties.

Morris Fiorina, "The Decline of Collective Responsibility in American Politics" *Daedalus*, Summer 1980, pp. 25-45

Lawson, Kay. 1980. "Introduction: Political Parties and Linkage," In *Political Parties and Linkage: A Comparative Perspective*. ed. Kay Lawson. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Schlesinger, Joseph. 1994. *Political Parties and the Winning of Public Office*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

-Chapter 1: A Theory of Political Parties

Duverger, Maurice. 1954. *Political Parties: Their Organization and Activities in the Modern State*. New York: Wiley.

Sartori, Giovanni. 1976. *Parties and Party Systems*

Dalton, Russell. 1996. *Citizen Politics in Western Democracies*. Chatham: Chatham House.

-Chapter 7: Elections and Political Parties

-Chapter 8: The Social Bases of Party Support

Week 2 (Jan 21):           The U.S. Party System

- Schattschneider, E. *Party Government*  
-Chapter 1: In Defense of Political Parties
- Epstein, L. 1986. *Political Parties in the American Mold*. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press.  
-Chapter 2: The Scholarly Commitment to Parties.
- Aldrich, John. 1995. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Ch 1 and Ch. 8
- Schlesinger, Joseph, 1985. "The New American Political Party." *American Political Science Review* 79:1152-69.
- Reichley, J. 1999. "The Future of the American Two-Party System after 1996." In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.* ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Lowi, T. 1999. "Toward a Responsible Three-Party System: Plan or Obituary." In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Jewell, Malcolm and Sarah Morehouse. 2000. *Political Parties and Elections in American States*. 4<sup>rd</sup> ed. Chicago: The Dorsey Press.  
-Chapter 1: "State Political Systems in a National Setting."

Additional

- Downs, Anthony. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. New York: Harper and Brothers.  
-Chapter 1: Introduction  
-Chapter 2: Party Motivation and the Function of Government in Society  
-Chapter 7: The Development of Political Ideologies as Means of Getting Votes
- Gimpel, James. 1996. *National Elections and the Autonomy of American State Party Systems*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press.  
-Chapter 1: National Elections and the Autonomy of American State Party Systems.
- Key, V.O. 1949. *Southern Politics in State and Nation*. New York: A.A. Knoph.
- Burns, James M. *The Deadlock of Democracy* Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1967.
- Chambers, W. N. "Party Development and the American Mainstream," in W. Chambers and W. Burnham, eds, *The American Party Systems*. New York: Oxford Press, 1967.
- Key, V.O. Jr. *Politics, Parties, and Pressure Groups*. New York: Thomas Crowell, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1958. Chapter 8.
- Lowi, T. "Party, Policy, and Constitution in America," also in Chambers and Burnham.
- Ranney, Austin. *The Doctrine of Responsible Party Government*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press.
- Schattschneider, E.E. *Party Government*. New York: Rinehart and Co., Inc, 1942.
- Sabato, Larry. 1988. *The Party's Just Begun*. Glenview: Scott/Foresman.  
-Chapter 1: The Case For Parties
- Kirkpatrick, Evron. 1971. "Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System: Political Science, Policy Science, or Pseudo-Science?" *American Political Science Review* 65:965-990.
- Brown, Robert D., and John M. Bruce. 2002. "Political Parties in State and Nation: Party Advantage and Party Competition in a Federal Setting." *Party Politics* 8:635-656.

## Part II: Parties as Organizations

Week 3 (Jan 28): National and State Organizations

### *National*

- Herrnson, Paul S. 1986. "Do Parties Make a Difference? The Role of Party Organizations in Congressional Elections." *Journal of Politics* 48:589-615.
- Herrnson, Paul. 1998. "National Party Organizations at the Century's End. In *The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder: Westview.
- Coleman, John J. 1996. "Party Organizational Strength and Public Support for the Parties." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 805-24.
- Coleman, John J. 1996. "Resurgent or Just Busy? Party Organizations in Contemporary America." *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Freundreis, John. 1996. "Voters, Government Officials, and Party Organizations: Connections and Distinctions." *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Schlesinger, Joseph. 1994. *Political Parties and the Winning of Public Office*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.  
-Chapter 7: Party Organization

### *State and Local* (Not Required)

- Gibson, Cotter, Bibby, and Huckshorn, 1983. "Assessing Party Organizational Strength," *American Journal of Political Science* 27:193-222.
- Freundreis, John P., James L. Gibson, and Laura L. Vertz. 1990. "The Electoral Relevance of Local Party Organizations." *American Political Science Review* 84:225-36.
- Pomper, Gerald. 1990. "Party Organization and Electoral Success." *Polity* 23:187-206.
- Freundreis, John, and Alan Gitelson. 1999. "Local Parties in the 1990s: Spokes in a Candidate-Centered Wheel. In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Bibby, John. 1998. "State Party Organizations: Coping and Adapting to Candidate-Centered Politics and Nationalization," In *The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder: Westview.
- Beck, Paul, Russell Dalton, Audrey Haynes, and Robert Huckfeldt. 1997. "Presidential Campaigning at the Grass Roots." *Journal of Politics* 59:1264-75.

Week 4 (Feb. 4) Party Activists

- Stone, Walter and Alan Arbamowitz. 1983. "Winning May Not Be Everything, But It's More Than We Thought: Presidential Party Activists in 1980." *American Political Science Review*. 77:945-956.
- Stone, Walter, and Ronald Rapoport. 1994. "Candidate Perception among Nomination Activists: A New Look at the Moderation Hypothesis." *Journal of Politics* 56:1034-52.

- Aldrich, John. 1995. *Why Parties? The Origin and Transformation of Political Parties in America*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.  
 -Chapter 6: Party Activists and Partisan Cleavages in Contemporary Elections
- McCann, James. 1995. "Nomination Politics and Ideological Polarization: Assessing the Attitudinal Effects of Campaign Involvement." *Journal of Politics* 57:101-20.
- McCann, James, Ronald Rapoport, and Walter Stone. 1999. "Heeding the Call: An Assessment of Mobilization into H. Ross Perot's 1992 Presidential Campaign." *American Journal of Political Science* 43:1-28.
- Stone, Walter and Ronald Rapoport. 1998. "A Candidate-Centered Perspective on Party Responsiveness: Nomination Activists and the Process of Party Change." In *The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.* ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder: Westview.
- Bruce, John, John Clark, and John Kessel. 1991. "Advocacy Politics in Presidential Parties." *American Political Science Review* 85:1089-1106.

### **Part III: The Party in the Electorate**

#### Week 5: (February 11): Mass Partisanship

- Angus Campbell, et. al. *The American Voter*. Chapters 6 and 7
- Niemi, Richard, and Herbert Weisberg. 2001. "How Much Does Politics Affect Party Identification." in Richard Niemi and Herbert Weisberg eds, *Controversies in Voting Behavior 4<sup>th</sup> ed.* Washington D.C.: CQ Press.
- Franklin, Charles H. and John E. Jackson. 1983. "The Dynamics of Party Identification." *American Political Science Review* 77(December): 957-973.
- Norpoth, Helmut and Jerrold Rusk. 1982. "Partisan Dealignment in the American Electorate: Itemizing the Deductions." *American Political Science Review* 76:522-37.
- Wattenberg, Martin P. 1981. "The Decline of Political Partisanship in the United States: Negativity or Neutrality?" *American Political Science Review* 75:941-50.
- Carmines, Edward G., John P. McIver, and James A. Stimson. 1987. "Unrealized Partisanship: A Theory of Dealignment." *Journal of Politics* 49:376-400.
- Hetherington, Marc. 2001. "Resurgent Mass Partisanship: The Role of Elite Polarization." *American Political Science Review* 95:619-632
- Lockerbie, Brad. 2002. "Party Identification: Constancy and Change." *American Politics Research* 30:384-405.

#### Additional

- Niemi, Richard G., and M. Kent Jennings. 1991. "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification." *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 970-988.
- Wattenberg, Martin P. 1998. *The Decline of American Political Parties, 1952-1996*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- Bartels, Larry. 2000. "Partisanship and Voting Behavior, 1952-1996." *American Journal of Political Science* 44:
- Rusk, J. 1970. "The Effect of the Australian Ballot Reform on Split Ticket Voting: 1876-1908." *American Political Science Review* 64: 1220-35

- Wattenberg, M. 1998. *The Decline of American Political Parties, 1952-1996* Harvard Press.
- Clarke, H. and M. Suzuki. 1994. "Partisan Dealignment and the Dynamics of Independence in the American Electorate, 1953-1988." *British Journal of Political Science* 24: 57-77.
- Miller, Warren E. 1991. "Party Identification, Realignment and Party Voting: Back to the Basics." *American Political Science Review* 85: 557-68.
- Lockerbie, B. 1989. "Changes in Party Identification: The Role of Prospective Economic Evaluations." *American Politics Quarterly* 17: 291-311.
- Miller, Warren E. 1992. "Generational Changes and Party Identification." *Political Behavior* 14:333-360.
- Beck, Paul. 1979. "The Electoral Cycle and Patterns of American Politics." *British Journal of Political Science* 9:129-56.
- Nie, N., Verba, S. and Petrocik, J. 1976. *The Changing American Voter*, Cambridge: Harvard U. Press.
- Jacoby, William. 1988. "The Impact of Party Identification on Issue Attitudes," *American Journal of Political Science* 32 (August):643-61.
- Niemi, R. and M. Jennings. 1991. "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification." *American Journal of Political Science* 35:970-88.
- Petrocik, John. 1974. "An Analysis of Intransitivities in the Index of Party Identification." *Political Methodology* 1: 31-40.
- Weisberg, Herbert. 1980. "A Multidimensional Conceptualization of Party Identification." *Political Behavior* 2: 33-60

#### Week 6 (February 18): Aggregate Partisanship

- Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M. and Renee M. Smith. 1996. "The Dynamics of Aggregate Partisanship," *ASPR* 90 (September): 567-80.
- MacKuen, M., R. Erikson and J. Stimson. 1989. "Macropartisanship." *American Political Science Review* 83: 1125-1142.
- Abramson, P.R. and C.W. Ostrom, Jr. 1991. "Macropartisanship: An Empirical Reassessment." *American Political Science Review* 85: 181-92.
- Green, D., B. Palmquist and E. Schickler. 1998. "Macropartisanship: A Replication and Critique," *American Political Science Review* 92 (December): 883-899.
- Erikson, R., M. MacKuen, and J. Stimson. 1998. "What Moves Macropartisanship? A Response to Green, Palmquist and Schickler," *American Political Science Review* 92 (December): 901-912.
- Box-Steffensmeier, Janet M. and Suzanna DeBoef. 2001. "Macropartisanship and Macroideology in the Sophisticated Electorate." *Journal of Politics* 63:232-248.
- Meffert, Michael F., Helmut Norpoth, and Anirudh V.S. Ruhil. 2001. "Realignment and Macropartisanship." *American Political Science Review* 95:953-962.

#### Week 7 (Feb. 25): Party Change and Realignment I -- Critical Elections

- Beck, Paul. 1974. "A Socialization Theory of Partisan Realignment." in Richard G. Niemi, ed., *The Politics of Future Citizens* San Francisco: JosseyBass.
- Petrocik, John R. 1981. *Party Coalitions: Realignments and the Decline of the New Deal Party System*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. pp. 3-29.
- Clubb, Jerome, William Flanigan, and Nancy Zingale. 1980. *Partisan Realignment: Voters,*

- Parties, and Government In American History*. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage. pp. 19-45.
- Erikson, Robert S. and Kent L. Tedin 1981. "The 1928-1932 Partisan Realignment: The Case for the Conversion Hypothesis." *American Political Science Review* 75:951-62.
- Campbell, James. 1985. "Sources of the New Deal Realignment: The Contributions of Conversion and Mobilization to Partisan Change." *Western Political Quarterly* 38:357-76
- Nardulli, Peter. 1995. "The Concept of a Critical Realignment, Electoral Behavior, and Political Change." *American Political Science Review* 89:10-22.
- Aldrich, John. 1999. "Political Parties in a Critical Era," *American Politics Quarterly* 27: 9-32.

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- Burnham, Walter Dean. 1970. *Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Politics*. New York: Norton.
- Sundquist, James L. 1973 (rev. 1983). *Dynamics of the Party System: Alignment and Realignment of Political Parties in the United States*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings.
- Brady, David. 1988. *Critical Elections and Congressional Policy Making* (Palo Alto: Stanford U. Press)
- Shively, W.P. 1992. "From Differential Abstention to Conversion: A Change in the nature of Electoral Change, 1864-1988," *American Journal of Political Science* 36 (May): 309-330.
- Hurley, P.A. 1991. "Partisan Representation, Realignment, and the Senate in the 1980s," *Journal of Politics*. 53: 3-33.
- Macdonald, S.E. and G. Rabinowitz. 1987. "The Dynamics of Structural Realignment," *American Political Science Review* 81: 775-797.
- Shively, W. Philips. 1971-72 "A Reinterpretation of the New Deal Realignment," *POQ* 75: 621-24.
- Anderson, Kristi. 1979. *The Creation of A Democratic Majority: 1926-1936* (Chicago: U of Chicago Press)
- Key, V.O. Jr., 1955. "A Theory of Critical Elections." *Journal of Politics* 17:3-18.
- Geer, John G. 1991. "Critical Realignments and the Public Opinion Poll." *Journal of Politics* 53: 434-53.
- Hurley, P.A. 1989. "Partisan Representation and the Failure of Realignment in the 1980s," *American Journal of Political Science* 33: 240-261.
- Ladd, Everett Carll. 1991. "Like Waiting for Godot: The Uselessness of 'Realignment' for Understanding Change in Contemporary American Politics," In Byron Shafer, ed. *The End of Realignment?:* 24-36. [entire edited volume is relevant to topic]
- Petrocik, John R. 1981. *Party Coalitions: Realignment and the Decline of the New Deal Party System* (Chicago: U of Chicago Press).

#### Week 8 (March 4): Party Change and Realignment II -- Secular Realignment and Issue Evolution

- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1981. "Issue Evolution, Population Replacement and Normal Partisan Change." *American Political Science Review* 75:107-18.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1986. "On the Structure and Sequence of Issue Evolution." *American Political Science Review* 80:902-21.
- Abramowitz, Alan I. 1994. "Issue Evolution Reconsidered: Racial Attitudes and Partisanship in

- the Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science* 38:1-24.
- Adams, Greg. 1997. "Abortion: Evidence of an Issue Evolution." *American Journal of Political Science* 41 (3): 718-737
- Abramowitz, A. and K. Saunders. 1998. "Ideological Realignment in the U.S. Electorate," *Journal of Politics* 60 (August): 634-52.
- Putz, David W. 2002. "Partisan Conversion in the 1990s: Ideological Realignment Meets Measurement Theory." *Journal of Politics* 64:1199-1209.

#### Additional

- Stanley, Harold and Richard Niemi. 1995. "The Demise of the New Deal Coalition: Partisanship and Group Support, 1952-1992." In *Democracy's Feast: Elections in America* ed. Herbert F. Weisberg, New Jersey: Chatham House.
- Huckfeldt, Robert and Carol W. Kohfeld. 1989. *Race and the Decline of Class in American Politics*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. Chapters 1,2,3,5,10.
- Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. 1989. *Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Key, V.O., Jr. 1959. "Secular Realignments." *Journal of Politics* 21(May):198-210.
- Carmines, E. and H. Stanley. 1992. "The Transformation of the New Deal Party System: Social Groups, Political Ideology, and Changing Partisanship Among Northern Whites, 1972-1988." *Political Behavior* 14: 213-37 [Note: the entire issue of this journal is devoted to the topic of party id]
- Petrocik, John. 1987. "Realignment: New Party Coalitions and the Nationalization of the South," *Journal of Politics* 49: 347-377.
- Petrocik, John. 1987. "Realignment: New Party Coalitions and the Nationalization of the South." *Journal of Politics* 49:376-400.
- Rice, Tom. 1994. "Partisan Change Among Native White Southerners." *American Politics Quarterly* 22: 244-51.
- Stanley, Harold. 1988. "Southern Partisan Changes: Dealignment, Realignment, or Both?" *Journal of Politics* 50:64-88.
- Stanley, Harold and Richard Niemi. 1995. "The Demise of the New Deal Coalition: Partisanship and Group Support, 1952-1992." In *Democracy's Feast: Elections in America* ed. Herbert F. Weisberg, New Jersey: Chatham House.
- Dugan, William E., and William A. Taggart. 1995. "The Changing Shape of the American Political Universe Revisited." *Journal of Politics* 57:469-82.
- Brunell, Thomas and Bernard Grofman. 1998. "Explaining Divided U.S. Senate Delegations, 1788-1996: A Realignment Approach," *American Political Science Review* 92 (June): 391-399.
- McCann, James A. 1997. "Electoral Choices and Core Value Change: The 1992 Presidential Campaign." *American Journal of Political Science* 41(April): 564-583.
- Layman, Geoffrey C., and Thomas M. Carsey. 2002. "Party Polarization and "Conflict Extension" in the American Electorate." *American Journal of Political Science* 46:786-802.

- Week 9 (March 11): Spring Break
- Week 10 (March 18): No Class – meetings to develop and confirm paper topics
- Week 11 (March 25) No Class – continued work on papers

## Part IV: Parties and the Politics of Elections

Week 10 (March April 1) Nominations and Campaigns

- Bartels, Larry. 1987. "Candidate Choice and the Dynamics of the Presidential Nominating Process." *American Journal of Political Science* 31:
- Lengle, James I., Owen Diana, and Molly Sonner. 1995. "Divisive Nominating Mechanisms and Democratic Party Electoral Prospects." *Journal of Politics* 57: 370-83.
- McCann, James A., Randall W. Partin, Ronald B. Rapoport, and Walter J. Stone. 1996. "Presidential Nomination Campaigns and Party Mobilization: An Assessment of Spillover Effects." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 756-67.
- Atkeson, Lonna Rae. 1998. "Divisive Primaries and General Election Outcomes: Another Look at Presidential Campaigns." *American Journal of Political Science* 42: 256-71.
- Norrander, Barbara. 2000. "The End Game in Post-Reform Presidential Nominations." *The Journal of Politics* 62:999-1013.
- Steger, W.P., J. Hickman, and K. Yohn. 2002. "Candidate Competition and Attrition in Presidential Primaries, 1912-2000." *American Politics Research* 30:528-554.
- Campbell, James E. 2001. "Presidential Election Campaigns and Partisanship." in Jeffrey E. Cohen, Richard Fleisher, and Paul Kantor eds. *American Political Parties: Decline or Resurgence?* Washington D.C.: CQ Press.

### Additional

- Beck, Paul, Russell Dalton, Audrey Haynes, and Robert Huckfeldt. 1997. "Presidential Campaigning at the Grass Roots." *Journal of Politics* 59:1264-75.
- Hagen, Michael, and William Mayer. 2000. "The Modern Politics of Presidential Selection: How Changing the Rules Really Did Change the Game." In *In Pursuit of the White House 2000* New York: Chatham House.
- Wlezien, Christopher, and Robert S. Erikson. 2002. "The Timeline of Presidential Election Campaigns." *The Journal of Politics* 64:969-993.
- Crotty, William. 1998. "Political Parties in the 1996 Election: The Party as Team or the Candidates as Superstars." In *The Parties Respond: Changes in American*

Note: for those of you interested in the politics of campaign finance, here are a few readings to check out.

- Sorauf, Frank J. 1998. "Political Parties and the New World of Campaign Finance." In *The Parties Respond: Changes in the American Party System 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*, ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder: Westview.
- Dodenhoff, David and Kenneth Goldstein. 1998. "Resources, Racehorses, and Rules: Nominations in the 1990s." In *The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.* ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Boulder: Westview.
- Biersack, Robert. 1996. "The Nationalization of Party Finance, 1992-94." In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.
- Corrado, Anthony. 1996. "Financing the 1996 Elections." In *The Election of 1996* ed. Gerald M. Pomper. Chatham: Chatham House.
- Herrnson, Paul, and Diana Dwyre. 1999. "Party Issue Advocacy in Congressional Election Campaigns." In *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, ed. John Green and Daniel Shea. New York: Rowan and Littlefield.

- Dwyre, Diana. 1995. "Spinning Straw into Gold: Soft Money and U.S. House Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* XXI:409-24.
- Gierzynsky, Anthony. 1999. *Money Rules*
- Coleman, John J. 2001. "The Distribution of Campaign Spending Benefits Across Groups." *Journal of Politics* 63:916-934.
- Gordon, Stacy G. 2001. "All Votes Are Not Created Equal: Campaign Contributions and Critical Votes." *Journal of Politics* 63:249-269.

Week 11 (April 8)      Party Platforms and Candidate Positioning

- Downs, A. 1957. *An Economic Theory of Democracy* (New York: Harper and Row) Chapters 7 and 8
- Monroe, Alan. 1983. "American Party Platforms and Public Opinion," *American Journal of Political Science* 27:27-42
- Baumer, Donald and Howard Gold. 1995. "Party Images and the American Electorate." *American Politics Quarterly* 23: 33-61.
- Morton, Rebecca. 1993. "Incomplete Information and Ideological Explanations of Platform Divergence." *American Political Science Review* 87: 382-92.
- Spiliotes, Constantine J., and Lynn Vavreck. 2002. "Campaign Advertising: Partisan Convergence or Divergence" *Journal of Politics* 64:249-261.
- Snyder, James M. and Michael M. Ting. 2002. "An Informational Rationale for Political Parties." *American Journal of Political Science* 46:90-110.

**Part V:            The Party in Government**

Week 12 (April 15)      Parties in Congress

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