

**GOVERNMENT 97 – THE SOPHOMORE TUTORIAL IN GOVERNMENT
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Mondays, 2-3:30 in Emerson 105 and weekly sections

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Welcome to Government 97! This is the second year for the Government Department's new sophomore tutorial, which aims to encourage a sense of intellectual community while opening up the richness and diversity of the study of politics. Our topic is democracy. We will consider both key theoretical problems—on rights, executive power, representation, accountability, participation, inclusion/exclusion, and war—and the most promising methods that political scientists use to understand these problems.

In choosing to focus on democracy, we are not suggesting that it is something whose virtues are obvious or whose triumph is inevitable. Quite the contrary. Nevertheless, we believe that democracy is at the center of political self-understanding in our modern world, not just in democratic societies (wherever we might draw the borderline for inclusion) but also in many other societies where the absence of democracy is a salient issue.

We hope that in tutorials, at lectures, in office-hours, and at informal Gov 97 events students, TFs, and faculty will think of themselves as architects of this course and offer suggestions for building on this scaffolding.

Course Readings: The readings for the course are available as a coursepack from Gnomon Copy on Mass Ave. Because the course meets in a seminar format, students are required to have text copies of the readings with them in class.

Course Website: The course website is available through iSites and will feature announcements, links, our blogs (see below), discussions of paper topics and other instructional resources throughout the semester.

Assignments and Grading: Grades for the course come from 3 short papers (7-8 pages, 25% each) and participation (25%). Each student's participation includes blog

participation (see below), weekly lecture and section attendance as well as quality of contribution. The dates for paper topic distribution and due dates are listed in the weekly assignment section below. Paper will be assessed for proper citations as well as content as discussed with teaching fellows. Late papers will be penalized by one third of a letter grade by day; extensions can only be granted by the head teaching fellow.

Course Blog: “Democracy in Real Time”: To achieve the goal of making this tutorial about politics as well as political science, the course website will feature a blog with the theme, “Democracy in Real Time.” Each student is required to post at least once during the semester, either initiating a conversation or responding thoughtfully to an ongoing discussion. Blog posts and entries will touch on all topics related to democracy and its themes anywhere in the world. It is up to you to steer the discussion! News items, relevant links, and further thoughts and considerations are all worthwhile posts. Each week we will select a best post or commenter. The section with the most “weekly bests” will receive a reward at the conclusion of the course.

PART I: WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? (WEEKS 1-5)

Week 1: Monday, January 24. *Democracy, Ancient and Modern*
Lecturer: Eric Nelson

- Benjamin Constant, “The Liberty of the Ancients Compared with that of the Moderns” (1819). <http://www.uark.edu/depts/comminfo/cambridge/ancients.html>
- Pericles, “Funeral Oration”, <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ancient/pericles-funeralspeech.html>
- Aristotle, *Politics*, Book I Ch. 1, 2,12; Book III Ch. 1, 7 to 13, 15; Book IV Ch. 1, 2, 6 to 8; Book V Ch. 1, 5.
- Federalist Papers #10, 14, 39, 63, <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/histdox/fedpapers.html>
- Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, Introduction; Vol. I, Part 1, Ch. 8 pp. 149-54; Vol. I, Part 2, Ch. 6 pp. 231-5.

Week 2: Monday, January 31. *Rights*
Lecturer: Michael Sandel

- U.S. Constitution: Bill of Rights
- “A New Bill of Rights for Britain?” (online)
<http://www.opendemocracy.net/blog/ourkingdom-theme/guy-aitchison/2008/08/12/parliaments-proposals-on-a-new-bill-of-rights>
- Jeremy Waldron, “Between Rights and Bills of Rights” in *Law and Disagreement*. (Oxford University Press, 2001): pp. 211-231.
- Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, Volume I Part 2 Chapter 6 pp. 227-9.
- James Madison, Memorial and Remonstrance, 1785 http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/amendI_religions43.html

- Wisconsin v. Yoder*, <http://supreme.justia.com/us/406/205/case.html>
- Employment Division, Department of Human Resources of Oregon v. Smith*, <http://supreme.justia.com/us/494/872/case.html>
 Scalia's opinion, Parts I and IIA
 O'Connor's concurrence, Parts II A and II B
- Michael Sandel, *Democracy's Discontent* (Harvard U.P., 1996): Chapter 3 "Religious Liberty and Freedom of Speech", pp. 55-80.

<u>PAPER # 1 TOPIC DISTRIBUTED</u>

Week 3: Monday, February 7. Representation
Lecturer: Eric Nelson

- T.H. Marshall, *Citizenship and Social Class*. (Cambridge, 1950): pp. 8-27
- Federalist Papers 35, 57, 62, 72
- Edmund Burke, "Speech to the Electors of Bristol", 1774. <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html>
- Thomas Hobbes. *Leviathan*. (Cambridge, 1993): pp. 111-129.
- Jane Mansbridge, "Rethinking Representation" *American Political Science Review* (2003).
- Anne Phillips, *The Politics of Presence*. (Oxford University Press, 1998): Ch. 1 (pp. 1-13); Ch. 3 Quotas for Women.
- Alexander Keyssar, "Breaking Barriers" in *The Right to Vote*. (Basic Books, 2000): pp. 256-277; 281-298.
- Stephen Ansolabehere and James Snyder, *The End of Inequality*. (W.W. Norton and Company, 2008): Ch. 1, 8, 9.
- Shaw v. Reno* (1992). O'Connor opinion for the Court I, IIA, IIIA, B, C; White dissent IA, Stevens dissent (entire).

<u>PAPER #1 DUE FEBRUARY 11TH AT 5 P.M.</u>

Week 4: Monday, February 14. Voting, Elections, and Political Parties
Lecturer: James Alt

- Joseph Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy* (Harper and Brothers, 1942): pp. 250-64, 269-73, 280-84.
- Learned Hand, "Democracy: Its Presumptions and Realities," in Irving Dillard, ed. *The Spirit of Liberty*. (Knopf, 1952).
- Anthony Downs, "The Causes and Effects of Rational Abstention", in *An Economic Theory of Democracy*. (Harper, 1975).
- Stephen Rosenstone and John Mark Hansen, *Mobilization, Participation, and Democracy in America*. (Longman, 1993): Introduction, Ch. 2, 7, 8.

- Maurice Duverger, "Introduction: The Origin of Parties" and "Parties and the Representation of Opinion" (372-93) in *Political Parties*.
- Morris P. Fiorina (1980), "The Decline of Collective Responsibility in American Politics," *Daedalus*, Summer, pages 25-45.
- E.E. Schattschneider. (1975) *Semi-Sovereign People*, Ch. 2 "The Scope and Bias of the Pressure System." (Wadsworth, 1975).

(Monday, February 21: No class, Presidents' Day)

Week 5: Monday, February 28. Democracy and Courts

Lecturer: Ryan Owens

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Week 6: Monday, March 7. Democratization I: The Historical Rise of Democracy

Lecturer: Daniel Ziblatt

- Seymour Martin Lipset, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy" *American Political Science Review* (1959), pp. 69-86.
- Barrington Moore, "The Democratic Route to Modern Society," and "Revolution from Above and Fascism," *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*, (Beacon, 1966): pp. 413-452.
- Robert Dahl, "Historical Sequences" and "The Socioeconomic Order" *Polyarchy*. (Yale University Press, 1972): pp. 33-61.
- William Sheridan Allen "The Last Elections" and "The Uses of Electoral Success" *The Nazi Seizure of Power: The Experience of a Single German Town, 1930-1935*, (Children's Press, 1984): pp. 141-172.

<u>PAPER #2 TOPIC DISTRIBUTED</u>
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(Monday, March 14: No class, Spring break)

Week 7: Monday, March 21. Democratization II: Democratization in Comparative Perspective

Lecturer: Perna Singh

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Week 8: Monday, March 28. Democratization III: Contemporary Processes of Democratization

Lecturer: Jorge Dominguez

- Samuel Huntington, *The Third Wave of Democracy* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1991), pp. 31-108
- Adam Przeworski and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts" *World Politics* (1997): 155-183.
- Dankwart Rustow, "Transitions to democracy: Toward a dynamic model" *Comparative Politics* (1970).
- Eva Bellin, "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective" *Comparative Politics* 36 (2) (2004): 139-157.
- Elizabeth Woods "An Insurgent Path to Democracy: Popular Mobilization, Economic Interests and Regime Transition in South Africa and El Salvador," *Comparative Political Studies*, (October 2001).

PART III: CONSEQUENCES OF DEMOCRATIZATION (WEEKS 9-12)

Week 9: Monday, April 4. *Growth and Welfare*

Lecturer: James Robinson

- Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom* (Knopf, 1999): Chapter 6 "The Importance of Democracy", Chapter 7, "Famines and Other Crises."
- David Lake and Matthew Baum, "The Invisible Hand of Democracy: Political Control and the Provision of Public Services", Comparative Political Studies 2000.
- Timothy Besley and Masayuki Kudamatsu, (2006) "Health and Democracy," *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*. 96 (2), May: 313-318.
- James A. Robinson, "Economic Development and Democracy", *Annual Review of Political Science*, 2006, 9, pp. 503-27.

<u>PAPER #2 DUE APRIL 1 BY 5 P.M.</u>
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Week 10: Monday, April 11. *War*

Lecturer: Steven Rosen

- Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, Volume I Chapter 5, Volume III Chapters 22, 24, 25 and 26.
- Owen, John M. (1994). "Give Democratic Peace a Chance? How Liberalism Produces Democratic Peace". *International Security* 19 (Vol. 19, No. 2. (Autumn, 1994)): 87–125

- Layne, Christopher (1994). "Kant or Cant: The Myth of the Democratic Peace". *International Security* 19 (Vol. 19, No. 2. (Autumn, 1994)): 5–49.
- FDR's America's Day speech May 1941
- Dan Reiter and Allan Stam, *Democracies at War* (Princeton U.P., 2004): pp. 10-33, 58-71, 193-205.
- Jack Snyder, *From Voting to Violence*, (Norton, 2000): Chapter 1.

Week 11: Monday, April 18. *Democratic Political Economy*
Lecturer: Michael Hiscox

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Week 12: Monday, April 25. *The Democracy of Everyday Life/Where Else?*
Lecturer: Perna Singh

- 1650 Charter of the Harvard Corporation:
<http://hul.harvard.edu/huarc/charter.html>
- Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Economic Democracy*. (University of California Press, 1985): pp. 111-135.
- Roberts v. Jaycees*/ <http://supreme.justia.com/us/468/609/>: Brennan Part II; O'Connor concurrence entire
- *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* / <http://supreme.justia.com/us/530/640/case.html>: Rehnquist opinion entire; Stevens Dissent Parts III, IV, V
- Nancy Rosenblum, "Compelled Association: Democratic Equality and Self-Respect" from *Membership and Morals* (Princeton University Press, 2000): p. 191 and pp. 205-211
- Susan Okin, "Vulnerability by Marriage", in *Justice, Gender, and the Family*. (Basic Books, 1991).
- Ronald Dworkin, "Political Equality" in *Sovereign Virtue*. (Harvard University Press, 2002).

PAPER #3 DUE APRIL 30 BY 5 P.M.