

Political Science 717

Readings in Legislative Politics and Policy-Making

Autumn, 2001
MW 1:30-3:30

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Political Science 717 is a proseminar on legislative behavior, with emphasis on the contemporary American Congress. Topics range from congressional elections, legislative procedures, and the committee system to legislative decision-making, representation, and legislative-executive relations. The readings start with classics in the field that present the basic concepts in the area and/or demonstrate the most important data analysis approaches in legislative studies. We will also read articles at the research frontier, descriptions of recent congressional changes, materials on legislative research methods, pieces reflecting the new institutional perspective on Congress, and some attempts at theory development.

Texts (paperbacks):

Cox & McCubbins, *Legislative Leviathan*

Dodd & Oppenheimer, *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th ed.

Jacobson, *Politics of Congressional Elections*, 5th ed.

Mayhew, *Congress: The Electoral Connection*

Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics in Legislative Politics*

Davidson & Oleszek's *Congress and Its Members* is recommended for students without prior coursework on Congress. Oleszek's *Congressional Procedures and Policy* is a definitive statement of congressional rules.

Assignments:

1. **Readings** (5% of course grade): Readings marked with asterisks are required. Some other readings may be split between graduate students. (There has been an explosion of articles on Congress in recent years, many of which are listed below for your reference.)
2. **Class discussion** (10%): This will be a discussion course. Full participation is expected, while allowing others to participate as well. The quality of discussion improves as more students do more of the readings.
3. **Weekly written questions** (10%): Each week each participant will submit one written question that asks about some *central* theoretical or methodological concern in that week's readings. The questions are due at 11 a.m. Part of the week's discussion will be build around the questions. If you cannot think of a question, instead submit a one-page paper discussing the central concept for the reading. Due dates are listed on the syllabus for 4 questions; if you miss one, submit a question on November 14.
4. **Special reports** (5%): Each student will give a 10-minute report on one book listed for specific sessions. Please do not choose a book that you have already read for another course. A written report should summarize the reading, including the methods, results, shortcomings, and importance.
5. **Elections** (5%): An assignment on congressional elections will be due Sept. 28.
6. **Committees** (5%): An assignment to obtain information about a legislative committee will be due the end of the fourth week of the term (Oct. 10).
7. **Term paper** (30%): The term paper should be a critique of the literature on a legislative topic, including an informal research design showing how you would extend that work. Alternatively, the term paper can be a library research paper, or a computer data analysis project. Due Mon. Nov. 26.
8. **Final exam** (30%): Essay exam; details to be announced.

Notices:

1. No **incompletes** will be given in this class.
2. Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disabilities Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs.
3. All of the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be reported to the university committee on academic misconduct and handled according to university policy.

Class Schedule

PART I. An Overview of Congress

Wed. Sept. 19: Introduction

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*Polsby, Nelson. 1968. The Institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives. *APSR* (in *Classics*)

*Dodd, Lawrence. Congress and the Quest for Power, in Lawrence Dodd & Bruce Oppenheimer, eds., *Congress Reconsidered* (1977) (in *Classics*)

PART II. Congress as a Membership Body

Wed. Sept. 26: Legislative Goals & Careers

*Mayhew, David. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*

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Mon. Oct. 1 & Wed. Oct. 3: Legislative Elections (Questions due Oct. 1, 3, or 8)

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*Cooperman & Oppenheimer, "The Gender Gap in the House of Representatives," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 6

*Fiorina, "Keystone Reconsidered," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 7

*Jacobson, Gary. *Politics of Congressional Elections*

PART III. Congress as an Institution

Mon. Oct. 8: Legislative Norms and Adaptation

*Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 12

*Matthews, Donald. *U.S. Senators and their World*, chapter 5 (in *Classics*)

*Asher, Herbert. 1973. The Learning of Legislative Norms. *APSR* (in *Classics*)

*Sinclair, "The New World of U.S. Senators," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 1

Wed. Oct. 10: No class (may be moved up or back one day)

Mon. Oct. 15: Legislative Procedures

*Sinclair, excerpt from *Unorthodox Lawmaking* in *Classics* (chap. 15)

Wed. Oct. 17: Constituency (Questions due Oct. 17 or 22 or 24)

*Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 5

*Fenno. 1977. U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies: An Exploration. *APSR* (in *Classics*)

Mon. Oct. 22: Representation

*Miller & Stokes, 1963, Constituency Influence in Congress. *APSR* (in *Classics*)

Wed. Oct. 24 & Wed. Oct. 31: Legislative Committees

- *Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 16
- *Canon & Stewart, "The Evolution of the Committee System in Congress," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 8
- *Groseclose & King, "Committee Theories Reconsidered," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 9
- *Evans, "Committees, Leaders, and Message Politics," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 10
- *Fenno, Richard. 1962. The Appropriations Committee as a Political System. *APSR* (in *Classics*)
- *Hinckley, Barbara. 1995. Policy Content, Committee Membership, and Behavior. *AJPS* (in *Classics*)

Mon. Nov. 5 & Wed. Nov. 7: Decision-Making Models (Questions due Nov. 5, 7, or 12)

- Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 24
- *Kingdon, John. Models of Legislative Voting *JOP* (in *Classics*)
- *Weisberg, Herbert. 1978. Evaluating Theories of Congressional Roll Call Voting *AJPS* (Aug.)
- *Arnold, excerpt from *The Logic of Congressional Action* in *Classics*

Mon. Nov. 12: Veterans' Day (No Class)

Wed. Nov. 14, Mon. Nov. 19, & Wed. Nov. 21: Legislative Leadership, Parties, & Coalitions

- *Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 20
- *Stewart, John. 1971. "Two Strategies of Leadership: Johnson and Mansfield," in *Congressional Behavior*, ed. Nelson Polsby. New York: Random House (in *Classics*)
- *Rohde, excerpt from *Parties and Leaders in the Postreform House* in *Classics*
- *Dodd & Oppenheimer, "A House Divided: The Struggle for Partisan Control," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 2
- *Smith & Gamm, "The Dynamics of Party Government in Congress," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 11
- *Aldrich & Rohde, "The Logic of Conditional Party Government: Revisiting the Electoral Connection," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 12
- *Cox & McCubbins, *Legislative Leviathan*
- *Cooper, Joseph & David Brady. 1981. Institutional Context and Leadership Style: The House from Cannon to Rayburn. *APSR*, 75:411-425 (in *Classics*)

Mon. Nov. 19 and Wed. Nov. 21: Informal Groups

Mon. Nov. 19 and Wed. Nov. 21: Legislative Staff

PART IV. Congress in the Political System

Mon. Nov. 26: Legislative-Executive Interrelations (no more Questions)

- *Binder, "Congress, the Executive, and the Production of Public Policy: United We Govern?" in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 13
- *Destler, "Congress and Foreign Policy at Century's End: Requiem on Cooperation?" in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 14
- *Asher & Weisberg. 1978. Voting Change in Congress. *AJPS* (in *Classics*)

Mon. Nov. 26: Interest Groups

Mon. Nov. 26: Media and Congress

Mon. Nov. 26: Congress and the Courts

PART V. The Study of Congress

Wed. Nov. 28: Congressional Change

- *Cooper, "The Twentieth-Century Congress," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 15
- *Dodd & Oppenheimer, "Congress and the Emerging Order: Assessing the 2000 Elections," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 16
- *Dodd, "Re-Envisioning Congress: Theoretical Perspectives on Congressional Change," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 17

Wed. Nov. 28: The Legislative Research Frontier

*Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, "The Study of Congress: Methodologies and the Pursuit of Theory," in *Classics*, chap. 1

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Huntington, Samuel. "Congressional Response to the Twentieth Century," in David Truman, *The Congress and America's Future*, 2nd ed.

Kernell, Samuel. 1977. Toward Understanding 19th Century Congressional Careers. *AJPS*

Binder, Sarah. 1995. Partisanship and Procedural Choice: Institutional Change in the Early Congress, 1789-1823. *JOP*, 57:1093-1118 (Nov.)

Rosenthal, Alan. 1996. State Legislative Development. *LSQ*, 21:169-98 (May)

Crook & Hibbing. 1997. A Not-so-Distant Mirror: The 17th Amendment and Congressional Change. *APSR* 91:845-53 (Dec.)

Squire, Peverill. 1997. Another Look at Legislative Professionalization and Divided Government in the States. *LSQ*, 22:417-32 (Aug.)

Kernell & McDonald. 1999. Congress and American's Political Development: The Transformation of the Post Office from Patronage to Service. *AJPS*, 43:792-811

Fiorina, Morris. 1999. Further Evidence of the Partisan Consequences of Legislative Professionalism. *AJPS*, 43:974-77 (July)

King, James. 2000. Changes in Professionalism in U.S. State Legislatures. *LSQ*, 25:327-43 (May)

Schickler, Eric. 2000. Institutional Change in the House of Representatives, 1867-1998: A Test of Partisan and Ideological Power Balance Models. *APSR*, 94:269-88 (June)

Berry, Berkman, & Schneiderman. 2000. Legislative Professionalism and Incumbent Reelection: The Development of Institutional Boundaries. *APSR*, 94:869-74 (Dec.)

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*Mayhew, David. *Congress: The Electoral Connection*

*Rohde, David. 1979. Risk-Bearing and Progressive Ambition. *AJPS* (Feb.) (in *Classics*)

Goodman, Gross, Boyd, & Weisberg. 1986. Constituency Service as a Legislative Goal. *Polity* (Summer)

Hibbing, John. 1991. Contours of the Modern Congressional Career. *APSR* (June)

Herrick, Rebekah & Michael Moore. 1993. Political Ambition's Effect on Legislative Behavior. *JOP*, 55:765-76 (Aug.)

Herrick, Rebekah, Michael Moore, & John Hibbing. 1994. Unfastening the Electoral Connection: The Behavior of U.S. Representatives when Reelection Is no Longer a Factor. *JOP*, 56:214-27 (Feb.)

Hall, Richard & Robert Van Houweling. 1995. Avarice and Ambition in Congress: Representatives' Decisions To Run or Retire from the U.S. House. *APSR*, 89:121-36 (March)

Bianco, William, David Spence, & John Wilderson. 1996. The Electoral Connection in the Early Congress. *AJPS*, 40:145-71 (Feb.)

Katz, Jonathan & Brian Sala. 1996. Careerism, Committee Assignments, and the Electoral Connection. *APSR*, 90:21-33 (March)

Carey, Niemi, & Powell. 1998. The Effects of Term Limits on State Legislatures. *LSQ*, 23:271-300 (May)

Moore, Michael & John Hibbing. 1998. Situational Dissatisfaction in Congress: Explaining Voluntary Departures. *JOP*, 60:1088-1107 (Nov.)

Hibbing, John. 1999. Legislative Careers: Why and How We Should Study Them. *LSQ*, 24:149-71 (May) review essay

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- *Fiorina, "Keystone Reconsidered," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 7
- *Jacobson, Gary. *Politics of Congressional Elections*
- Tufte, Edward. 1975. Determinants of the Outcomes of Midterm Congressional Elections. *APSR* (Sept.)
- Fiorina, Morris. 1977. The Case of the Vanishing Marginals: The Bureaucracy Did It. *APSR*
- Jacobson, Gary. 1987. The Marginals Never Vanished. *AJPS* (Feb.); see also Bauer & Hibbing in Feb. 1989 *AJPS*
- Jacobson, Gary. 1990. The Effects of Campaign Spending in House Elections. *AJPS* (May), and accompanying response by Green & Krasno
- Erikson, Robert. 1990. Economic Conditions and the Congressional Vote. *AJPS* (May), and accompanying response by Jacobson and reply by Erikson
- Gelman & King. 1990. Estimating Incumbency Advantage without Bias. *AJPS* (Nov.); also King & Gelman, Systemic Consequences of Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections. 1991. *AJPS* (Feb.)
- Canon, David. 1993. Sacrificial Lambs or Strategic Politicians? Political Amateurs in U.S. House Elections. *AJPS*, 37:1119-41 (Nov.)
- Jewell, Malcolm. 1994. State Legislative Elections: What We Know and Don't Know. *APQ*, 22:483-509 (Oct.)
- Lublin, David Ian. 1994. Quality, not Quantity: Strategic Politicians in U.S. Senate Elections, 1952-1990. *JOP*, 56:228-41 (Feb.)
- McCurlley, Carl & Jeffrey Mondak. 1995. Inspected by #1184063113: The Influence of Incumbents Competence and Integrity in the U.S. House Elections. *AJPS*, 39:864-85 (Nov.)
- Mondak, Jeffrey. 1995. Competence, Integrity, and the Electoral Success of Congressional Incumbents. *JOP*, 57:1043-69 (Nov.)
- Epstein, David & Peter Zemsky. 1995. Money Talks: Deterring Quality Challengers in Congressional Elections. *APSR*, 89:295-308
- Box-Steffensmeier, Janet. 1996. A Dynamic Analysis of the Role of War Chests in Campaign Strategy. *AJPS*, 40:352-71 (May)
- Canon, David, Matthew Schousen, & Patrick Sellers. 1996. The Supply Side of Congressional Redistricting: Race and Strategic Politicians. *JOP*, 58:846-62 (Aug.)
- Cox, Gary & Jonathan Katz. 1996. Why Did the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections Grow? *AJPS*, 40:478-97 (May)
- Adams & Squire. 1997. Incumbent Vulnerability and Challenger Emergence in Senate Elections. *Political Behavior*, 19:97-111 (June)
- Kimball & Patterson. 1997. Living up to Expectations: Public Attitudes toward Congress. *JOP*, 59:701-28 (Aug.)
- Kahn & Kenney. 1997. A Model of Candidate Evaluations in Senate Elections: The Impact of Campaign Intensity. *JOP*, 59:1173-1205 (Nov.)
- Whitby, Kenny, & Franklin Gilliam, Jr. 1998. "Representation in Congress: Line Drawing and Minorities," in Weisberg & Patterson, *Great Theatre*
- Lacy, Dean. 1998. "Congressional Elections: Progenitors of Divided Government," in Weisberg & Patterson, *Great Theatre*
- Patterson, Samuel & David Kimball. 1998. "Unsympathetic Audience: Citizens' Evaluations of Congress," in Weisberg & Patterson, *Great Theatre*
- Sellers, Patrick. 1998. Strategy and Background in Congressional Campaigns. *APSR*, 92:159-71 (March)
- Erikson & Palfrey. 1998. Campaign Spending and Incumbency: An Alternative Simultaneous Equations Approach. *JOP*, 60:355-73 (May)
- Gaines, Brian. 1998. The Impersonal Vote? Constituency Service and Incumbency Advantage in British Elections, 1950-92. *LSQ*, 23:167-95 (May)
- Gerber, Alan. 1998. Estimating the Effect of Campaign Spending on Senate Election Outcomes Using Instrumental Variables. *APSR*, 92:401-11 (June)
- Petrocik & Desposato. 1998. The Partisan Consequences of Majority-Minority Redistricting in the South, 1992 and 1994. *JOP*, 60:613-33 (Aug.)

- Herrera & Yawn. 1999. The Emergence of the Personal Vote. *JOP*, 61:136-50 (Feb.)
- Rudolph, Thomas. 1999. Corporate and Labor PAC Contributions in House Elections: Measuring the Effects of Majority Party Status. *JOP*, 61:195-206 (Feb.)
- Epstein & O'Halloran. 1999. Measuring the Electoral and Policy Impact of Majority-Minority Voting Districts. *AJPS*, 43:367-95 (April)
- Cox & Magar. 1999. How Much Is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth? *APSR*, 93:299-309 (June)
- Cox & Katz. 1999. The Reapportionment Revolution and Bias in U.S. Congressional Elections. *AJPS*, 43:812-41 (July)
- Brunell, Thomas. 1999. Partisan Bias in U.S. Congressional Elections, 1952-1996. *APQ*, 27:316-37 (July)
- Terkildsen & Damore. 1999. The Dynamics of Racialized Media Coverage in Congressional Elections. *JOP*, 61:680-99 (Aug.)
- Canon, David. 1999. Electoral Systems and the Representation of Minority Interests in Legislatures. *LSQ*, 24:331-85 (Aug.)
- Ansolabehere, Snyder, & Stewart. 2000. Old Voters, New Voters, and the Personal Vote: Using Redistricting to Measure the Incumbency Advantage. *AJPS*, 44:17-34 (Jan.)
- Carey, Niemi, & Powell. 2000. Incumbency and the Probability of Reelection in State Legislative Elections. *JOP*, 62:671-700 (Aug.)
- Erikson & Palfrey. 2000. Equilibria in Campaign Spending Games: Theory and Data. *APSR*, 94:595-609 (Sept.)
- Lublin & Voss. 2000. Racial Redistricting and Realignment in Southern State Legislatures. *AJPS*, 44:792-810 (Oct.)
- Goldstein & Freedman. 2000. New Evidence for New Arguments: Money and Advertising in the 1996 Senate Elections. *JOP*, 62:1087-1108 (Nov.)
- Hogan, Robert. 2001. The Influence of State and District Conditions on the Representation of Women in U.S. State Legislatures. *APR*, 29:4-24 (Jan.)
- Ansolabehere, Snyder, & Stewart. 2001. Candidate Positioning in U.S. House Elections. *AJPS*, 45:136-59 (Jan.)
- Shotts, Kenneth. 2001. The Effects of Majority-Minority Mandates on Partisan Gerrymandering. *AJPS*, 45:120-35 (Jan.)
- Voss & Lublin. 2001. Black Incumbents, White Districts. *APR*, 29:141-82 (March)

Student Reports: (maximum of 2 from this list)

- Abramowitz & Segal, *Senate Elections*
- Cain, Ferejohn, & Fiorina, *Personal Vote*
- Campbell, *Cheap Seats*
- Canon, David. *Race, Redistricting, and Representation: The Unintended Consequences of Black Majority Districts*
- Fenno, *Senators on the Campaign Trail*
- Fiorina, *Divided Government*
- Gaddie & Bullock, *Elections to Open Seats in the U.S. House*
- Herrnson, *Congressional Elections: Campaigning at Home and in Washington*
- Hibbing & Theiss-Morse, *Congress as Public Enemy*
- Jacobson, *The Electoral Origins of Divided Government*
- Kahn & Kenney, *The Spectacle of U.S. Senate Campaigns*
- Krasno, *Challengers, Competition, and Reelection*

PART III. Congress as an Institution

Mon. Oct. 8: Legislative Norms and Adaptation

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- *Matthews, Donald. *U.S. Senators and their World*, chapter 5 (in *Classics*)
- *Asher, Herbert. 1973. The Learning of Legislative Norms. *APSR* (in *Classics*)
- *Sinclair, "The New World of U.S. Senators," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 1
- Huitt, Ralph. 1961. The Outsider in the Senate. *APSR*
- Searing, Donald. 1991. Roles, Rules, and Rationality in the New Institutionalism. *APSR* (Dec.)
- Reingold, Beth. 1996. Conflict and Cooperation: Legislative Strategies and Concepts of Power among Female and Male State Legislators. *JOP*, 58:464-85 (May)

Student Report:

- Krehbiel, *Information and Legislative Organization*

Wed. Oct. 10: No class (may be moved up or back one day)**Mon. Oct. 15: Legislative Procedures**

- *Sinclair, excerpt from *Unorthodox Lawmaking* in Classics (chap. 15)
- Shepsle, Kenneth. "Institutional Equilibrium and Equilibrium Institutions," in Weisberg, *Political Science: The Science of Politics*
- Riker, William. 1965. "Arrow's Theorem and Some Examples of the Paradox of Voting," in John Claunch, ed., *Mathematical applications in political science I*. Dallas: Southern Methodist University Press
- Huber, John. 1992. Restrictive Legislative Procedures in France and the United States. *APSR* (Sept.)
- Mouw, Calvin & Michael MacKuen. 1992. The Strategic Agenda in Legislative Politics. *APSR*, 86:87-105 (March)
- Calvert, Randall & Richard Fenno, Jr. 1994. Strategy and Sophisticated Voting in the Senate. *JOP*, 56:349-76
- Dion, Douglas & John Huber. 1996. Procedural Choice and the House Committee on Rules. *JOP*, 58:25-53 (Feb.). See also Krehbiel. 1997. Restrictive Rules Reconsidered. *AJPS*, 41:919-944 (July), Dion & Huber. 1997. Sense and Sensibility: The Role of Rules. *AJPS*, 41:945-57 (July) and Krehbiel's response in the July 1997 *AJPS*, 41:958-64
- Huber, John. 1996. The Vote of Confidence in Parliamentary Democracies. *APSR*, 90:269-82 (June)
- Schickler & Rich. 1997. Controlling the Floor: Parties as Procedural Coalitions in the House. *AJPS*, 41:1340-75 (Oct.). See also Cox & McCubbins. 1997. Toward a Theory of Legislative Rules Change. *AJPS*, 41:1376-86 (Oct.) and Schickler & Rich. 1997. Party Government in the House Reconsidered. *AJPS*, 41:1387-94 (Oct.)
- Binder & Smith. 1998. Political Goals and Procedural Choice in the Senate. *JOP*, 60:398-416 (May)
- Baron, David. 1998. Comparative Dynamics of Parliamentary Governments. *APSR*, 92:593-609 (Sept.)
- Diermeier & Feddersen. 1998. Cohesion in Legislatures and the Vote of Confidence Procedure. *APSR*, 92:611-21 (Sept.)
- Wilkerson, John. 1999. "Killer" Amendments in Congress. *APSR*, 93:535-52 (Sept.)
- Fink, Evelyn. 2000. Representation by Deliberation: Changes in the Rules of Deliberation in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1789-1944. *JOP*, 62:1109-25 (Nov.)
- Evans, C. Lawrence. 1999. Legislative Structure: Rules, Precedents, and Jurisdictions. *LSQ*, 24:605-42 (Nov.) review essay
- Carruba & Volden. 2000. Coalitional Politics and Logrolling in Legislative Institutions. *AJPS*, 44:261-77 (April)
- Cox, Gary. 2000. On the Effects of Legislative Rules. *LSQ*, 25:169-92 (May) review essay
- Krutz, Glen. 2001. Tactical Maneuvering on Omnibus Bills in Congress. *AJPS*, 45:210-23 (Jan.)
- Huber & McCarty. 2001. Cabinet Decision Rules and Political Uncertainty in Parliamentary Bargaining. *APSR*, 95:345-60 (June)

Student Report:

Binder, *Minority Rights, Majority Rule: Partisanship and the Development of Congress*

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- *Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 5
- *Fenno. 1977. U.S. House Members in Their Constituencies: An Exploration. *APSR* (in *Classics*)
- Bullock, Charles, III. 1995. The Impact of Changing the Racial Composition of Congressional Districts on Legislators' Roll Call Behavior. *APQ*, 23:141-58

Mon. Oct. 22: Representation

- *Miller & Stokes, 1963. Constituency Influence in Congress. *APSR* (in *Classics*)
- Eulau & Karps. 1977. The Puzzle of Representation. *LSQ* (Aug.)
- Weissberg, Robert. 1978. Collective v. Dyadic Representation in Congress. *APSR* (June)
- Reingold, Beth. 1992. Concepts of Representation among Female and Male State Legislators. *LSQ* (Nov.)
- Berkman, Michael & Robert O'Connor. 1993. Do Women Legislators Matter? Female Legislators and State Abortion Policy. *APQ*, 21:102.24 (Jan.)
- Barrett, Edith. 1995. The Policy Priorities of African American Women in State Legislatures. *LSQ*, 20:223-48 (May)
- Hero, Rodney & Caroline Tolbert. 1995. Latinos and Substantive Representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. *AJPS*, 39:640-52 (Aug.)
- Stimson, James, Michael MacKuen, & Robert Erikson. 1995. Dynamic Representation. *APSR*, 89:543-65 (Sept.)
- Vega, Arturo & Juanita Firestone. 1995. The Effects of Gender on Congressional Behavior and the Substantive Representation of Women. *LSQ*, 20:213-22 (May)

- Oppenheimer, Bruce. 1996. The Representational Experience: The Effect of State Population on Senator-Constituency Linkages. *AJPS*, 40:1280-99 (Nov.)
- Hedge, David, James Button, & Mary Spear. 1996. Accounting for the Quality of Black Legislative Life. *AJPS*, 40:82-98 (Feb.); also Button, James, and David Hedge. Legislative Life in the 1990s. *LSQ*, 199-218 (May)
- Cameron, Epstein, & O'Halloran. 1996. Do Majority-Minority Districts Maximize Substantive Black Representation in Congress? *APSR*, 90:794-812 (Dec.). See also Lublin, 1999. Redistricting and African-American Representation. *APSR*, 93:183-86 (March) and Epstein & O'Halloran. A Social Science Approach to Race, Redistricting, and Representation. *APSR*, 93:187-91 (March)
- Kerr & Miller. 1997. Latino Representation, It's Direct and Indirect. *AJPS*, 1997:1066-71 (July)
- Winsky Mattei, Laura. 1998. Gender and Power in American Legislative Discourse. *JOP*, 60:440-61 (May)
- Swers, Michele. 1998. Are Women More Likely to Vote for Women's Issue Bills than their Male Colleagues? *LSQ*, 23:435-48 (Aug.)
- Hill & Hurley. 1999. Dyadic Representation Reappraised. *AJPS*, 43:109-37 (Jan.)
- Mansbridge, Jane. 1999. Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women? A Contingent "Yes." *JOP*, 61:628-57 (Aug.)
- Bratton & Haynie. 1999. Agenda Setting and Legislative Success in State Legislatures: The Effects of Gender and Race. *JOP*, 61:658-79 (Aug.)

Student Reports: (maximum of 2 from this list)

Bianco, *Trust: Representatives and Constituents*

Burrell, *A Woman's Place is in the House*

Fenno, *Congress at the Grassroots: Representational Change in the South, 1970-1998*

Schiller, *Partners and Rivals: Representation in U.S. Senate Delegations*

Swain, *Black Faces, Black Interests*

Thomas, *How Women Legislate*

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*Weisberg, Heberlig, & Campoli, *Classics*, chap. 16

*Canon & Stewart, "The Evolution of the Committee System in Congress," in Dodd & Oppenheimer, chap. 8

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