Preview of week 13

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Overview for next week

- Skip week 13 readings
- Start on week 14 readings
- Discuss the exam

Prep for the exam in groups

Exam Preparation

- Form groups of three
- For next week, write a 500-word essay that addresses the prompt on the next slide (also on course notes)
- Send essay to your group members and me by Tuesday at 12:00 (noon)
- Provide feedback to one another on your essays in class
- I will meet with each group during class

Exam Preparation

Representation is historically defined as a one-way link between public (or public opinions specifically) and elected representatives. Yet much of the public's information about politics comes (directly or indirectly) from elected officials and other politicians. The public's views are thus endogenous to the institutions meant to represent those views. As such, representation as defined by democratic theory is impossible.

Defend, challenge, or qualify the above statement, with reference to literature from the course.