

Preview of “Public opinion matters?”

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Overview for next week

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- Stimson et al. – “Dynamic Representation”
- Jacobs and Page “Who Influences U.S. Foreign Policy?”
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- Skip this. I'll talk about it without you having to read the details.

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Stimson et al.

- How can we measure whether opinion is being represented in policy?
- Does it make sense to use “macropartisanship” to measure representation?
- Don't worry about American politics details, focus on theory and method.

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- What happens if we don't treat "public opinion" as a singular entity?
- Whose opinions get represented?

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Riker

- Is representative democracy necessary? Or could we have direct democracy?
- Depending on the answer, what does that mean for how we should think about representation?
- This is formal theoretic, but hopefully is accessible

