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**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO**  
**Political Science 5310: Seminar in American Political Behavior**  
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Classroom: Benedict 205 (Cook)

Date/Time: Tuesdays 6-8:50pm

### **Course Overview**

This course focuses on the various theories and scholarly findings concerning American political behavior. The aim of this course is five-fold: (1) to develop a thorough understanding of American public opinion dynamics and voting behavior, both at the micro and macro level, (2) to examine the role of the mass media in conditioning public views on politics and policy, (3) to delve into the political behavior of political candidates and how the public reacts to their behavior, (4) to explore questions of accountability with respect to public as well as scholarly appraisals of government performance, and (5) to analyze trends and developments in civic engagement/social capital, mobilization, and social movements. In doing so, we will engage in a discussion over the arguments put forth in the literature and to what extent scholars have formulated a comprehensive understanding of American political behavior dynamics. That said, I look forward to working with you during the course of the semester and I encourage you to be active in our classroom discussions.

### **Course Objectives**

Students can expect to learn the following by the end of this course:

- (1) to explore and understand the development of theories (and the accompanying empirical findings) related to American political behavior, both with respect to the American public, as well as political actors
- (2) to define, understand, and use concepts and terms relevant to the study of the American political behavior
- (3) to identify, formulate, and answer complex questions related to the dynamics concerning American opinion formation, voting behavior, the role of the media, and the influence candidate behavior
- (4) to develop ideas about the role that public appraisals and measures of accountability play in mediating the behavior of politicians and the performance of the institutions within which they function
- (5) to apply knowledge and general theories from the literature to evaluate past, current, and overtime events and conditions related to American political behavior

## Objectives for Good Citizenship

As a member of this classroom it is vital that you to adhere to the following principles of professionalism:

- interpret the consequences of one’s own actions (unprofessional conduct will be dealt with swiftly through the university)
- have responsible civic engagement—that is,
- respect different points of view and different cultures
- work effectively as a member of the classroom
- articulate the value to society and the workplace of a diverse and global perspective

## Grades

Grades will be based on two exams (each worth 20% of the final grade), a class research design paper worth 25% of the final grade, as well as a project presentation worth 15% of the final grade. In addition, in-class participation and the weekly talking points submitted and discussed will count for 20% of the final grade such that one must attend and participate in class to earn an “A.” Participation will be based largely on in-class responses to the weekly talking points as well as problem solving questions taken from the main readings.

<b>Grading/Exams</b>	
In-Class Participation/Weekly Talking Points	20%
Research Paper Presentation	15%
Research Paper	25%
Midterm Essay Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Final grades are based on accumulated weighted points, rounded to the 2nd decimal:

<b>Final Grade Scale</b>
$\geq 89.50\% = A$
$89.49 - 79.50\% = B$
$79.49 - 69.50\% = C$
$69.49 - 59.50\% = D$
$\leq 59.50\% = F$

## Required Texts

The course does not include any required textbook. Instead, all of the assigned readings are journal articles that can be accessed through J-STOR (<http://www.jstor.org>) via UTEP’s library website (<http://libraryweb.utep.edu/online/>). I will also upload the required readings to Blackboard for easy access (see also the course schedule further below for a detailed listing of these readings). Separately, a number of additional book chapters and journal articles will serve as supplementary reading material, which will be helpful in providing additional context to the weekly discussions and may also serve as an avenue for research paper ideas.

## **Classroom Policies**

- Coming to the class prepared is important particularly because when calculating your final grade, I will consider your class participation and the quality of work provided in your weekly talking points. In addition, exams will cover material from the readings and the lectures, so doing just one or the other will leave you at a disadvantage. If I consistently detect a pattern of only a few students reading, there will be graded “pop-quizzes,” which will become part of the 20% attendance and participation portion of the final grade. Note that the class participation portion of each student’s grade is non-negotiable and left solely to the discretion of the instructor.
- I will deduct a full letter grade for a late assignment for each day it is late after the due date (including weekends). For example, a “perfect” assignment turned in two days late would receive an 80 out of a 100.
- Make-up exams will only be given if you have a university excused absence and follow university guidelines (see “Excused Absences” section below for more details). If you miss a test due to an emergency or illness, or if you have a university-approved excuse ahead of time, you must notify me *as soon as possible* to arrange a make-up exam. Note that if you miss an exam, I expect you to contact me *immediately* afterward (I expect later that day or the following day at the latest). You may contact me by e-mail, telephone, or visit during office hours to arrange a make-up. If you miss a test and do not have a university acceptable excuse, you will receive a “0” on the test. Keep in mind that a make-up exam may be of a different format than the original exam.

## **Weekly Talking Points**

Starting with the second week of class, each student will need to submit one talking point each Monday evening (due via e-mail before 6pm) in response to the assigned readings for the following day’s class session. The talking points will be utilized to help shape our weekly seminar discussions, so they should be the most interesting questions or arguments that the student has identified based on the week’s readings. In turn, I will incorporate these talking points into the lecture (time permitting) in an effort to actively engage each member of class, directly answer questions of interest, and, more generally, provide additional guidance on how to interpret and follow the readings. The talking points should be submitted in the form of a short paragraph outlining your question or argument. Each talking point should refer to one or more specific sections of the weekly readings (with page references where appropriate). Talking points should be about 100-200 words (those that fall under 75 words and/or are submitted late will not be accepted).

## **Class Project Research Paper**

I will provide the full details and instructions for this project on the day it is assigned.

## **Excused Absences**

I will excuse absences only when a student participates in an official university-recognized activity, observes a recognized religious holiday of her/his faith that happens to coincide with a class meeting, is called to and participates in active military service for a reasonably brief period, or confronts extraordinary circumstances, such as a prolonged illness, extended jury duty, or a major personal crisis. Any excused absences must be documented.

Please do not ask me to excuse absences for minor illnesses or scheduling conflicts (e.g. sports practices or games, play rehearsals, meetings, conferences, appointments with other professors or advisors, student teaching, doctor's appointments, court dates, jobs, job interviews, having your cable installed, etc.). I am aware that students have other interests and obligations, but you should nevertheless make this class a priority. If you are likely to have recurring conflicts, please take another course.

See academic regulations in UTEP Undergraduate Catalogue for a list of excused absences: <http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=54418>. According to UTEP Curriculum and Classroom Policies, "When, in the judgment of the instructor, a student has been absent to such a degree as to impair his or her status relative to credit for the course, the instructor may drop the student from the class with a grade of "W" before the course drop deadline and with a grade of "F" after the course drop deadline."

### **E-mail Protocol**

When e-mailing me, please put the course and section number in the subject line. In the body of your e-mail clearly state your question. At the end of your e-mail, be sure to put your first and last name and UIN (University Identification Number). Do not e-mail me about information you can obtain from the syllabus. I do not answer substantive material from lectures or readings via e-mail as it is not an effective means of communicating. If there is class material you are confused about, please come and see me during my office hours.

### **Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

Academic integrity and standing require a respect and adherence to the grading policies, rules against cheating, and plagiarism. As commonly defined, plagiarism consists of passing off as one's own the ideas, words, writings, etc., which belong to another. In accordance with the definition, you are committing plagiarism if you copy the work of another person and turn it in as your own, even if you should have the permission of the person. Plagiarism is one of the worst academic sins, for the plagiarist destroys the trust among colleagues without which research cannot be safely communicated.

Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be subject to disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions. For further information, please refer to <http://studentaffairs.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=4386>.

### **On Cheating and Complicity**

Cheating includes looking at another student's examination, using cheat sheets or other unauthorized notes during an exam, having others conduct research or prepare work that you turn in as your own (includes the use of commercial term paper companies, buying answer sets from a tutoring company, or obtaining answers from other unauthorized sources). Complicity, meanwhile, refers to any collaboration for aiding others in the act of cheating, including allowing others to cheat off of your paper, taking an exam for another student, or providing another student's signature in their absence for in-class assignments or attendance sheets. You may also not submit work for this class that you did for another class without my expressed consent.

**ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal antidiscrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the university regarding services for students with disabilities.

**Copyright Statement for Course Materials**

The course materials used in this course are copyrighted. By course materials, I mean all materials generated for this class, which include but are not limited to syllabi, quizzes, exams, lecture notes and PowerPoint slides, in-class materials, review sheets, and additional problem sets. This also includes any information posted on the course webpage. Because these are copyrighted, you do not have the right to distribute the course materials, unless I expressly grant permission.

## Course Schedule

<p>Note: This is a provisional schedule of our course. With advanced notice, I may introduce specific changes based on progress in class.</p>	
1/21	<p><b>Introduction to American Political Behavior</b>  Syllabus handout and class introduction:  “The Democratic Dilemma and Vote Choice in American Politics”  <i>Class Assignment:</i>  Review syllabus and begin the assigned readings for 1/28</p>
1/28	<p><b>The Black-and-White Public Opinion Model &amp; the Minimalist Paradigm</b>  <i>Assigned Reading Material:</i>  Converse, Philip E. 2006. “The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics (1964).” <i>Critical Review</i> 18: 1-74. Originally published in <i>Ideology and Discontent</i>, David E. Apter (Ed.). Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press (1964).  Erikson, Robert S. 1979. “The SRC Panel Data and Mass Political Attitudes.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 9: 89–114.  Krosnick, Jon A. 1991. “The Stability of Political Preferences: Comparisons of Symbolic and Non-Symbolic Attitudes.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 35: 547-576.  Converse, Philip E. 2000. “Assessing the Capacity of Mass Electorates.” <i>Annual Reviews of Political Science</i> 3: 331-53.  <i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i>  Converse, Philip E., and Markus, G. B. 1979. “Plus ca Change?: The New CPS Election Study Panel.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 73: 2-49.</p>
2/4	<p><b>Political Knowledge &amp; Sophistication</b>  <i>Assigned Reading Material:</i>  Luskin, Robert C. 1987. “Measuring Political Sophistication.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 31: 856-899.  Gilens, Martin. 2001. “Political Ignorance and Collective Policy Preferences.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 95: 379-396.  Jerit, Jennifer, Jason Barabas, and Toby Bolsen. 2006. “Citizens, Knowledge, and the Information Environment.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 50: 266-282.  Sirin, Cigdem V. 2011. “Examining the Effects of Political Information and Intervention Stages on Public Support for Military Interventions: A Panel Experiment.” <i>Acta Politica</i> 46: 261-293.  <i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i>  Luskin, Robert C. 1990. “Explaining Political Sophistication.” <i>Political Behavior</i> 12: 331-361.  Prior, Markus, and Arthur Lupia. 2008. “Money, Time, and Political Knowledge: Distinguishing Quick Recall and Political Learning</p>

	Skills.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 52: 169-183.
2/11	<p><b>Information Cues &amp; Heuristics</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Pomper, Gerald M. 1972. “From Confusion to Clarity: Issues and American Voters, 1956-1968.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 66: 459-65.</p> <p>Page, Benjamin, and Richard Brody. 1972. “Policy Voting and the Electoral Process: The Vietnam War Issue.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 66: 979-995.</p> <p>Lupia, Arthur. 1994. “Shortcuts versus Encyclopedias: Information and Voting Behavior in California Insurance Reform Elections.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 88: 63-76.</p> <p>Lau, Richard R., and David P. Redlawsk. 2001. “Advantages and Disadvantages of Cognitive Heuristics in Political Decision Making.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 45(4): 951-971.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Downs, Anthony. 1957. “An Economic Theory of Political Action in a Democracy.” <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 65(2): 135-150.</p> <p>Kuklinski, James H., Paul J. Quirk, Jennifer Jerit, David Schweider, and Robert F. Rich. 2000. “Misinformation and the Currency of Democratic Citizenship.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 62: 790-816.</p> <p>Taber, Charles S., and Milton Lodge. 2006. “Motivated Skepticism in the Evaluation of Political Beliefs.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 50: 755-769.</p>
2/18	<p><b>The Role of Core Values, Attitudes, Beliefs, &amp; Emotions</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Feldman, Stanley. 1988. “Structure and Consistency in Public Opinion: The Role of Core Beliefs and Values.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 32: 416-440.</p> <p>Conover, Pamela J., and Stanley Feldman. 1986. “Emotional Reactions to the Economy: I’m Mad as Hell and I’m Not Going To Take It Anymore.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 30: 50-78.</p> <p>McCann, James A. 1997. “Electoral Choices and Core Value Change.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 41: 564-583.</p> <p>Goren, Paul. 2001. “Core Principles and Policy Reasoning in Mass Publics: A Test of Two Theories.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 31: 159-77.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>McClosky, Herbert, and John Zaller. 1984. <i>The American Ethos: Public Attitudes toward Capitalism and Democracy</i>. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.</p> <p>Sirin, Cigdem V., José D. Villalobos, and Nehemia Geva. 2011. “Political Information and Emotions in Ethnic Conflict Interventions.” <i>International Journal of Conflict Management</i> 22: 35-59.</p>

2/21	<p><b>Public Evaluations of Candidates &amp; Voting in Elections</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Fiorina, Morris P. 1978. "Economic Retrospective Voting in American National Elections: A Micro-Analysis." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 22: 426-443.</p> <p>Lanoue, David J. 1994. "Retrospective and Prospective Voting in Presidential-Year Elections." <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 47: 193-205.</p> <p>Lodge, Milton, Marco R. Steenbergen, and S. Brau. 1995. "The Responsive Voter: Campaign Information and the Dynamics of Candidate Evaluation." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 89: 309-26.</p> <p>Basinger, Scott J., and Howard Lavine. 2005. "Ambivalence, Information, and Electoral Choice." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 99: 169-184.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Kelley, Stanley, Jr., and Thad W. Mirer. 1974. "The Simple Act of Voting." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 68: 572-591.</p> <p>Kiewiet, D. Roderick, and R. Douglas Rivers. 1984. "A Retrospective on Retrospective Voting." <i>Political Behavior</i> 6: 369-393.</p> <p>McGraw, Kathleen M., Milton Lodge, and Patrick Stroh. 1990. "On-Line Processing in Candidate Evaluation: The Effects of Issue Order, Issue Importance, and Sophistication." <i>Political Behavior</i> 12: 41-58.</p>
2/25	<p><b>Collective Rationality: A Look at the Macro Level (Part I)</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Wittman, Donald. 1989. "Why Democracies Produce Efficient Results." <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> 97: 1395-1424.</p> <p>Ladha, Krishna K. 1992. "The Condorcet Jury Theorem, Free Speech, and Correlated Votes." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 36, 617-34.</p> <p>Austen-Smith, David, and Jeffrey S. Banks. 1996. "Information Aggregation, Rationality, and the Condorcet Jury Theorem." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 90: 34-45.</p> <p>Bartels, Larry M. 1996. "Uninformed Votes: Information Effects in Presidential Elections." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 40: 194-230.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Althaus, Scott L. 1998. "Information Effects in Collective Preferences." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 92: 545-558.</p>
3/4	<p><b>Collective Rationality: A Look at the Macro Level (Part II)</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Page, Benjamin I., and Robert Y. Shapiro. 1983. "Effects of Public Opinion on Policy." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 77: 175-190.</p> <p>Stimson, James A., Michael B. Mackuen, and Robert S. Erikson. 1995. "Dynamic Representation." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 89:</p>



	<p>543-65.</p> <p>Wlezien, Christopher. 1995. "The Public as Thermostat: Dynamics of Preferences for Spending." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 39: 981-1000.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Durr, Robert H. 1993. "What Moves Policy Sentiment?" <i>American Political Science Review</i> 87: 158-70.</p> <p>Erikson, Robert S., Michael B. MacKuen, and James A. Stimson. 2002. <i>The Macro Polity</i>. New York: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p><b>Midterm Essay Exam Distributed</b></p>
3/11	<p><b>Spring Break – No Class</b></p> <p><b>*Midterm Exam Due (Turn in via email by no later than 11:59PM)</b></p>
3/18	<p><b>Assessing Survey Attitudes to Understand Voting Behavior</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Achen, Christopher H. 1975. "Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 69: 1218-1231.</p> <p>Zaller, John, and Stanley Feldman. 1992. "A Simple Theory of the Survey Response: Answering Questions versus Revealing Preferences." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 36: 579-616.</p> <p>Lacy, Dean. 2001. "A Theory of Nonseparable Preferences in Survey Responses." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 45: 239-258.</p> <p>Ansolabehere, Stephen, Jonathan Rodden, and James M. Snyder. 2008. "The Strength of Issues: Using Multiple Measures to Gauge Preference Stability, Ideological Constraint, and Issue Voting." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 102: 215-232.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Zaller, John R. 1992. <i>The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion</i>. New York: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Alvarez, R. Michael, and John Brehm. 2002. <i>Hard Choices, Easy Answers: Values, Information, and American Public Opinion</i>. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.</p> <p><b>*Midterm Essay Exam Handed Back &amp; Discussed</b></p>
3/25	<p><b>Role of the Media: Framing, Sources, &amp; Policy Preferences</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Bartels, Larry M. 1993. "Messages Received: The Political Impact of Media Exposure." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 87: 267-285.</p> <p>Kellstedt, Paul M. 2000. "Media Framing and the Dynamics of Racial Policy Preferences." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 44: 245-260.</p> <p>Druckman, James N. 2004. "Political Preference Formation: Competition, Deliberation, and the (Ir)relevance of Framing Effects." <i>American Political Science Review</i> 98: 671-686.</p> <p>Baum, Matthew A., and Angela S. Jamison. 2006. "The Oprah Effect: How</p>

	<p>Soft News Helps Inattentive Citizens Vote Consistently.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 68: 946-959.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Krosnick, Jon A., and Laura A. Brannon. 1993. “The Impact of the Gulf War on the Ingredients of Presidential Evaluations: Multidimensional Effects of Political Involvement.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 87: 963-975.</p> <p>Mutz, Diana C., and Paul S. Martin. 2001. “Facilitating Communication Across Lines of Political Difference: The Role of Mass Media.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 95: 97-114.</p> <p>Prior, Markus. 2005. “News vs. Entertainment: How Increasing Media Choice Widens Gaps in Political Knowledge and Turnout.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49: 577-592.</p>
4/1	<p><b>Candidate Behavior &amp; Communication Tactics in Political Campaigns</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Iyengar, Shanto, and Adam F. Simon. 2000. “New Perspectives and Evidence on Political Communication and Campaign Effects.” <i>Annual Review of Psychology</i> 51: 149-169.</p> <p>Wattenberg, Martin P., and Craig L. Brians. 1999. “Negative Campaign Advertising: Demobilizer or Mobilizer?” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 93: 891-899.</p> <p>King, James D., and Jason B. McConnell. 2003. “The Effect of Negative Campaign Advertising on Vote Choice: The Mediating Influence of Gender.” <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> 84: 843-857.</p> <p>Brader, Ted. 2005. “Striking a Responsive Chord: How Political Ads Motivate and Persuade Voters by Appealing to Emotions.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 49: 388-405.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Gelman, Andrew, and Gary King. 1993. “Why Are American Presidential Election Campaign Polls So Variable When Votes are So Predictable?” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 23: 409-451.</p> <p>Bartels, Larry M., and John Zaller. 2001. “Presidential Vote Models: A Recount.” <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i> 34: 9-20.</p>
4/8	<p><b>Why Trust Matters: Public Sentiments Towards Political Figures &amp; Institutions</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Citrin, Jack. 1974. “Comment: The Political Relevance of Trust in Government.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 68: 973-88.</p> <p>Miller, Arthur H. 1974. “Political Issues and Trust in Government, 1964-1970.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 68: 951-972.</p> <p>Hetherington, Marc J. 1998. “The Political Relevance of Political Trust.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 92: 791-808.</p> <p>Chanley, Virginia A., Thomas J. Rudolph, and Wendy M. Rahn. 2000. “The Origins and Consequences of Public Trust in Government: A Time</p>

	<p>Series Analysis.” <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> 64: 239-256.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Hetherington, Marc J., and Thomas J. Rudolph. 2008. “Priming, Performance, and the Dynamics of Political Trust.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 70: 498-512.</p>
4/15	<p><b>Attribution, Responsibility, &amp; Accountability: Public &amp; Scholarly Assessments of Political Figures &amp; Government Performance</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Iyengar, Shanto. 1989. “How Citizens Think about National Issues: A Matter of Responsibility.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 33: 878-900.</p> <p>Rudolph, Thomas J. 2003a. “Who’s Responsible for the Economy? The Formation and Consequences of Responsibility Attributions.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 47: 698-713.</p> <p>Gomez, Brad T., and Matthew J. Wilson. 2003. “Causal Attribution and Economic Voting in American Congressional Elections.” <i>Political Research Quarterly</i> 56: 271-82.</p> <p>Sirin, Cigdem V., and José D. Villalobos. 2011. “Where Does the Buck Stop? Applying Attribution Theory to Examine Public Appraisals of the President.” <i>Presidential Studies Quarterly</i> 41: 334-357.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Hibbing, John R., and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse. 2001. “Process Preferences and American Politics: What the People Want Government to Be.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 95: 145-153.</p> <p>Rudolph, Thomas J. 2003b. “Institutional Context and the Assignment of Political Responsibility.” <i>Journal of Politics</i> 65: 190-215.</p>
4/22	<p><b>Working on Democracy: Civic Engagement/Social Capital, Mobilization, &amp; Social Movements</b></p> <p><i>Assigned Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Deutsch, Karl W. 1961. “Social Mobilization and Political Development.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> 55: 493-514.</p> <p>Brehm, John, and Wendy Rahn. “Individual-Level Evidence for the Causes and Consequences of Social Capital.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 41: 999-1023.</p> <p>Mettler, Suzanne, and Joe Soss. 2004. “The Consequences of Public Policy for Democratic Citizenship: Bridging Policy Studies and Mass Politics.” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 2: 55-73.</p> <p>Amenta, Edwin, Neal Caren, Elizabeth Chiarello, and Yang Su. 2010. “The Political Consequences of Social Movements.” <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> 36: 287-307.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Reading Material:</i></p> <p>Galston, William. 2001. “Political Knowledge, Political Engagement, and Civic Education.” <i>Annual Review of Political Science</i> 4: 217-234.</p>

4/29	<b>Research Paper Presentations</b> Individual Student Presentations and Discussion/Commentary
5/6	<b>Research Paper Presentations (Continued...)</b> Individual Student Presentations and Discussion/Commentary <b>Final Exam Distributed</b>
5/9 (Friday)	<b>Research Paper Due (Turn in via email by no later than 11:59PM)</b>
5/13	<b>FINAL EXAM – Due Date (Turn in via email by no later than 11:59PM)</b>