

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY (SOCIOLOGY 510) Spring 2015

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Course Overview

This course is designed to offer an overview [survey] of major theories and literature in political sociology, and to connect them to contemporary debates. We review the fundamental paradigms in Political Sociology, and students will have an opportunity to link those with their own research interests be it policy studies, social movements, or regional studies. The readings begin at the micro level and work their way up to the macro/global.

Learning Objectives

Students should become familiar with the major theoretical traditions and be comfortable in summarizing, synthesizing, and presenting their interpretation of the readings.

Grading

I think the most useful preparation for seminar discussion is a brief paper (2-4 pages) that 1) briefly summarizes the argument(s) of the author(s) and 2) suggests a question(s) raised by the readings and/or offers a reaction to the readings. The question can be a more elaborated version of the one listed on the syllabus or another of your own choosing. You should do ten of these which will be 75% of the grade.

Attendance and Participation: The seminar only works well if students attend and participate.

The final paper comes closer to the beginning of a research paper. Take an idea, concept, etc. from the reading, offer some critical perspective reviewing how multiple readings speak to the topic, or/and translate into a possible research question. It could, but does not need to, include a small amount of data. This will not be a full-fledged research proposal but the beginning of one. For those with a project already under way, we will decide on a paper that best advances your ongoing work. I think 10 pages is appropriate. This will be 25% of the grade.

University Policies

Plagiarism is not tolerated. For further information on the Student Code of Academic Integrity, see: Plagiarism <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/codeofacademicintegrity>

Accessibility and Accommodations are guaranteed by the University.

Required Readings

Przeworski, Adam. 1985. *Capitalism and Social Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Domhoff, G. William. 1990. *The Power Elite and the State*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter.

D2L All remaining readings

- Readings in the boxes **are not assigned** readings

Week 2.1 - introduction

AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM?

Huntington, Samuel. 1968. 'Political Modernization: America vs Europe'. reprinted in Skocpol, Theda and John Campbell. 1995. *American Society and Politics*: 138-157.

Shalev, Michael and Walter Korpi. 1980. Working Class Mobilization and American Exceptionalism. *Economic and Industrial Democracy* 1: 31-61. [maybe just start on p35]

Lipset, Seymour M. 1996. *American Exceptionalism*. New York: W.W. Norton.
Vogel, David. 1978. 'Why Businessmen Distrust their State: The political Consciousness of American Corporate Executives. reprinted in Skopole and Campbell: 247-271. [lies in the unique role of the state at their institution's birth.]

Week 2.2

INDIVIDUALS, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

Anthony Downs. 1957. An Economic Theory of Political Action in a Democracy. *The Journal of Political Economy* 65, No. 2 (April): 135-150.

Teixeira, Ruy 1992. A. Voter Turnout in America: Ten Myths. *Brookings Review* 10, No. 4:28-31.

Jackman, Robert. 1988. Review of Why Americans Don't Vote: Turnout Decline in the United States, 1960-1984, by Ruy A. TEIXEIRA. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. *Contemporary Sociology*: 332-333

Stein, Robert M, Jan Leighley, and Christopher Owens. 2005. Who votes, who doesn't, why and, what can be done? A Report to the Federal Commission on Electoral Reform. June 10: 1-15.

Goldfarb, Jeffrey. 1991. *The cynical society*;
Teixeira, Rui. The disappearing american voter;
Fox-Piven, Frances. 1988, *Why Americans don't vote*.

Week 3.1

What's the correct unit of analysis?

Rae, Douglas. 1967. The Political Consequences of Electoral Laws. New Haven and London: Yale University Press: 1-9, 13-31, 69-86. *APSR* 81. n 2: 405-423.

KOLBERT, ELIZABETH. 1995. THE NATION; Can a New Third Party Emerge From the Center? NYT September 24,
<http://www.nytimes.com/1995/09/24/weekinreview/the-nation-can-a-new-third-party-emerge-from-the-center.html>

Week 3.2

Jackman, Robert W. 1987. 'Political Institutions and Voter Turnout in Industrial Democracies. *The American Political Science Review* Vol. 81, No. 2 (Jun., 1987), 405–423. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/1961959>

Putnam, Robert. 1995. 'Bowling Alone'. *Journal of Democracy* Vol 6. no1:65-78. [Http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v006/6.1putnam.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_democracy/v006/6.1putnam.html)

Schofer, Evan and Marion FourcadeGourinchas. 2001. The Structural Contexts of Civic Engagement: Voluntary Association Membership in Comparative Perspective. *ASR* Vol. 66, No. 6 (Dec): 806828.

Week 4.1

IS THERE A REPRESENTATION GAP?

Frank, Thomas. 2004. What's the Matter with Kansas? Henry Holt & Co. NY: 2004: 1-10.

Younge, Gary 2012. Why do poor white voters reject the democrats? Guardian UK. <http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/277-75/11619-why-do-poor-white-voters-reject-the-democrats>.

Black, Gordon and Benjamin Black. 1994. *The Politics of American Discontent: how a new party can make democracy work again*. NY: Wiley. Chap 1: 1-26.

Thomas E. Mann and Norman J. Ornstein. 2012. *It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How The American Constitutional System Collided With The New Politics Of Extremism* <http://www.npr.org/2012/04/30/151522725/even-worse-than-it-looks-extremism-in-congress>

Week 4.2

THEORIES OF VOTING NEED THEORIES OF THE STATE/

Przeworski. 1985. Chap 3: 99-132.

Miliband, Ralph. 1965. Marx and the State. *Socialist Register* 1: 278-296

Week 5.1.

Carnoy, Martin. 1984. Gramsci and the State. Chap 3 (65-88) in Carnoy. *The State and Political Theory*. Princeton: Princeton Univ Press.

Miliband, Ralph. The Socialist Alternative. *The New Left Review*. I/193, May-June 1992: 108-113. <http://newleftreview.org/I/193/ralph-miliband-fukuyama-and-the-socialist-alternative>

Thomas E. Mann and Norman J. Ornstein. 2012. *It's Even Worse Than It Looks: How The American Constitutional System Collided With The New Politics Of Extremism*. <http://www.npr.org/2012/04/30/151522725/even-worse-than-it-looks-extremism-in-congress>

Week 5.2

Organization of Classes & Voting

Przeworski, Adam. 1985. *Capitalism and Social Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chap 1:7-46. . ISBN 0-521-33656-2 paperback

Week 6.1

Przeworski. 1985. Chap 2:47-132

Week 6.2

Goldthorpe, John H. 2001. 'Class and Politics in Advanced Industrial Societies' Chapter

Clark, Terry Nichols and Seymour Martin Lipset. "Are Social Classes Dying?" Chap 2: 39-54 in <i>The Breakdown of Class Politics</i> . Ed. Clark, and Lipset. Woodrow Wilson Center Press. DC: 2001
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5:105-120 in *The Breakdown of Class Politics*. Edited by Terry Clark and Seymour Martin Lipset. Woodrow Wilson Center Press. DC.

LOGIC OF DEMOCRATIC CAPITALISM

Przeworski. Chap. 4.

Week7.1

Przeworski. Chap 5

Week 7.2

WHAT ACCOUNTS FOR THE CONTENT OF STATE POLICIES?

Do ruling elites shape public policy in their own interests?

Moyers, Bill and Michael Winship. 2012. Campaign Cash: The Gift that Keeps on Giving. June 14. <http://billmoyers.com/2012/06/14/campaign-cash-the-gift-that-keeps-on-giving/>

Domhoff, G. William. 1990. *The Power Elite and the State*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter. ISBN 0-202-30373-X paperback Introduction & Chaps 1,2, 3,& 4.

Hooks, Gregory. 1993. The U.S. State's Dominance of the WWII Investment Process. *ASR*. Vol 58 no 1: 37-53.

Skocpol, Theda. 1997. The Tocqueville Problem. *Social Science History* 21:4 (winter): 455-479.

Domhoff, G. William. 2013. How Corporate Moderates Created the Social Security Act (...And Then Tried to Undermine It Later) First posted February 2013; most recently updated April 2013 http://www2.ucsc.edu/whorulesamerica/power/social_security.html

Kadushin, Charles. 1995. Friendship Among the French Financial Elite. *ASR* 60. No. 2 (Apr.): . 202-221.

Week 8.1 [STATE POLICIES CONTD]

Domhoff. 1990. *The Power Elite and the State*. Chaps 7& 9.

Harwood, John. 2009. Battleground: The Lobbying Web. *NYT* August 2. http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/02/weekinreview/02harwood.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0

G. William Domhoff. 2013. *The Myth of a Liberal Ascendancy: Corporate Domination from the Great Depression to the Great Depression*. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers.

Thomas Medvetz. 2012. *Think Tanks in America*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. <http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/T/bo13181062.html>

Manza, Jeff. 2000. [X] Political Sociological Models of the U.S. New Deal. In *Annual Review*. Vol 26 (summer): 297-322.

Week 8.2

Stryker, Robin. 2007. Half Empty, Half Full, or Neither: Law, Inequality, and Social Change in Capitalist Democracies. *Annu. Rev. Law Soc. Sci.* 3:69-97. <http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.lawsocsci.3.081806.112728>

Volscho, Thomas W. and Nathan J. Kelly. 2012. Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial markets, and Dynamics of the Top 1 Percent. *ASR* 77. No 5 (October): 679-699.

Week 9.1

WHY WOULD A RULING CLASS PERMIT REDISTRIBUTION TO LOWER CLASSES.

Polanyi, Karl. The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic origins of our Time. Chaps 6 & 7: 71-90

Hamburger, Tom and Kim Geiger. 2009. "Healthcare Insurers Get Upper Hand." *Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 24, 2009: 1A. http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-healthcare-insurers24-2009aug24_0,2392720.story

Wilensky, Harold. 2009. U.S. Health Care and Real Health in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from Abroad. *The Forum* 7, no 2: 1-20.

Week 9.2

Kenworthy, Lane and Jonas Pontusson. 2005. Rising Inequality and the Politics of Redistribution in Affluent Countries. *Perspectives on Politics* 3, No. 3: 449-471 www.jstor.org/stable/3689018.

Brady, David, Jason Beckfield, and Martin Seeleib-Kaiser. 2005. Economic Globalization and the Welfare State in Affluent Democracies. *American Sociological Review* 70: 921-948.

Stream, Christopher. 1999. "Health Reform in the States: A Model of State Small Group Insurance Market Reforms." *Political Research Quarterly* 52 (3):499-525.
Wilensky, Harold. 1975. *The Welfare State and Equality: Structural and Ideological Roots of Public Expenditures*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.
Maioni, Antonia. 1998. *Explaining Differences in Welfare State Development: A Comparative Study of Health Insurance in Canada and the United States*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
Huber, Evelyne, Charles Ragin, and John D. Stephens, 1993. "Social Democracy, Christian Democracy, Constitutional Structure and the Welfare State." *AJS* 99 (3): 711-749.
Immergut, Ellen. 1992. *The Political Construction of Interests: National Health Insurance Politics in Switzerland, France and Sweden, 1930-1970*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Week 10.1

Przeworski, Adam . 1985. *Capitalism and Social Democracy*. Chap. 6 & 7

Week 10.2

DO SOCIAL MOVEMENTS [OR PARTIES] MATTER?

Goldfield, Michael. 'Worker Insurgency, Radical Organization, and New Deal Legislation.' *APSR*. 3:1257-1282.

Korpi, Walter. 1989. 'Power, Politics, and State Autonomy'. *ASR* Vol 54: 309-328.
Huber, Evelyne, Charles Ragin, and John D. Stephens. 1993. "Social Democracy, Christian Democracy, Constitutional Structure and the Welfare State." *American Journal of Sociology*, 99 (3): 711-749,

Occupy Wallstreet

[Main Website: <http://bjsonline.org/2011/12/understanding-the-occupy-movement-perspectives-from-the-social-sciences/>]

Calhoun: <http://www.possible-futures.org/2011/11/19/evicting-the-public-why-has-occupying-public-spaces-brought-such-heavy-handed-repression/>

Fischer: <http://madeinamericathebook.wordpress.com/2011/11/08/occupy-now-what/>

Harvey, David. <http://www.versobooks.com/blogs/777-david-harvey-the-party-of-wall-street->

[meets-its-nemesis](#)

Lakoff. http://www.alternet.org/story/152800/lakoff%3A_how_occupy_wall_street%27s_moral_vision_can_beat_the_disastrous_conservative_worldview

Wright, Eric O. http://www.newleftproject.org/index.php/site/article_comments/occupy_wall_street_and_transformational_strategy

Week 11.1

WHY DOES THE STATE TAKE THE FORM THAT IT DOES (democratic, authoritarian)?

Moore, Barrington. *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*. xi-xix & Chap 7 (413-432).

Is industrialization a sufficient condition for democracy?

Gerschenkron, Alexander. 1966. *Economic Backwardness in Historical perspective*. 5-30; 353-364.

Is there an affinity between capitalism and democracy?

Therborn, Goran. 1977. 'The Rule of Capital and the Rise of Democracy'. in New Left Review. 103: 3-42.

Bollen, Kenneth A. and Robert W. Jackman. 1985. 'Economic and Noneconomic Determinants of Political Democracy in the 1960s'. in Research in Political Sociology. vol 1: 27-48. Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press.

Berman, Paul. 2006. America at the Crossroads, by Francis Fukuyama. Neo No more. NYT. March 26.

Kaufman, Robert R. 1979. 'Industrial Change and Authoritarian Rule in Latin America: A concrete Review of the Bureaucratic-Authoritarian Model' in *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. pp 165-253, edited by David Collier. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Moon, Chung-in and Youn-Gheol Kim. 1996. 'A Circle of Paradox: Development, Politics and Democracy in South Korea'. in Adrian Lefwich ed. Development and Democracy. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Im, Hyug Baeg. 1987. 'The Rise of Bureaucratic Authoritarianism in South Korea', *World Politics*. Vol 40, no 2: 231-257.

Week 11.2

REGIME TRANSITIONS IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Logan, John. 1985. The transitions from authoritarian rule to democracy 'Democracy From Above' in *Semiperipheral Development*. edited by Giovanni Arrighi. pp.149-178.

Zubek, Voytek and Judith Gentleman. 1994. 'Economic Crisis and the Movement toward Pluralism in Poland and Mexico.' in *Political Science Quarterly*. Vol 109. no 2: 335-359.

Hirschman, Albert O. The Turn to Authoritarianism in Latin America and the Search for its Economic Determinants. In *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America*. pp 61-98, edited by David Collier. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Teichman, Judith. 2004. The World Bank and Policy Reform in Mexico and Argentina. *Latin American Politics and Society* Vol 46, no1 (Spring): 39-74.

Schwartzman, Kathleen and Kristie A. Taylor. 1999. 'What Caused the Collapse of Apartheid? In *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*. Vol 26, no 1.

Week 12.1

Domhoff. Chaps 5& 6

Week 12.2

PUTTING THE WORLD-SYSTEM BACK INTO GLOBALIZATION

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1992. *Geopolitics and Geoculture*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: Intro & Chap 8

Layne, Christopher. 2006. Liberal Ideology and U.S. Grand Strategy in *Peace of Illusions*: 118-133.

Kentor, Jeffrey. 2005. The Growth of Transnational Corporate Networks: 1962-1998. *Journal of World-System Research* XI, 2 (December): 263-286. [Http://jwsr.ucr.edu/](http://jwsr.ucr.edu/)

Week 13.1

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR THE STATE?

Rodrik, Dani. 2000. How Far will International Economic Integration Go? *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 14 (Winter) 1: 177-186.

Evans, Peter 1997. The Eclipse of the State? Reflections on Stateness in an Era of Globalization. *World Politics* 50 (1): 62-87. http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/world_politics/v050/50.1evans.html

Week 13.2

Block, Fred. *Vampire State*, Chap 5: 38-45.

<p>Schwartzman, Kathleen C. 2006. "Globalization from a WorldSystem Perspective: A New Phase in the Core a New Destiny for Brazil and the Semiperiphery." <i>Journal of World-System Research</i> 12 (2): 265-307. Skocpole, Theda. 1985. Bringing the State Back In. in <i>Bringing the State Back In</i>. Ed Evans, Rueschemeyer, and Skocpole.: 3-37.</p> <p>Strang, David and John W. Meyer. 1993. Institutional conditions for diffusion. <i>Theory and Society</i> 22: 487-511.</p> <p>Chibber, Vivek. 2003. <i>Locked in place: statebuilding and late industrialization in India</i>. Princeton: Princeton University Press. ISBN paper 9780691096599:</p>
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WEEK 14.1

GLOBALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY IN EMERGING NATIONS.

Robinson, William I. 1996. Globalization, the World System, and "Democracy Promotion" in U. S. Foreign Policy. *Theory and Society*. Vol. 25, No. 5 (Oct.): 615665. URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/658078>.

Schwartzman, Kathleen. 2000. Globalization and Democracy. *Annual Review*.
Vol. 24: 159-181.

Schwartzman, Kathleen C. 2006. "Globalization from a WorldSystem
Perspective: A New Phase in the Core a New Destiny for Brazil and the
Semiperiphery." *Journal of World-System Research* 12 (2): 265-307.