

Preview of “From Micro to Macro?”

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Overview for next week

Moving into the final section of the course...

Readings for Next Week

- Riker – “Liberalism Against Populism”
- Page and Shapiro – *The Rational Public*
- Mackuen et al. – “Macropartisanship”
- Druckman and Leeper – “Is Public Opinion Stable?”

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- Riker – “Liberalism Against Populism”

Riker

- Save this for next week!
- You can read it now if you want, but we won't discuss it until next week.

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Page and Shapiro

- Just read Ch.10 (in the compendium)
- Can we talk about public opinion in aggregate terms?
- What empirical properties does “macro” opinion have?

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Mackuen et al.

- What is “macropartisanship”?
- How does it help us make sense of public opinion?
- Can we generalize this concept to multi-party systems?

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Druckman and Leeper

- What properties does “macro” opinion have? What properties do “micro” opinions have?
- Why do studies of macro and micro reach different conclusions about opinions?
- What is opinion stability? And should we care about it?

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- Gilens – “Political Ignorance and Collective Policy Preferences”

Gilens

- Following up on this week's discussion.
- What is the impact of information on macro opinion?
- Given what we know from this week about information and heuristics, should we trust these results?

Who will write for next week?

