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Government 110-002
Politics in the U.S.
Monday and Thursday 2:10-3:25PM

Syllabus

January 10: Introduction

January 13: The Presidency and the Presidential Nomination Process I

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 8 (pp. 269-311).
O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 496-502).
O'Connor, portions of Chapter 8 (pp. 167-8, 178-96).
Alexander Hamilton, "Federalist No. 70."
Richard E. Neustadt, "Presidential Power and the Power to Persuade."
Samuel Kernell, "Going Public."
United States v. Nixon (1974).
Bob Woodward, "Shadow: Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate."
Clinton v. Jones (1997).

January 17: Martin Luther King Day, No Class

January 20: Inauguration Day, No Class

January 24: The Presidency and the Presidential Nomination Process II

Readings: same as previous class.

January 27: Electoral College, Elections 2000 and 2004

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 503-7).
O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 14 (pp. 566-78).

January 31: Incumbency Advantage and Congressional Elections

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 510-11, 514-19).
O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 7 (pp. 220-29).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 294-303, 307-10).
Gary C. Jacobson, "The Politics of Congressional Elections."
Karlyn H. Bowman and Tom Smith, "The Gender Gap in American Voting."

February 3: Campaign Advertisements and Political Debates

Opposition Research Assignment Due

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 14 (pp. 539-51).
Stephen Ansolabehere et al, "Does Attack Advertising Demobilize the Electorate?" *American Political Science Review* 88 (December 1994): 829-38.

February 7: Media and Politics/Review Session

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 15 (pp. 583-615).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 14 (pp. 318-24, 331-4).
Shanto Iyengar and Donald R. Kinder, "News That Matters."
Larry Sabato, "Inquisition, American Style: Attack Journalism and Feeding Frenzies."
Doris A. Graber, "The 'New' Media and Politics."

February 10: Exam #1

February 14: Political Parties

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 12 (pp. 435-470, 476-84).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 12 (pp. 255-6, 258-66).
James Madison, "Federalist No. 10."
Paul Allen Beck, "The Place of Political Parties in America."
Williams v. Rhodes (1968).

February 17: Polling and Party Identification

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 11 (pp. 397-430).
O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 12 (pp. 470-76).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 11 (pp. 239-53).
John R. Zaller, "Monica Lewinsky's Contribution to Political Science."
Warren Mitofsky, "Pollsters.com."
Benjamin Ginsburg, "How Polling Transforms Public Opinion."

February 21: PACs and Campaign Finance

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 14 (pp. 552-65).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 12 (pp. 277-89).
Larry J. Sabato, "PAC Power."
Buckley v. Valeo (1976).

February 24: Interest Groups

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 16 (pp. 619-651).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 12 (pp. 266-77).
Mancur Olson Jr., "The Logic of Collective Action."
Theodore J. Lowi, "Interest-Group Liberalism."

February 28: Racial Redistricting I

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 511-14).
O'Connor and Sabato, box in Chapter 4 (p. 105).
David Lublin, "Race, Representation, and Redistricting," Chapter 5 in
Paul E. Peterson, ed., *Classifying by Race* (pp. 111-25).

March 3: Racial Redistricting II

Political Reform Op-Ed Due

Reading: Bernard Grofman, Lisa Handley, and David Lublin, "Drawing Effective
Minority Districts: A Conceptual Framework and Some Empirical
Evidence," *North Carolina Law Review* 79: 5(June 2001): 1383-
1430.

March 4: Last Day to Drop a Class

March 7: Spring Break, No Class

March 10: Spring Break, No Class

March 14: DC and Maryland Politics

Readings: Metro Section, *Washington Post* (read every day for a week).
Washington City Paper
"Loose Lips" contains the local political gossip.
Best source for DC local news.
Northwest Current

March 17: Judiciary/Review Session

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 10 (pp. 347-93).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 10 (pp. 219-24).
Marbury v. Madison (1803).
William H. Rehnquist, "How the Supreme Court Arrives at Decisions."

March 21: Exam #2

March 24: The Constitution

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 2 (pp. 34-67).
O'Connor, Chapter 3 (pp. 28-46).
James Madison, "Federalist No. 47."
The Economist, "If You Sincerely Want to Be a United States."
Leonard W. Levy, "The Framers, the Supreme Court, and Notions of Original Intent."
John R. Vile, "Proposals to Amend the Constitution."
The Constitution (in either O'Connor and Sabato, or O'Connor).

March 28: Congress I

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 7 (pp. 221-67).
O'Connor, most of Chapter 7 (pp. 137-59).
James Madison, "Federalists No. 52 and 62."
James Sterling Young, "The Washington Community."
Morris P. Fiorina, "The Rise of the Washington Establishment."
Richard F. Fenno, Jr., "Homestyle: How Members View Their Districts and Its Effects."
Barbara Sinclair, "An Effective Congress and Effective Members: What Does It Take?"

March 31: Congress II/Realignment I

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 507-10).
James L. Sundquist, *Dynamics of the Party System: Alignment and Dealignment of Political Parties in the United States* (The Brookings Institution 1983): Chapters 2, 5 (pp. 19-34, 74-105).

April 4: Realignment II

Readings: same as previous class.

April 7: No Class, Professor at MPSA Conference

April 11: Participation

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, portion of Chapter 13 (pp. 519-29).

April 14: Civil Liberties/Review Session

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 5 (pp. 139-77).
O'Connor, portion of Chapter 5 (pp. 81-103).
Lee v. Weisman (1992).
Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah (1993).
R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul, Minnesota (1992).
Reno v. American Civil Liberties Union (1997).
Gideon v. Wainwright (1963).
McCleskey v. Kemp (1987).

April 18: Civil Rights I

Readings: O'Connor and Sabato, Chapter 6 (pp. 181-218).
O'Connor, most of Chapter 6 (pp. 106-34).
Brown v. Board of Education (1954).
Regents of the University of California v. Bakke (1978).
Hopwood v. Texas (1996).
Reed v. Reed (1971).
United States v. Virginia (1996).
Romer v. Evans (1996).

April 21: Civil Rights II/Review Session

Readings: same as previous class.

April 25: Exam #3