

Topics in American Politics: Interest Groups
Political Science 319
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Course description

Grades will be based on four components: class participation (35%), research proposals (35%), a research project (20%) and (about) three written assignments (10%).

Course Requirements

1. Class participation (35%).

This is a discussion class, so you are expected to complete the reading before class and come prepared to discuss it. This implies the ability to answer the following questions: 1) What is the central research question? 2) How is it tested? and 3) Are there any alternative tests or improvements that could be made? What are the implications of the paper for other studies and future research? I reserve the right to put these questions in quiz format if you do not come to class prepared.

2. Research Proposals (35%).

Over the course of the semester you will complete research proposals based on the data sets listed below. The purpose is to practice developing research ideas and to familiarize you with some very useful data sets on interest groups. Proposals should outline the hypotheses to be tested, the method of analysis, the variables used in the analysis and the relevant literature (as discussed in class). Your proposals should be about 1000 words and must be distributed to your classmates the Friday before we discuss them. I do not expect every idea to be a good one; rather I want you to practice coming up with ideas and to learn how to pursue the ones with potential. Discussion will allow us to flesh each proposal out and hopefully will result in one or more good ideas per student by the end of the semester. If you wish to prepare a qualitative research proposal, it must be on same topic as the relevant data set. Here are the data sets I have in mind:

- a. Survey of State Interest Groups.
- b. Agendas and Public Policymaking data.

- c. State Lobbying Registrations.
- d. Campaign Expenditures Data:
 - i. Open Secrets,
 - ii. Follow the Money,
 - iii. FEC Web site.
- 3. Research Project (20%).

You will turn one of your research proposals into a research project by the end of the semester. This is not meant to be a completed research paper. I just want you to carry out the empirical analysis described in one of your research proposals – the theoretical implications and hypotheses should have been described in the proposal. You should revise your research proposal as necessary and add a few pages describing the data and the methods you used to perform your analysis. The total length should be about 3000 words, excluding tables and documentation.
- 4. Written Assignments (10%).

Over the course of the semester I will ask you to perform a couple of written assignments. One will be to write up a conference proposal for one of your research projects. Another will require you to write a review of an unpublished article. There may be a third along these lines.

Policy on Late Assignments

Late assignments will not be accepted without prior arrangements. This is particularly important for the research proposals since the class is designed so that they can all be discussed in class at the same time. I understand that graduate students are busy and that fluctuations in your workload from other classes and assignments may tempt you to decrease your attention the current week's assignment. Try not to let that happen – there will always be other projects claiming your attention during your career and it is best to learn to manage your time now. Obviously planning can help, but when you are pressed for time my advice is to read faster rather than not at all. If you have a more serious problem emerge, talk to me as soon as possible and we will make arrangements.

Books

All or significant portions of the following books will be used in the class. It may not be worth it to purchase all of them, but some should be considered indispensable if you are interested in interest groups as a research topic.

Baumgartner, Frank R., and Beth L. Leech. 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1996. *The Population Ecology of Interest Representation*. Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press.

Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Schattschneider, E. E. 1960. *The Semi-Sovereign People*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

Schlozman, Kay Lehman, and John T. Tierney. 1986. *Organized Interests and American Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row.

Truman, David B. 1951. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

Walker, Jack L. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Here are some additional books that are used or that may be of interest beyond the topics covered in class.

Banaszak, Lee Ann. 1996. *Why Movements Succeed or Fail: Opportunity, Culture, and the Struggle for Woman Suffrage*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Baumgartner, Frank R. and Bryan D. Jones. 1993. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Browne, William P. 1995. *Cultivating Congress: Constituents, Issues, and Interests in Agricultural Policymaking*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press.

Browne, William P. 1998. *Groups, Interests, and U.S. Public Policy*. Washington: Georgetown University Press.

Chong, Dennis. 1991. *Collective Action and the Civil Rights Movement*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Costain, Anne and Andrew McFarland. 1998. *Social Movements and American Political Institutions*. Lanham: Roman and Littlefield.

Dahl, Robert. 1961. *Who Governs? Democracy and Power in and American City*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 7, 12, 24, 27.

Gais, Thomas. 1996. *Improper Influence: Campaign Finance Law, Interest Groups, and the Problem of Equality*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Gerber, Elisabeth R. 1999. *The Populist Paradox: Interest Group Influence and the Promise of Direct Legislation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Hansen, John Mark. 1991. *Gaining Access: Congress and the Farm Lobby, 1919-1981*. United States of America: University of Chicago Press.

Heinz, John P., Robert O. Laumann, Robert L. Nelson, and Robert L. Salisbury. 1993. *The Hollow Core*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Hula, Kevin W. 1999. *Lobbying Together: Interest Group Coalitions in Legislative Politics*. Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

Kingdon, John W. 1995. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2d. ed. New York: HarperCollins.

Kollman, Ken. 1998. *Outside Lobbying: Public Opinion and Interest Group Strategies*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

McAdam, Doug, John D. McCarthy, and Mayer N. Zald, eds. 1996. *Comparative Perspectives on Social Movements*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Rozell, Mark J. and Clyde Wilcox. 1999. *Interest Groups in American Campaigns: The New Face of Electioneering*. Washington: CQ Press.

Wolpe, Bruce C. and Bertram J. Levine. 1996. *Lobbying Congress: How the System Works*. 2nd ed. Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press.

Wright, John R. 1996. *Interest Groups and Congress*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Course Outline

August 23: Perspectives on Interest Groups and American Politics.

Required Reading:

Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapters 1-2.

Cigler, Allen J. 1991. "Interest Groups: A Subfield in Search of an Identity." In *Political Science: Looking to the Future, Vol. 4*, ed. William Crotty, 99-135. Evanston, Illinois: Northwestern University.

Lowery, David and Virginia Gray. 2004. "A Neopluralist Perspective on Research on Organized Interests." *Political Research Quarterly* 57: 163-177.

Additional Reading:

Arnold, Douglas R. 1982. "Overtilled and Undertilled Fields in American Politics." *Political Science Quarterly* 97: 91-103.

Mitchell, William C. and Michael Munger. 1991. "Economic Models of Interest Groups: An Introductory Survey." *American Journal of Political Science* 35: 512-546.

August 30: Pluralism and its Critics.

Required Reading:

- Bachrach, Peter and Morton S. Baratz. 1962. "Two Faces of Power." *The American Political Science Review* Vol. 56: 947-952.
- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 3.
- Dahl, Robert. 1961. *Who Governs? Democracy and Power in an American City*. New Haven: Yale University Press. Chapters 1, 7, 12, 24, 27.
- Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Chapters 1,2,6.
- Schattschneider, E. E. 1960. *The Semi-Sovereign People*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Chapters 1-4.
- Truman, David B. 1951. *The Governmental Process: Political Interests and Public Opinion*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Chapters 1-3, 16.

September 06: Labor Day (no class)

September 13: Collective Action.

Required Reading:

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 4.
- Moe, Terry M. 1980. "A Calculus of Group Membership." *American Journal of Political Science*. 24: 593-632.
- Walsh, Edward J. and Rex H. Warland . 1983. "Social Movement Involvement in the Wake of a Nuclear Accident: Activists and Free Riders in the TMI Area." *American Sociological Review* 48: 764-780.
- Hansen, John Mark. 1985. "The Political Economy of Group Membership." *American Political Science Review* 79: 79-96.
- Rothenberg, Lawrence S. 1988. "Organizational Maintenance and the Retention Decision in Groups." *The American Political Science Review* 82: 1129-1152.
- Salisbury, Robert. 1969. "An Exchange Theory of Interest Groups." *Midwest Journal of Political Science* 13 (1): 1-32.

Additional Reading:

- Chong, Dennis. 1991. *Collective Action and the Civil Rights Movement*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 1-5.
- Crowley, Jocelyn Elise and Theda Skocpol. 2001. "The Rush to Organize: Explaining Associational Formation in the United States, 1860s-1920s." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 813-829.

- Leighley, Jan. 1996. "Group Membership and the Mobilization of Political Participation." *The Journal of Politics* 58: 447-463.
- Lowery, David; Virginia Gray; Jennifer Anderson and Adam J. Newmark. 2004. "Collective Action and the Mobilization of Institutions." *The Journal of Politics* 66: 684-705.
- McAdam, Doug and Ronnelle Paulsen. 1993. "Specifying the Relationship Between Social Ties and Activism." *The American Journal of Sociology* 99: 640-667.
- Rothenberg, Lawrence S. 1992. *Linking Citizens to Government: Interest Group Politics at Common Cause*. USA: Cambridge University Press. Chapters 1-5.
- Skocpol, Theda; Marshall Ganz; and Ziad Munson. 2000. "A Nation of Organizers: The Institutional Origins of Civic Voluntarism in the United States." *The American Political Science Review* 94: 527-546.
- Walker, Jack L. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapter 3.

September 20: Bias in Organizational Mobilization and Representation.

Required Reading:

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapters 5-6.
- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth L. Leech. 2001. "Issue Niches and Policy Bandwagons: Patterns of Interest Group Involvement in National Politics." *Journal of Politics* 63 (4): 1191-1213.
- Lowery, David and Virginia Gray. 2004. "Bias in the Heavenly Chorus: Interests in Society and Before Government." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 16: 5-29.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman. 1984. "What Accent the Heavenly Chorus? Political Equality and the American Pressure System." *The Journal of Politics* 46: 1006-1032.
- Walker, Jack L. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapters 4-5.

Additional Reading:

- Berry, Jeffrey. 1999. *New Liberalism: The Rising Power of Citizen Groups*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institute.
- Danielian, Lucig and Benjamin I. Page. 1994. "The Heavenly Chorus: Interest Group Voices on TV News." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 1056-1078.
- Salisbury, Robert H. 1984. "Interest Representation: The Dominance of Institutions." *The American Political Science Review* 78(1): 64-76.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman and John T. Tierney. 1983. More of the Same: Washington Pressure Group Activity in a Decade of Change. *Journal of Politics* 45: 351-373.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman, and John T. Tierney. 1986. *Organized Interests and American Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row. Chapters 1-4.

Walker, Jack L., Jr. 1983. "The Origin and Maintenance of Interest Groups in America." *American Journal of Political Science* 77: 390-406.

September 27: Population Ecology/ESA Model.

Required Reading:

- Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1996. *The Population Ecology of Interest Representation: Lobbying Communities in the American States*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press. Chapters 1-7.
- Leech, Beth L.; Frank R. Baumgartner; Timothy La Pira; and Nicholas A. Semanko. 2004. "Drawing Lobbyists to Washington: Government Attention and Interest-Group Mobilization." *Political Research Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Lowery, David and Virginia Gray. 1995. "The Population Ecology of Gucci Gulch, or the Natural Regulation of Interest Group Numbers in the American States." *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 1-29.
- Lowery, David; Virginia Gray; Matthew Fellowes and Jennifer Anderson. 2004. "Living in the Moment: Lags, Leads, and the Link Between Legislative Agendas and Interest Advocacy." *Social Science Quarterly* 85(2): 463-477.
- Nownes, Anthony. 2004. "The Population Ecology of Interest Group Formation: Mobilizing for Gay and Lesbian Rights in the United States, 1950-1998." *British Journal of Political Science* 34: 49-67.
- Wolak, Jennifer; Adam Newmark; Todd McNoldy; David Lowery; and Virginia Gray. 2002. "Much of Politics is Still Local: Multi-State Lobbying in State Interest Communities." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 27: 527-555.

Additional Reading:

- Brasher, Holly, David Lowery, and Virginia Gray. 1999. "State Lobby Registration Data: The Anomalous Case of Florida (and Minnesota Too!)." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 24: 303-14.
- Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1998. "State Lobbying Regulations and Their Enforcement: Implications for the Diversity of State Interest Communities." *State and Local Government Review* 30(2): 78-91.
- Haider-Markel, Donald P. 1997. "Interest Group Survival: Shared Interests Versus Competition for Resources." *The Journal of Politics* 59: 903-912.
- Lowery, David and Virginia Gray. 1997. How Some Rules Just Don't Matter: The Regulation of Lobbyists. *Public Choice*. 91: 139-147.
- Nownes, Anothony. N.d. "The Population Ecology of Interest Group Death: Gay and Lesbian Rights Interest Groups In the United States, 1945-1998." *British Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).
- Opheim, Cynthia. 1991. "Explaining the Differences in State Lobbying Regulation." *Western Political Quarterly* 44: 405-21.

October 04: Discuss Research Proposals Using State Lobbying Registrations Data.

October 04: Soft Money, Hard Money, and Lobbying Expenditures.

Required Reading:

- Boehmke, Frederick J. and Richard C. Witmer. 2003. "Hard Money, Soft Money or Direct Lobbying Expenditures? The Emergence and Growth of American Indian Lobbying." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Gais, Thomas. 1996. *Improper Influence: Campaign Finance Law, Interest Groups, and the Problem of Equality*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapters 3-5.
- Grier, Kevin B. and Michael C. Munger. 1993. "Comparing Interest Group PAC Contributions to House and Senate Incumbents, 1980-1986." *The Journal of Politics* 55(3): 615-643.
- Hansen, Wendy L. and Neil J. Mitchell. 2000. "Disaggregating and Explaining Corporate Political Activity: Domestic and Foreign Corporations in National Politics." *The American Political Science Review* 94: 891-903.
- Jacobson, Gary C. 1999. "The Effect of the AFL-CIO's 'Voter Education' Campaigns on the 1996 House Election." *Journal of Politics* 61: 185-194.
- Romer, Thomas and James M. Snyder, Jr. 1994. "An Empirical Investigation of the Dynamics of PAC Contributions." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 745-769.

Additional Reading:

- Apollonio, D.E. and Raymond J. La Raja. 2003. "Who Gave Soft Money? The Effect of Interest Group Resources on Political Contributions." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver.
- Boehmke, Frederick J. and Richard C. Witmer. 2002. "Resource Growth and Indian Lobbying: Gaming Revenue and the Empowerment of Native Americans." Paper presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- Carne, Margaret A. and Apollonio, D.E. 2003. "Independent Expenditures and Interest Group Strategy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Conybeare, J. A. and P. Squire. 1994. "Political Action Committees and the Tragedy of the Commons." *American Politics Quarterly* 22: 154-174.
- Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1997. "Reconceptualizing PAC Formation: It's Not a Collective Action Problem, and It May Be an Arms Race." *American Politics Quarterly* 25: 319-346.
- Grier, Kevin B.; Michael C. Munger; and Brian E. Roberts. 1994. "The Determinants of Industry Political Activity, 1978-1986." *American Political Science Review* 88: 911-926.
- McKeown, Timothy. 1994. "The Epidemiology of Corporate PAC Formation, 1975-84." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 24: 153-168.
- Mitchell, Neil F.; Wendy L. Hansen; and Eric Jepsen. 1997. "The Determinants of Domestic and Foreign Corporate Political Activity." *Journal of Politics* 59: 1096-1072.

- Rozell, Mark J. and Clyde Wilcox. 1999. *Interest Groups in American Campaigns: The New Face of Electioneering*. Washington: CQ Press.
- Rudolph, Thomas J. 1999. "Corporate and PAC Contributions in House Elections: Measuring the Effects of Majority Party Status." *Journal of Politics* 61: 195-206.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman, and John T. Tierney. 1986. *Organized Interests and American Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row. Chapter 10.
- Truman, David. 1951. *The Governmental Process*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Chapters 9 and 10.

October 11: Campaign Contributions and Votes.

Required Reading:

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 7.
- Austen-Smith, David and John R. Wright. 1994. "Counteractive Lobbying." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 25-44.
- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth L. Leech. 1996. "The Multiple Ambiguities of 'Counteractive Lobbying'." *American Journal of Political Science*. 40: 521-542.
- Austen-Smith, David and John R. Wright. 1996. "Theory and Evidence for Counteractive Lobbying." *American Journal of Political Science*. 40: 543-564.
- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth L. Leech. 1996. "Good Theories Deserve Good Data'." *American Journal of Political Science*. 40: 565-569.
- Grenzke, Janet M. 1989. "PACs and the Congressional Supermarket: The Currency is Complex." *American Journal of Political Science* 33(1): 1-24.
- Smith, Richard A. 1995. "Interest Group Influence in the U.S. Congress." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 20: 89-139.
- Wawro, Gregory. 2001. "A Panel Probit Analysis of Campaign Contributions and Roll-Call Votes." *American Journal of Political Science* 45: 563-579.
- Wright, John R. 2002. "PAC Contributions and Voting on Tobacco Policy in the U.S. Congress, 1981-2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Additional Reading:

- Ainsworth, Scott. 1993. "Regulating Lobbyists and Interest Group Influence." *The Journal of Politics* 55: 41-56.
- Austen-Smith, David. 1987. "Interest Groups, Campaign Contributions and Probabilistic Voting." *Public Choice* 54: 123-139.
- Austen-Smith, David. 1993. "Information and Influence: Lobbying for Agendas and Votes." *American Journal of Political Science* 37(3): 799-833.
- Austen-Smith, David. 1995. "Campaign Contributions and Access." *American Political Science Review* 89: 566-581.
- Denzau, Arthur T. and Michael C. Munger. 1986. "Legislators and Interest Groups: How Unorganized Interests Get Represented." *American Political Science Review* 80: 89-106.

- Lohmann, Susanne. 1993. "A Signaling Model of Informative and Manipulative Political Action." *The American Political Science Review* 87 (2): 319-333.
- Truman, David. 1951. *The Governmental Process*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Chapter 11.

October 18: Discuss Research Proposals Using Campaign Contributions Data.

October 18: Campaign Contributions, Lobbying and Votes.

Required Reading:

- Hall, Richard L. and Frank W. Wayman. 1990. "Buying Time: Moneyed Interest and the Mobilization of Bias in Congressional Committees." *American Political Science Review* 84: 797-820.
- Hojnacki, Marie and David Kimball. 1998. "Organized Interests and the Decision of Whom to Lobby in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 92: 775-790.
- Kollman, Ken. 1997. "Inviting Friends to Lobby: Interest Groups, Ideological Bias, and Congressional Committees." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 519-544.
- Wright, John R. 1990. "Contributions, Lobbying, and Committee Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives." *The American Political Science Review* 84(2): 417-438.

Additional Reading:

- Heinz, John P.; Edward O. Laumann; Robert Salisbury; and Robert L. Nelson. 1990. "Inner Circles or Hollow Cores? Elite Networks in National Policy Systems." *Journal of Politics* 52: 356-389.
- Heinz, John P.; Edward O. Laumann; Robert L. Nelson; and Robert Salisbury. 1993. *The Hollow Core*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. Chapters 7 and 8.
- Wright, John R. 1996. *Interest Groups and Congress*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

October 25: Lobbying Tactics and Strategies.

Required Reading:

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Beth Leech, 1998. *Basic Interests: The Importance of Groups in Politics and in Political Science*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, Chapter 8.
- Boehmke, Frederick J. 2004. *The Indirect Effect of Direct Legislation*. Unpublished manuscript. Chapters 5 and 6.
- Hojnacki, Marie and David Kimball. 1999. "The Who and How of Organizations' Lobbying Strategies in Committee." *Journal of Politics* 61: 999-1024.

- Kollman, Ken. 1998. *Outside Lobbying: Public Opinion and Interest Group Strategies*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. Chapters 2-4.
- Nownes, Anthony J. and Patricia Freeman. 1998 "Interest Groups Activity in the States." *The Journal of Politics* 60: 86-112.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman, and John T. Tierney. 1986. *Organized Interests and American Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row. Chapter 7.
- Walker, Jack L. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapter 6.

Additional Reading:

- Danielson, Lucig and Benjamin I. Page. 1994. "The Heavenly Chorus: Interest Group Voices on TV News." *American Journal of Political Science* 38: 1056-1078.
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman, and John T. Tierney. 1986. *Organized Interests and American Democracy*. New York: Harper and Row. Chapters 11 and 12.
- Truman, David. 1951. *The Governmental Process*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. Chapter 8.

November 01: Discuss Research Proposals Using Survey of State Interest Groups Data.

November 01: Interest Groups and Direct Legislation.

Required Reading:

- Alexander, Robert and Anthony Nownes. 2004. "Organized Interests and Direct Democracy in the States." Paper presented at the Fourth Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy.
- Gerber, Elisabeth R. 1999. *The Populist Paradox: Interest Group Influence and the Promise of Direct Legislation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. Chapters 4 and 5.
- Boehmke, Frederick J. 2002. "The Effect of Direct Democracy on the Size and Diversity of State Interest Group Populations." *The Journal of Politics* 3: 827-844.
- Boehmke, Frederick J. 2003. "Sources of Variation in Statewide Use of the Initiative Process: The Role of Interest Group Populations." Paper presented at the 2003 Meetings of the American Political Science Association.

Additional Reading:

- Boehmke, Frederick J. 2003. "Using Auxiliary Data to Estimate Selection Bias Models, With an Application to Interest Groups' Use of the Direct Initiative Process." *Political Analysis* 11: 234-254. Read pp. 247-253.
- Gerber, Elisabeth R. 1996. "Legislative Response to the Threat of Popular Initiatives." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 99-128.
- Romer, Thomas and Howard Rosenthal. 1979. "Bureaucrats versus Voters: On the Political Economy of Resource Allocation by Direct Democracy." *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 93: 563-588.

Smith, Daniel A. and Caroline J. Tolbert. 2004. *Educated by Initiative: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Citizens and Political Organizations in the American States*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (in press). Pp: 96-102.

November 08: Issues and Agendas.

Required Reading:

- Baumgartner, Frank B.; Jeffrey M. Berry; Marie Hojnacki; Beth L. Leech; and David C. Kimball. 2001. "Issue Advocacy and Interest-Group Influence." Paper presented at the First General Conference, European Consortium for Political Research, University of Kent at Canterbury, England.
- Baumgartner, Frank B. and Beth L. Leech. 1999. "Studying Interest Groups Using Lobby Disclosure Reports". *VOX POP* (Newsletter of the Political Organizations and Parties Section of the APSA) 18: 1-3.
- Baumgartner, Frank B. and Bryan D. Jones. 1999. The Policy Agendas Project: A Public Resource for the Systematic Study of Public Policy. *Policy Currents* (Newsletter of the Public Policy Section of the APSA) 9: 12-14.
- Baumgartner, Frank B.; Beth L. Leech; and Christine Mahoney. 2003. "The Co-evolution of Groups and Government." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association.
- Frank R. Baumgartner and Bryan D. Jones. 1993. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapters 2, 4, and 6.
- Browne, William P. 1990. "Organized Interests and Their Issues Niches: A Search for Pluralism in a Policy Domain." *Journal of Politics* 52: 477-509.
- Kingdon, John W. 1995. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2d. ed. New York: HarperCollins. Chapters 4, 6, and 8.

Additional Reading:

- Browne, William P. 1998. *Groups, Interests and U.S. Public Policy*. Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press. Chapter 9.
- Cohen, Michael, James G. March, and Johan P. Olsen. 1972. "A Garbage Can Theory of Organizational Choice." *Administrative Science Quarterly* 17: 1-25.
- Heclo, Hugh. 1978. "Issue Networks and the Executive Establishment." In *The New American Political Experience*. Edited by Anthony King. Washington, D.C.: American Enterprise Institute.

November 15: Discuss Research Proposals Using Agendas and Public Policymaking Project Data.

November 15: Lobbying networks.

Required Reading:

- Ainsworth, Scott H. 1997. "The Role of Legislators in the Determination of Interest Group Influence." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 22: 517-533.

- Baumgartner, Frank R. and Christine Mahoney. 2004. "The Determinants and Effects of Interest-Group Coalitions." Paper to be presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Carpenter, Daniel; Kevin Esterling; David Lazer. "Friends, Brokers, and Transitivity: Who Informs Whom in Washington Politics?" *The Journal of Politics* 66: 224-246.
- Hojnacki, Marie. 1997. "Interest Groups' Decisions to Join Alliances or Work Alone." *American Journal of Political Science* 41: 61-87.
- Hula, Kevin W. 1999. *Lobbying Together: Interest Group Coalitions in Legislative Politics*. Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press. Chapter 2-5.

Additional Reading:

- Carpenter, Daniel; Kevin Esterling; David Lazer. 2003. "The Strength of Strong Ties: A Model of Contact-Making in Policy Networks with Evidence from U.S. Health Politics." *Rationality and Society* 15: 411-440.
- Gray, Virginia and David Lowery. 1998. "To Lobby Alone or in a Pack: Foraging Behavior Among Organized Interests." *American Politics Quarterly* 26: 5-34.
- Salisbury, Robert H.; John P. Heinz; Edward O. Laumann; and Robert L. Nelson. 1987. "Who Works with Whom? Interest Group Alliances and Opposition." *The American Political Science Review* 81: 1217-1234.

December 29: Interest Groups and the Courts.

Required Reading:

- Caldeira, Gregory A. and John R. Wright. 1988. "Organized Interests and Agenda Setting in the U.S. Supreme Court." *American Political Science Review*. 82: 1109-1127.
- Caldeira, Gregory A. and John R. Wright. 1998. "Lobbying for Justice: Organized Interests, Supreme Court Nominations, and the United States Senate." *American Journal of Political Science*. 42: 499-523.
- Caldeira, Gregory A.; Marie Hojnacki; and John R. Wright. 2000. "The Lobbying Activities of Organized Interests in Federal Judicial Nominations." *Journal of Politics* 62: 51-69.
- Songer, Donald R. and Ashlyn Kuersten. 1995. "The Success of Amici in State Supreme Courts." *Political Research Quarterly* 48: 31-42.
- Walker, Jack L. 1991. *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. Chapter 9.

Additional Reading:

- Caldeira, Gregory A. and John R. Wright. 1990 "Amici Curiae Before the Supreme Court: Who Participates, When, and How Much?" *Journal of Politics*. 52: 782-806.
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