

AMERICAN POLITICS READING LIST

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Guidance to Students Preparing for the Comprehensive Exam

1. This list contains important books that are vital as a start to preparing for the comprehensive exam. It is not exhaustive and should not be treated as a complete list of all books a student must know. It excludes classic works that have passed into received wisdom or that have been well incorporated in subsequent literature.
2. The list should be used in conjunction with a review of the collected syllabi from all AP seminars in our department. These are likely to include recent work as well as providing greater depth in various areas.
3. A solid knowledge of the journal literature is also crucial. Certain subfields of American politics are more journal-dependent than others. Students should rely on syllabi, their own reading, and searches using the ISI Web of Knowledge / Web of Science to identify crucial journal articles. Students should also review the last five years of the major journals.
4. Items in the "Essential Reading" list are the most crucial for all students. Items in the "Important Additional Reading" list are also important but may vary in relevance as a function of the student's particular interests.

-- ESSENTIAL READING --

Aldrich, John	<i>Why Parties?</i>		*	
Alvarez & Brehm	<i>Hard Choices, Easy Answers</i>			*
Arnold, Douglas	<i>The Logic of Congressional Action</i>	*		*
Bartels, Larry	<i>Unequal Democracy</i>			*
Baumgartner & Jones	<i>The Politics of Attention</i>	*		*
Baumgartner & Jones	<i>Agendas and Instability in American Politics</i> (latest ed.)	*		*
Baumgartner, et al.	<i>Lobbying and Policy Change</i>	*		
Bensel, Richard	<i>The Political Economy of American Industrialization, 1877-1900</i>	*		
Berry, Jeffrey	<i>The New Liberalism</i>	*		
Browning, Rufus, et al.	<i>Protest Is Not Enough</i>		*	
Burns, Schlozman & Verba	<i>The Private Roots of Public Action</i>		*	
Cameron, Charles	<i>Veto Bargaining</i>	*		
Campbell, Louise	<i>How Policies Make Citizens</i>	*	*	*
Cohen, et al.	<i>The Party Decides</i>	*		
Converse, Philip	"The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics," in Apter (Ed.), <i>Ideology and Discontent</i>		*	
Cox & McCubbins	<i>Setting the Agenda</i>	*		
Delli Carpini & Keeter	<i>What Americans Know About Politics and Why it Matters</i>		*	
Erikson, MacKuen, & Stimson	<i>The Macro Polity</i>		*	
Fiorina, Morris	<i>Retrospective Voting in American National Elections</i>		*	
Fiorina, Abrams & Pope	<i>Culture War? (3rd ed)</i>		*	
Gilens	<i>Affluence and Influence</i>		*	*
Green & Shapiro	<i>Pathologies of Rational Choice Theory</i>		*	
Green, Palquist, & Schickler	<i>Partisan Hearts and Minds</i>		*	
Hacker, Jacob	<i>The Divided Welfare State</i>	*	*	*
Hajnal, Zoltan	<i>America's Uneven Democracy</i>		*	
Hansen, John Mark	<i>Gaining Access</i>	*		*
Harvey, Anna	<i>Votes Without Leverage</i>		*	
Hibbing, Smith & Alford	<i>Predisposed</i>		*	
Hero, Rodney	<i>Latinos and the US Political System.</i>		*	
Iyengar, Shanto	<i>Is Anyone Responsible?</i>		*	

		Institutions	Behav/Opini/Groups	Policy
Jacobson, Gary	<i>The Politics of Congressional Elections</i>	*	*	
Kernell, Samuel	<i>Going Public</i> (latest ed.)	*		
King & Smith	<i>Still a House Divided</i>	*		
Kingdon, John	<i>Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies</i> (latest ed.)	*	*	*
Krehbiel, Keith	<i>Pivotal Politics</i>	*		
Mann & Ornstein	<i>It's Even Worse Than it Looks</i>	*		
Mayhew, David	<i>Electoral Realignments</i>		*	
Mettler, Suzanne	<i>Soldiers to Citizens</i>	*	*	*
Milkis & Nelson	<i>The American Presidency</i> (latest ed.)	*		
Mutz, Sniderman, Brody	<i>Political Persuasion</i>		*	
Neustadt, Richard	<i>Presidential Power</i>	*		
Olson, Mancur	<i>The Logic of Collective Action</i>		*	
Ostrom, Elinor	<i>Governing the Commons</i>	*		*
Page & Shapiro	<i>The Rational Public</i>		*	
Patashnik, Eric	<i>Reforms at Risk</i>	*	*	*
Pierson, Paul	<i>Politics in Time</i>		*	
Putnam, Robert	<i>Bowling Alone</i>		*	
Rosenstone & Hansen	<i>Mobilization, Participation and Democracy in America</i>		*	
Schlozman, Verba & Brady	<i>The Unheavenly Chorus</i>		*	
Skocpol, Theda	<i>Protecting Soldiers and Mothers</i>	*		*
Skorownek, Stephen	<i>The Politics Presidents Make</i>	*		
Smith, Steven S.	<i>Party Influence in Congress</i>	*		
Stone, Clarence	<i>Regime Politics</i>	*	*	
Stone, Deborah	<i>Policy Paradox and Political Reason</i>	*	*	*
Stonecash & Brewer	<i>Split: Class and Cultural Divisions in American Politics</i>		*	
Strolovitch, Dara	<i>Affirmative Advocacy</i>		*	
Verba, Schlozman & Brady	<i>Voice and Equality</i>		*	
Weimer & Vining	<i>Policy Analysis</i> (latest ed.)		*	*
Wilson, J.Q.	<i>Bureaucracy</i>	*		*
Zaller, John	<i>The Nature and Origins of Mass Opinion</i>		*	

-- IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL READING --

Alvarez, R. Michael	<i>Information and Elections</i>			*
Bartels, Larry	<i>Presidential Primaries and the Dynamics of Public Choice</i>			*
Bedolla, Lisa García	<i>Fluid Borders</i>			*
Bedolla & Michelson	<i>Mobilizing Inclusion</i>			*
Beltran, Cristina	<i>The Trouble with Unity</i>			*
Benkler, Yochai	<i>The Wealth of Networks</i>			*
Bennett & Entman	<i>Mediated Politics</i>			*
Berry, Portney & Thompson	<i>The Rebirth of Urban Democracy</i>			*
Binder, Sarah	<i>Stalemate</i>	*		*
Burke, John	<i>The Institutional Presidency</i>	*		
Burnham, Walter Dean	<i>Critical Elections and the Mainsprings of American Politics</i>			*
Campbell, David	<i>Why We Vote</i>			*
Canes-Wrone, Brandice	<i>Who Leads Whom?</i>	*		
Carmines & Stimson	<i>Issue Evolution</i>			*
Carmines & Sniderman	<i>Reaching Beyond Race</i>			*
Carpenter, Daniel	<i>Reputation and Power</i>	*		*
Cohen, Cathy	<i>Democracy Remixed</i>			*
Cohen, et al.	<i>Women Transforming Politics</i>			*
Conley, Patrica	<i>Presidential Mandates</i>			*
Dawson, M.	<i>Black Visions</i>			*
Dawson, M.	<i>Behind the Mule</i>			*
Derthick & Quirk	<i>The Politics of Deregulation</i>			*
Erie, Steve	<i>Rainbows End</i>			*
Fraga et al.	<i>Latinos in the New Millenium</i>			*
George, Alexander	<i>Presidential Decision-making in Foreign Policy</i>	*		*
Gerring, John	<i>Party Ideologies in America, 1928-1996</i>			*
Graber, Doris	<i>Mass Media and American Politics (latest ed.)</i>			*
Greenstein, Fred	<i>The Presidential Difference</i>	*		
Gross, Christian	<i>Congress in Black and White</i>	*		
Hall, Richard	<i>Participation in Congress</i>	*		

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Hawksworth, Mary	<i>Feminist Inquiry</i>		*	
Hetherington, Marc	<i>Why Trust Matters</i>		*	
Hinich & Munger	<i>Analytical Politics</i>		*	
Hirschman, Albert O.	<i>Exit, Voice, and Loyalty</i>			*
Hochschild, Jennifer	<i>What's Fair?</i>		*	*
Holsti, Oli	<i>Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy (rev. ed.)</i>		*	
Howell, William G	<i>Power Without Persuasion</i>	*		
Iyengar & Kinder	<i>News that Matters</i>		*	
Jennings & Neimi	<i>The Political Character of Adolescence</i>		*	
Jones-Correa, Michael	<i>Between Two Nations</i>		*	
Jones, Charles O.	<i>The Presidency in a Separated System</i>	*		
Kollman, Kenneth	<i>Outside Lobbying</i>		*	
Lawless & Fox	<i>It Takes a Candidate</i>		*	
Legee, David, et al.	<i>The Politics of Cultural Differences</i>		*	
Lewis, David	<i>Politics of Presidential Appointments</i>	*		
Lien, Pei-te, et al.	<i>The Politics of Asian Americans</i>		*	
Light, Paul	<i>Thickening Government</i>			*
Marcus, et al.	<i>Affective Intelligence</i>		*	
Marcus, et al.	<i>With Malice Towards Some</i>		*	
Mayhew, David	<i>Divided We Govern</i>	*		*
McIlwain & Caliendo	<i>Race Appeal</i>		*	
Mendelberg, Tali	<i>The Race Card</i>		*	
Merrill & Grofman	<i>A Unified Theory of Voting</i>		*	
Miller & Shanks	<i>The New American Voter</i>		*	
Morgan & Campbell	<i>The Delegated Welfare State</i>	*	*	*
Morton, Rebecca	<i>Analyzing Elections</i>		*	
Mutz, Diana	<i>Hearing the Other Side</i>		*	
Mutz, Diana	<i>Impersonal Influence</i>		*	
Niemi & Junn	<i>Civic Education</i>		*	
Parker & Baretto	<i>Change They Can't Believe In</i>		*	
Peterson, Mark	<i>Legislating Together</i>	*		
Pressman & Wildavsky	<i>Implementation</i>	*	*	*
Prior, Marcus	<i>Post-Broadcast Democracy</i>		*	
Putnam & Campbell	<i>American Grace</i>		*	

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Robertson & Judd	<i>The Development of American Public Policy</i>		*	*
Rogers, Reuel	<i>Afro-Caribbean Immigrants and the Politics of Incorporation</i>		*	
Rosenstone, Steven et al.	<i>Third Parties in America</i> (latest ed.)		*	
Schickler, Eric	<i>Disjointed Pluralism</i>	*		
Schudson, Michael	<i>The Good Citizen</i>		*	
Sinclair, Barbara	<i>The Transformation of the U.S. Senate</i>	*		
Sniderman & Piazza	<i>The Scar of Race</i>		*	
Sniderman, Paul M. et al.	<i>Reasoning and Choice</i>		*	
Sonenshein, Raphael J.	<i>Politics in Black and White</i>		*	
Soss et al.	<i>Disciplining the Poor</i>			*
Stimson, James	<i>Public Opinion in America</i>		*	
Stroud, Natalie Jomini	<i>Niche News</i>		*	
Sullivan, Piereson & Marcus	<i>Political Tolerance and American Democracy</i>		*	
Sunstein, Cass	<i>Risk and Reason</i>		*	*
Sunstein, Cass	<i>After the Rights Revolution</i>		*	*
Swers, Michelle	<i>The Difference Women Make</i>	*		*
Tate, Katherine	<i>Black Faces in the Mirror</i>		*	
Tate, Katherine	<i>From Protest to Politics</i>		*	
Tulis, Jeffrey	<i>The Rhetorical Presidency</i>	*		
Whiteside, Kerry	<i>Precautionary Politics</i>	*		
Wier, Margaret	<i>Politics and Jobs</i>	*	*	*
Wilkins, David E.	<i>American Indian Politics and the American Political System</i> (latest		*	
Wilson, J.Q.	<i>Political Organizations</i>		*	
Winter, Nicholas	<i>Dangerous Frames</i>		*	
Wolbrecht & Hero	<i>The Politics of Democratic Inclusion</i>	*	*	
Wolbrecht, Christina	<i>The Politics of Women's Rights</i>		*	
Wolbrecht, Christina, et al.	<i>Political Women and American Democracy</i>		*	
Wong, Janelle	<i>Asian American Political Participation</i>		*	
Wong, Janelle	<i>Democracy's Promise</i>		*	
Wood, B. Dan	<i>The Myth of Presidential Representation</i>	*		
Wood & Waterman	<i>Bureaucratic Dynamics</i>	*		*
Zoltan & Lee	<i>Why Americans Don't Join the Party</i>		*	