

Political Science 104: Political Parties
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Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:00 AM.

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Parties are a central feature of the American political system. We will survey their role in contemporary politics and learn about their evolution over the course of U.S. political history. We will examine features such as the compositional shifts in party coalitions, parties' changing structures, and governmental regulation of parties. While our focus is empirical and positive, we will consider the trends in normative views of parties in American history.

Readings:

Marjorie Randon Hershey and Paul Allen Beck, Party Politics in America, Addison-Wesley. 2003

Maisel, L. Sandy The Parties Respond: Changes in American Parties and Campaigns, Westview Press. 2002.

A course reader is available for purchase at Copy Central, 2560 Bancroft Way. Several other readings will be found on the web, chiefly at JSTOR (www.jstor.org) an archive of articles available for downloading via a Berkeley ISP.

Grading:

Students are responsible for both assigned readings and topics covered in lecture. Class lecture and discussion will in many cases go beyond the readings. Students may appeal grading decisions by GSI's, however I reserve the right to examine the entire exam or essay and adjust grades downward as well as upward.

The allocation of points is as follows:

Section and course participation 10%

In-Class Midterm Exam 30 %

4 Critical Responses to the Readings (short papers of no more than two pages in length.) 10 %

Take-Home Essay 10%

Final Exam 40 %

Schedule

1/20/2004 Getting Started

1/22/2004 *Introduction to Parties*
Hershey and Beck Ch.1,
Hofstadter Ch.1 (READER)

1/27/2004 *The “Two Party System” and Alternatives*

Hershey and Beck Ch. 2 “The American Two-Party System”

Howard A. Scarrow “Duverger’s Law, Fusion, and the Decline of American “Third” Parties” *The Western Political Quarterly*, Vol. 39, No. 4. (Dec., 1986), pp. 634-647. (JSTOR)

1/29/2004 *Parties Legitimated*

Hofstadter Ch. 6 (READER)

Parties in the Electorate

2/3/2004 *Party Identification and Voting*

Hershey and Beck, “Party Identification” Ch. 6
Warren Miller “Party Identification and the Electorate at the Start of the Twenty-First Century” (Ch. 4 in MAISEL.)

2/5/2004 *Parties, Voters and Ideology*

Converse, “The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics” (in READER under Apter)

2/10/2004 *Realignment*

Sundquist “Some Hypothetical Scenarios” and “Realignment: A Preliminary Statement” Ch 2-3 (READER)

David R. Mayhew “Electoral Realignments”

Annual Review of Political Science Jun 2000, Vol. 3: 449-474.

<http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev.polisci.3.1.449>

2/12/2004 *Party Coalitions or “Systems” over time.*

Sundquist Ch.4-10 (READER)

Hershey and Beck Ch. 7 “Party Support and Party Realignment”

Parties as Organizations

2/17/2004 *State and Local Parties*

Hershey and Beck Ch. 3 “The State and Local Party Organizations”

Bibby “State Party Organizations: Strengthened and Adapting to Candidate-Centered Politics and Nationalization” (Ch. 2 in MAISEL)

2/19/2004 *National Parties*

Hershey and Beck Ch. 4 “The Parties’ National Organizations”

Herrnson (Ch.3 in MAISEL)

2/24/2004 *Parties and Campaign Finance*

Hershey and Beck Ch.12 “Financing the Campaigns”

Franz and Goldstein, “Following the (Soft) Money” (Ch. 6 in MAISEL)

La Raja, “Political Parties in the Era of Soft Money” (Ch. 7 In MAISEL)

2/26/2004 *Parties and Candidate Selection: Sub-Presidential Races:*

Hershey and Beck, Ch. 9 “How Parties Choose Candidates”

3/2/2004 *Parties and Candidate Selection Continued:*

Maisel, Maestas and Stone “The Party Role in Congressional Competition” (Ch. 6 in MAISEL)

3/4/2004 *Parties in Presidential Nominations: The Evolving System*

Ceaser (READER)

William G. Carleton “The Revolution in the Presidential Nominating Convention” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 72, No. 2. Jun.1957 (JSTOR)

3/9/2004 *Parties in Presidential Nominations Continued:*
Hershey and Beck Ch.10 “Choosing the Presidential Nominees”

Cain and Mullin “Competing for Attention and Votes:” The Role of State
Parties in Setting Presidential Nomination Rules” (Ch.5 in MAISEL)

3/11/2004 *Parties and Campaign Strategy*

Downs (READER)

Hershey and Beck, pp. 211-222.

3/16/2004 Review

3/18/2004 **MIDTERM**

Parties in Government

3/30/2004 *Parties in Congress*

Hershey and Beck Ch. 13 “Parties in Congress and State Legislatures”

Sinclair “Congressional Parties in the Policy Process” Ch.10 (in MAISEL)

4/1/2004 *Parties in Congress Continued*

Cohen, Victor and Baumann, “The State of Congress” *National Journal*
1/10/2004

<http://nationaljournal.com/members/news/2004/01/0109nj1.htm>

4/6/2004 *Parties and the Executive Branch*

Mackenzie in MAISEL (MAISEL)

Hershey and Beck pp. 277-81, 284-287

Joel D. Aberbach; Bert A. Rockman “Clashing Beliefs Within the Executive
Branch: The Nixon Administration Bureaucracy” *The American Political
Science Review*, Vol. 70, No. 2. (Jun., 1976), (JSTOR)

4/8/2004 *Divided Government: Causes and Consequences*

Paul Frymer, “Ideological Consensus within Divided Party Government.”
Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 109, No. 2. (1994), pp. 287-311. (JSTOR)

Party Reform

4/13/2004 *Party Reform: The Progressive Era*

McGerr "The Decline of Popular Politics" Ch. 1-3. (READER)

4/15/2004 Film on Machine Politics TBA

4/20/2004 *Party Reform: The Modern Era*

Wilson, excerpts from "The Amateur Democrat" (READER)

NY Times articles on Howard Dean Campaign and Party-Selected Judges in New York. (Links via Nexis TBA)

4/22/2004 *Governmental Regulation of Parties*

Peltason "Constitutional Law for Political Parties" (READER as Polsby Ch. 1)

Epstein "The American Party Primary" (in READER as Polsby Ch. 2)
California Democratic Party v. Jones (on findlaw.com)

4/27/2004 *Differences between the Two Major Parties*

Klinkner (1994) "Party Culture and Party Behavior" (READER)

Jo Freeman (1986) "The Political Culture of the Democratic and Republican Parties" *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 101, No. 3. (1986), pp. 327-356. (JSTOR)

4/29/2004 *Parties and Interest Groups*

Readings TBA

Take-Home Essay Due at the beginning of Class

5/4/2004 *Parties and Redistricting*

Davis v. Bandemer, 478 U.S. 109 (1986) (in www.findlaw.org)

5/6/2004 *Responsible Parties?*

"Toward a More Responsible Two-Party System: A Report of the Committee on Political Parties" (1950) http://www.apsanet.org/~pop/APSA_Report.htm

Hershey and Beck Ch. 15 "The Semi-Responsible Parties"

Milkis (READER)

5/11/2004 Catch-up/Review

Final Exam: 5/18/04 8:00-11:00 AM