

Political Science 252
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American Politics: Behavior

This course provides an introduction to some of the major themes in political behavior including partisanship and elections, political attitudes and ideology, and the role of the mass media in shaping the public's political beliefs and orientations. This course is also designed to help prepare graduate students in political science to pass the political behavior component of comprehensive examination in the field of American Politics.

Course Requirements:

(1) Prepare for every class by reading and digesting the assigned material. Recommended readings will not be discussed in-depth in class but you will want to read them at some point for exams.

(2) Actively participate in class discussions. Students should prepare to address the following questions: What are the major questions motivating this research? What are the key theories? Are the methodological strategies and data appropriate? What might provide a better test? In addition, each student will be assigned the task of introducing and briefly critiquing one of the readings each class. In their overview, students should highlight the question, research design, evidence, results, and implications of their reading as well as note any major flaws.

(3) For the writing part of the course you have two options.

Option A: Write three 5-page papers critically reviewing the literature in some specific topic of political behavior. Each paper should consist of:

A. A description of the work that has been published on your topic of choice. This section should be organized to illuminate the differing perspectives in the literature, and (possibly) show how those perspectives have emerged over time.

B. A critical evaluation of the strengths and weakness of the differing perspectives. This section should also address the extent to which the different perspectives are complementary to or in conflict with each other.

C. An evaluation of what sort of future research would be most important to further our understanding of the specific topic you chose.

These three papers are due Oct 18, Nov 8, and Nov 29

Option B: Write a research paper on some aspect of American political behavior. The paper should be a quality product that could ultimately be publishable – although you do not have to complete all parts of the project for this class. The paper should be different from papers you have written for other classes or should show substantial progress from previous work. Please see me to discuss different projects and the exact requirements for the paper

All of the required reading will be on drop box or on JSTOR.

I. Values- What are the basic values of the American public? Are we exceptional?

Discussion Questions: 1) What is the American Ethos? 2) Why does America have that Ethos? 3) Is America really different?

Alexis de Toqueville. *Democracy in America*, Part I, Sections 1 (Origins of the Anglo Americans) 2 (Democratic Social Condition), and 3 (The Sovereignty of the People).

Alesina, A., E. Glaeser, et al. (2001). "Why Doesn't the United States Have a European-Style Welfare State?" Brookings Papers on Economic Activity.

Jennifer Hochschild, *What's Fair?* (1981), Chs. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9.

William Jacoby. Is There a Culture War? Conflicting Value Structures in American Public Opinion *APSR* 108 (2014):754-771

Rogers M. Smith, "Beyond Tocqueville, Myrdal, and Hartz: The Multiple Traditions of America," *APSR* 87 (1993), pp. 549-566.

Recommended:

Declaration of Independence

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/print_friendly.html?page=declaration_transcript_content.html&title=NARA%20The%20Declaration%20of%20Independence%3A%20A%20Transcription

Louis Hartz. *The Liberal Tradition in America* (1955) pp 3-86

Piston, S. (2018). Class Attitudes in America: Sympathy for the Poor, Resentment of the Rich, and Political Implications. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

S. M. Lipset. "Why No Socialism in the United States?" in S. Bialer and S. Sluzar, *Sources of Contemporary Radicalism*, (1977), Ch. 2

Sullivan, John L., James Pierson, and George E. Marcus. *Political Tolerance and American Democracy*. (1982) Chs 2,3

Herbert McCloskey and Ada Brill, *Dimensions of Tolerance* (1983), chs. 3,6

Herbert McCloskey and John Zaller, *The American Ethos* (1985), Chs. 1-5.

Dennis Chong. "How People Think, Reason, and Feel About Rights and Liberties" *AJPS* 37 (1993):867-899

Stanley Feldman and Marco Steenbergen "The Humanitarian Foundation of Public Support for Social Welfare" *AJPS* 45 (2001):658-677

James Gibson "Intolerance and Political Repression in the United States: A Half Century after McCarthyism" *AJPS* 52(1):96-108

II. Ideology- How well organized or sophisticated is our thinking about politics?

Discussion Question: How well organized or sophisticated is our thinking about politics?

Campbell, Converse, Miller, and Stokes. *The American Voter* (1960), Ch 10

Philip E. Converse, "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics," in David Apter (ed.), (1964) *Ideology and Discontent*, ch. 6.

David O. Sears, Richard R. Lau, Tom R. Tyler, and Harris M. Allen, Jr. "Self-Interest vs Symbolic Politics in Policy Attitudes and Voting" *APSR* 74 (1980): 670-684

Margalit, Yotam. 2013. Explaining Social Policy Preferences: Evidence from the Great Recession. *American Political Science Review*

Pamela Conover and Stanley Feldman. "The Origins and Meaning of Liberal/Conservative Self-Identification," *AJPS* 25 (1981):617-645.

Marcus and MacKuen. "Anxiety, Enthusiasm, and the Vote: The Emotional Underpinnings of Learning and Involvement during Presidential Campaigns" *APSR* 87(1993): 672-685

Recommended:

Lauderdale, B. E., et al. (2018). "Decomposing Public Opinion Variation into Ideology, Idiosyncrasy, and Instability." The Journal of Politics 80(2): 707-712.

Lerman, A. E. and K. T. McCabe (2017). "Personal Experience and Public Opinion: A Theory and Test of Conditional Policy Feedback." The Journal of Politics 79(2): 624-641.

Freder, S., et al. (2018). "The Importance of Knowing "What Goes with What": Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability." The Journal of Politics 81(1): 274-290.

Nathan Kalmoe., Donald R. Kinder 2017. *Neither Liberal nor Conservative: Ideological Innocence in the American Public*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

De Benedictis-Kessner, Justin, and Michael Hankinson. "Concentrated Burdens: How Self-Interest and Partisanship Shape Opinion on Opioid Treatment Policy." *American Political Science Review*: 1-7.

- Jessee, Stephen A. 2012. *Ideology and Spatial Voting in American Elections*. New York City: Cambridge University Press.
- Eric R.A.N. Smith. "Levels of Conceptualization: False Measures of Ideological Sophistication," *APSR* 74(1980):685-96.
- Kay Schlozman and Sidney Verba. "Unemployment, Class Consciousness, and Radical Politics: What Didn't Happen in the Thirties." *JoP* 39 (1977):291-323
- Stanley Feldman "Structure and Consistency in Public Opinion: The Role of Core Beliefs and Values" *AJPS* 32 (1988): 416-440
- Ted Brader *Campaigning for hearts and minds: how emotional appeals in political ads work* (2006)
- Thomas Nelson and Donald Kinder "Issue Frames and Group-Centrism in American Public Opinion" *JoP* 58 (1996):1055-1078

III. Information – Do we have enough information to make reasoned political decisions?

- Discussion Question: Do the public have enough information to make reasoned political decisions?
- Campbell, Converse, Miller and Stokes. *The American Voter* (1960), Ch. 8
- John Zaller and Stanley Feldman. "A Simple Theory of Survey Response," *AJPS* 36 (1992): 579-616.
- Arthur Lupia Shortcuts vs Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections *APSR* 88 (1994):63-76
- Richard Lau and David Redlawsk. "Advantages and Disadvantages of Cognitive Heuristics in Political Decision Making" *AJPS* 45 (2001):951-971
- Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. *The Rational Public: Fifty Years of Trends in America's Policy Preferences*. (1992) Chs 1-3
- Ansolabehere, Rodden, and Synder, "The Strength of Issues: Using Multiple Measures to Gauge Preference Stability, Ideological Constraint, and Issue Voting" *APSR* 102 (2008)
- Larry M. Bartels. "Uninformed Votes: Information Effects in Presidential Elections" *AJPS* 40 (1996): 194-230.
- Lau, Richard R. 2013. "Correct Voting in the 2008 U.S. Presidential Nominating Elections." *Political Behavior* 35: 331-55.

Recommended:

- Freeder, Sean, Gabriel S. Lenz, and Shad Turney. 2018. "The Importance of Knowing "What Goes with What": Reinterpreting the Evidence on Policy Attitude Stability." *The Journal of Politics* 81: 274-90.
- Dancey, Logan, and Geoffrey Sheagley. 2013. "Heuristics Behaving Badly: Party Cues and Voter Knowledge." *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 312-25.
- James Kuklinski, et al. 2000. "Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship." *Journal of Politics*, 62: 790-816.
- Christopher H. Achen. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response" *APSR* 69 (1975):1218-1231
- Lau, Richard R. and David P. Redlawsk. "Voting Correctly." *APSR* 91(1997): 585-598.
- Carpini, Michael X. Delli, and Scott Keeter. *What Americans Know about Politics and Why it Matters*. (1996) Ch 6
- Alvarez, R. Michael, and John Brehm. *Hard Choices, Easy Answers*. (2002). Chs 1-7
- Paul Abramson et al., "'Sophisticated' Voting in the 1988 Presidential Primaries." *APSR* 86 (1992), pp. 55-69.
- Samuel Popkin, *The Reasoning Voter: Communication and Persuasion in Presidential Campaigns* (1991) Chs 1-3, 7.
- Arthur Lupia and Mathew McCubbins. *The Democratic Dilemma: Can Citizens Learn What They Need to Know?* (1998). Chs 1-4, 6,7,9
- Richard Lau, David Anderson, and David Redlawsk. "An Exploration of Correct Voting in Recent U.S. Presidential Elections" *AJPS* 52(2):395-411
- James H. Kuklinski, Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit and Robert F. Rich 2001. "The Political Environment and Citizen Competence." *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (2):410-24.
- Hutchings, Vincent. 2003. *Public Opinion and Democratic Accountability: How Citizens Learn about Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- Martin Gilens. 2005. Political Ignorance and Collective Policy Preferences. *APSR*
- Markus Prior. 2005. "News vs. Entertainment: How Increasing Media Choice Widens Gaps in Political Knowledge and Turnout." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (3): 577–592.

- Markus Prior & Skip Lupia. 2008. Money, Time, and Political Knowledge: Distinguishing Quick Recall and Political Learning Skills. *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 52, No. 1, January 2008, Pp. 169–183.
- Ansolabehere, Stephen, and Philip Edward Jones. 2010. Constituents' Responses to Congressional Roll-Call Voting. *American Journal of Political Science* 54 (3): 583-597.
- Huber, Gergory, Seth Hill, and Gabriel Lenz. 2012. Sources of Bias in Retrospective Decision Making: Experimental Evidence on Voters' Limitations in Controlling Incumbents. *American Political Science Review* 106 (1): 720-741.
- Jerit, Jennifer, Jason Barabas and Toby Bolsen. 2006. Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment *AJPS* 50(2):266-282

IV. Influences – What are the factors that drives public opinion and how do they distort our views?

Discussion Questions: What are the factors that drives public opinion? When is the public more susceptible? What constrains influence?

- Shanto Iyengar. "Television News and Citizens' Explanations of National Affairs" 81 *APSR* (1987):815-832
- James Druckman. "Political Preference Formation: Competition, Deliberation, and the (Ir)relevance of Framing Effects" *APSR* (Nov 2004): 671-686
- B. Page, R. Shapiro, and G. Dempsey. "What Moves Public Opinion?" *APSR* 81 (1987):23-44.
- Paul Allen Beck, Russel Dalton, Steven Greene, and Robert Huckfeldt. "The Social Calculus of Voting: Interpersonal, Media, and Organizational Influences on Presidential Choices" *APSR* 96(2002):57-73
- Taber, Charles S., and Milton Lodge. 2006. "Motivated Skepticism in Political Information Processing." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(3): 755-69.
- Broockman, David E. and Joshua L. Kalla. 2016. "Durably Reducing Transphobia: A Field Experiment on Door-to-Door Canvassing." *Science* 352: 220-24.
- Kalla, Joshua L., and David E. Broockman. 2018. "The Minimal Persuasive Effects of Campaign Contact in General Elections: Evidence from 49 Field Experiments." *American Political Science Review* 112: 148-66.

Recommended:

- Coppock, Alexander, Seth J. Hill, and Lynn Vavreck. 2020. "The Small Effects of Political Advertising Are Small Regardless of Context, Message, Sender, or Receiver: Evidence from 59 Real-Time Randomized Experiments." *Science Advances* 6: eabc4046.
- Martin, G. J. and A. Yurukoglu (2017). "Bias in Cable News: Persuasion and Polarization." *American Economic Review* 107(9): 2565-2599.
- Michael D. Cobb and James H. Kuklinski. "Changing Minds: Political Arguments and Political Persuasion" *AJPS* 41 (1997): 88-121
- Butler, Daniel M., and Hans J. G. Hassell. 2018. "On the Limits of Officials' Ability to Change Citizens' Priorities: A Field Experiment in Local Politics." *American Political Science Review* 112: 860-73.
- Broockman, David E., and Daniel M. Butler. 2017. "The Causal Effects of Elite Position-Taking on Voter Attitudes: Field Experiments with Elite Communication." *American Journal of Political Science* 61: 208-21.
- Bullock, John G. 2011. "Elite Influence on Public Opinion in an Informed Electorate." *American Political Science Review* 105: 496-515.
- Gerber, Alan, James Gimpel, Donald Green, and Daron Shaw. 2011. How Large and Long-lasting Are the Persuasive Effects of Televised Campaign Ads? Results from a Randomized Field Experiment. *American Political Science Review* 105 (1): 135-150.
- Donald P. Green, Jonathan S. Krasno, Alexander Coppock, Benjamin D. Farrer, ... Joshua N. Zingher. 2016. "The Effects of Lawn Signs on Vote Outcomes: Results from Four Randomized Field Experiments." *Electoral Studies* 41: 143-50.
- Amsalem, Eran. 2019. "How Informative and Persuasive Is Simple Elite Communication?: Effects on Like-Minded and Polarized Audiences." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 83: 1-25.
- Gerber, Alan S., Gregory A. Huber, David Doherty, Conor M. Dowling, and Costas Panagopoulos. 2013. "Big Five Personality Traits and Responses to Persuasive Appeals: Results from Voter Turnout Experiments." *Political Behavior* 35: 687-728.
- Huber, Gregory A., and Kevin Arceneaux. 2007. Identifying the Persuasive Effects of Presidential Advertising. *American Journal of Political Science* 51 (4).

- Berelson, Bernard R., Paul F. Lazarsfeld, and William N. McPhee. 1954. *Voting: A Study of Opinion Formation in a Presidential Campaign*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Samuel Kernell. "Explaining Presidential Popularity," *APSR* 72 (1978):506-22.
- David O. Sears and Nicholas Valentino. 1997. "Politics Matters: Political Events as Catalysts for Preadult Socialization." *American Political Science Review* 91 (1): 45-65
- Jennings, M. Kent, Laura Stoker, and Jake Bowers. 2009. "Politics Across Generations: Family Transmission Reexamined." *Journal of Politics* 71(3): 782-799.
- Hatemi, Peter K. et al. 2009. "Genetic and Environmental Transmission of Political Attitudes Over a Life Time." *Journal of Politics* 71(3): 1141-1156
- Peter K. Hatemi et al. 2010. *AJPS* Not by Twins Alone_Using the Extended Family Design to Investigate Genetic Influence on Political Beliefs, 798–814
- Alan Gerber, et al. 2010. Personality and Political Attitudes: Relationships across Issue Domains and Political Contexts. *American Political Science Review* (2010), 104: 111-133.
- Evan Charney and William English. 2012. Candidate Genes and Political Behavior. *APSR*
- James A. Stimson, *Public Opinion in America: Moods, Cycles, and Swings* .(1991).
- Andrew Gelman and Gary King "Why are American Presidential Campaign Polls so Variable When Votes are so Predictable?" *BJPS* 23 (1993): 409-451
- Robert Huckfeldt; Eric Plutzer; John Sprague. "Alternative Contexts of Political Behavior: Churches, Neighborhoods, and Individuals" *JoP* 55 (1993): 365-381
- Diana Mutz. "Cross-cutting Social Networks: Testing Democratic Theory in Practice" *APSR* 96 (2002):111-126
- Diana Mutz. *Impersonal Influence: How Perceptions of Mass Collectives Affect Political Attitudes* (1998)
- Lawrence R. Jacobs and Robert Y. Shapiro. *Politicians Don't Pander: Political Manipulation and the Loss of Democratic Responsiveness* (2000)
- James Druckman and Kjerten Nelson. "Framing and Deliberation: How Citizens' Conversations Limit Elite Influence" *AJPS* 47(2003): 729-745
- 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.
- Dennis Chong and James Druckman, "*Framing Public Opinion in Competitive Democracies*" *APSR* (2007)101:37-655
- Ted Brader. 2005. Striking a Responsive Chord: How Political Ads Motivate and Persuade Voters by Appealing to Emotions. *AJPS* 49(2):388-405
- Lau, Sigelman, and Rovner, "The Effects of Negative Political Campaigns: A Meta-Analytic Reassessment" *JoP* (2007) 69:1176-1209
- John Alford, Carolyn L. Funk and John R. Hibbing. "Are Political Orientations Genetically Transmitted?" *APSR* 99 (May 2005): 153-167.
- Vavreck, Lynn. 2009. *The Message Matters: The Economy and Presidential Campaigns*: Princeton University Press.
- Bullock, John. 2011. "Elite Influence on Public Opinion in an Informed Electorate." *American Political Science Review* 105 (3):496-515.
- Besty Sinclair. 2012. *The Social Citizen: Peer Networks and Political Behavior*. University of Chicago Press
- Dennis Chong and James N. Druckman 2013. Counterframing Effects. *The Journal of Politics*.

V. Party Identification – What is it?

- Discussion Questions: 1) What is the source of party ID? 2) What is the nature of party ID?
- Downs. *Economic Theory of Democracy*, (1957) chs. 3, 7
- Campbell, Converse, Miller and Stokes. *The American Voter* (1960) Ch 7
- M. MacKuen, R. Erikson, and J. Stimson, "Macropartisanship," *APSR* 83 (1989):1125-1142.
- R. Neimi and M. K. Jennings. "Issues and Inheritance in the Formation of Party Identification," *AJPS* 35 (1991):970-988.
- Green, Donald P., Bradley Palmquist, Eric Schickler, and Giordano Bruno. *Partisan Hearts and Minds: Political Parties and the Social Identity of Voters*. (2002) Chs 1-4

Carsey, Thomas M., and Geoffrey C. Layman. 2006. Changing Sides or Changing Minds? Party Identification and Policy Preferences in the American Electorate. *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (2 (April)).

Recommended:

- Barber, Michael, and Jeremy C. Pope. 2019. "Does Party Trump Ideology? Disentangling Party and Ideology in America." *American Political Science Review* 113: 38-54.
- Ahler, D. J. and G. Sood (2018). "The Parties in Our Heads: Misperceptions about Party Composition and Their Consequences." *The Journal of Politics* 80(3): 964-981.
- Goren, P. and C. Chapp (2017). "Moral Power: How Public Opinion on Culture War Issues Shapes Partisan Predispositions and Religious Orientations." *American Political Science Review* 111(1): 110-128.
- McConnell, C., et al. (2018). "The Economic Consequences of Partisanship in a Polarized Era." *American Journal of Political Science* 62(1): 5-18.
- Theodoridis, A. G. (2017). "Me, Myself, and (I), (D), or (R)? Partisanship and Political Cognition through the Lens of Implicit Identity." *The Journal of Politics* 79(4): 1253-1267
- Highton, Benjamin, and Cindy D. Kam. 2011. "The Long-Term Dynamics of Partisanship and Issue Orientations." *The Journal of Politics* 73: 202-15.
- Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections* (1981), chs. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
- Iyengar, Shanto, and Sean J. Westwood. 2014. "Fear and Loathing Across Party Lines: New Evidence on Group Polarization." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Keith, Bruce E., David B. Magleby, Candice J. Nelson, Elizabeth Orr, Mark C. Westlye, and Raymond E. Wolfinger. *The Myth of the Independent Voter*. (1992) Chs 1,3,4
- Hajnal, Zoltan, and Taeku Lee. *Race, Immigration, and (Non)Partisanship*. 2011. Selected Chapters
- GERBER, ALAN S., GREGORY A. HUBER, and EBONYA WASHINGTON. 2010. Party Affiliation, Partisanship, and Political Beliefs: A Field Experiment. *American Political Science Review* 104 (4): 720-744.

VI. Vote Choice- What factors govern vote choice?

IN ADDITION TO THE READINGS THIS WEEK, YOU WILL HAVE TO EMPIRICALLY ASSESS THE ROLE OF RACE IN THE VOTE USING CCES DATA THAT I WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU – MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- Discussion Questions: 1) What factors govern vote choice? 2) How do we empirically model vote choice?
- Carmines, Edward G. and James A. Stimson. "The Two Faces of Issue Voting." *APSR*, 74 (1980):78-91.
- Philip Jones. 2011. Which Buck Stops Here? Accountability for Policy Positions and Policy Outcomes in Congress. *Journal of Politics* 73(3)
- Carl McCurley and Geoffrey Mondak. "Inspected by ... The Influence of Incumbents' Competence and Integrity in U.S. House Elections" *AJPS* 39 (1995): 864-885
- Miller, Warren E., and J. Merrill Shanks. *The New American Voter* (1996), Chs 8-17 (SKIM)

Recommended:

- Highton, B. (2019). "Issue Accountability in U.S. House Elections." *Political Behavior* 41(2): 349-367.
- Rogers, S. (2017). "Electoral Accountability for State Legislative Roll Calls and Ideological Representation." *American Political Science Review* 111(3): 555-571.
- Tausanovitch, C. and C. Warshaw (2018). "Does the Ideological Proximity Between Candidates and Voters Affect Voting in U.S. House Elections?" *Political Behavior* 40(1): 223-245.
- Lau, Richard R., Mona S. Kleinberg, and Tessa M. Ditonto. 2018. "Measuring Voter Decision Strategies in Political Behavior and Public Opinion Research." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 82: 911-36.
- V.O. Key, Jr., *The Responsible Electorate* (1966), chs. 1-3.
- Lazarsfeld, Berelson, and McPhee, *Voting* (1954), chs. 1, 4-7, 11,13
- Campbell, Converse, Miller and Stokes. *The American Voter* (1960), Ch 6.
- Kramer, Gerald H. "Short-term Fluctuations in Voting Behavior, 1896-1964." *APSR* 65 (1971):131-143.
- George Quattrone and Amos Tversky, "Contrasting Rational and Psychological Analyses of Political Choice," *APSR* 82 (1988):719-736.
- Morris Fiorina, *Retrospective Voting in American National Elections* (1981), chs. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
- Milton Lodge, Kathleen McGraw, and Patrick Stroh. "An Impression-Driven Model of Candidate Evaluation" *APSR* 83 (1989): 399-419
- Greg Adams "Abortion: Evidence of Issue Evolution" *AJPS* 41 (1997): 718-737

Geoffrey Layman and Edward Carmines "Cultural Conflict in American Politics: Religious Traditionalism, Postmaterialism, and U.S. Political Behavior" *JoP* 59 (1997): 751-777
Lenz, Gabriel S. 2012. *Follow the Leader?: How Voters Respond to Politicians' Policies and Performance*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

VII. Dealignment/Realignment/Polarization – Explaining major partisan changes

Discussion Questions: 1) Theories of party change? 2) Is America realigning? 3) Is America polarizing?

James Sundquist. *The Dynamics of the Party System*, revised ed. (1983). Chs 1-3

Carmines, Edward G., and James A. Stimson. *Issue Evolution: Race and the Transformation of American Politics*. (1989) Chs 1, 2, 6,7

Alan Abramowitz. "Issue Evolution Reconsidered: Racial Attitudes and Partisanship in the US Electorate" *AJPS* 38 (1994):1-24

Iyengar, S. and S. J. Westwood (2015). "Fear and Loathing across Party Lines: New Evidence on Group Polarization." *American Journal of Political Science* 59(3): 690-707.

Broockman, D. E., et al. (2023). "Does Affective Polarization Undermine Democratic Norms or Accountability? Maybe Not." *American Journal of Political Science* 67(3): 808-828.

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Walter, Barbara. 2022. *How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them*. Crown.

Simas, Elizabeth N, Scott Clifford, and Justin H Kirkland. 2020. "How Empathic Concern Fuels Political Polarization." *American Political Science Review* 114(1): 258-69.

Finkel, Eli J et al. 2020. "Political Sectarianism in America." *Science* 370(6516): 533-536.

Mosleh, M., et al. (2021). "Shared partisanship dramatically increases social tie formation in a Twitter field experiment." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(7): e2022761118.

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Flaxman, S., et al. (2016). "Filter Bubbles, Echo Chambers, and Online News Consumption." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80(S1): 298-320.

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McConnell, Christopher, Yotam Margalit, Neil Malhotra, and Matthew Levendusky. 2018. "The Economic Consequences of Partisanship in a Polarized Era." *American Journal of Political Science* 62: 5-18.

Hill, Seth J., and Chris Tausanovitch. 2015. "A Disconnect in Representation? Comparison of Trends in Congressional and Public Polarization." *The Journal of Politics* 77: 1058-75.

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David Mayhew. (2000). *Electoral Realignments Annual Review of Political Science* 3:449-74

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A. Abramowitz and K. Saunders, "Ideological Realignment in the American Electorate," *JOP* 60(1998):634-652.

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 Burnham, Walter Dean. 1970. *Critical Elections and the Mainspring of American Politics*. New York: W.W. Norton and Company.
 Layman, Geoffrey C., and Ted Carmines. 1997. Cultural Conflict in American Politics: Religious Traditionalism, Postmaterialism, and U.S. Political Behavior. *Journal of Politics*.
 Matthew Levendusky. 2013. Why Do Partisan Media Polarize Viewers? *AJPS* 57(3):611-623
 Kevin Arceneaux and Martin Johnson. 2013. Changing Minds or Changing Channels? Partisan News in an Age of Choice. University of Chicago Press
 James Druckman, Erik Peterson, Rune Slothuus. 2013. How Elite Polarization Affects Public Opinion Formation. *APSR*. 107

VIII. Participation- Why do we vote in the first place? Who votes? When do we vote?

Discussion Questions: 1) Why do we vote in the first place? 2) Who votes? 3) When do we vote?

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