

PS 101

Final Exam Study Guide

Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (KJK Chs. 4 & 5)

- Definitions of civil rights and civil liberties
- Focus and objectives of civil rights movements
- Obstacles to securing African American civil rights
- Missouri Compromise of 1820
- *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, *Plessy v. Ferguson* and *Brown v. Board of Education*
- Jim Crow laws (literacy tests, poll taxes, White primaries, grandfather clauses)
- Selective Incorporation
- *Gideon v. Wainwright* (right to counsel)
- *Mapp v. Ohio* (exclusionary rule)

The Federal Judiciary (KJK Ch. 9)

- Constitutional courts and judicial review (*Marbury v. Madison*)
- Organization of the federal courts
- Factors that influence judicial nominations
- Influence of presidential nomination and Senate confirmation on judicial behavior
- FDR's court-packing plan
- Supreme Court review – the “Rule of Four” and case selection
- Types and characteristics of Supreme Court opinions (majority, plurality, concurring, dissenting)

Public Opinion (KJK Ch. 10)

- Definition and political force
- Polling – sample selection, margin of error
- Political ideology, partisanship, and other components of opinion formation
- Political information and attitudes
- Relationship between individual and aggregate public opinion
- Direction, intensity, salience
- Relationship to public policy
- Characteristics and impact of political (rational) ignorance

Voting, Campaigns, and Elections (KJK Ch. 11)

- Election logic in democracy (authority, delegation, free riding)
- Factors affecting how people vote (age, income, education, sex, race, etc.)
- Factors affecting whether people vote (ID laws, campaign spending, turnout efforts)
- Party affiliation and party labels
- Role of campaigns in elections
- Role of political parties in election campaigns
- Role of advertising in campaigns

Political Parties (KJK Ch. 12)

- Origins and basic features
- Evolution of and logic of the two-party system (e.g., Duverger's Law)
- Divided government
- Role of First Amendment
- Party labels and brand
- Influence of third parties, contrast with proportional election systems
- Australian ballot
- Role of primaries, including the invisible primary
- Party coalitions (e.g., New Deal coalition, civil rights coalition, Republican majority)