

Special Topics 50:790:489:Sec.A3: Elections, Political Conflict and Democracy

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LECTURE TOPICS:

1. Political Parties and the US Political System
2. American Parties: Characteristics and Competition
3. Political Parties and the Electoral Process: Nominations

Outline/Analysis #1

4. Campaigns, Campaign Finance, Interest Groups, and the Media
5. The Congressional Party and the Formation of Public Policy
6. Party Identification, Partisanship, and Elections

Outline/Analysis #2

7. The American Party System: Problems and Perspectives; Comparisons with other democratic nation-states, including Canada and Mexico.

FINAL EXAM