

# Review – Topics

- Items on the following review lists are just suggestions of things you want to make sure you focus on. They aren't guarantees of what will and won't be on the exam. Thus, you should make sure to study all material from both the text and lecture.
- Presidency
  - Green lantern theory of the presidency/green lanternism
  - When presidents began to exert more power
  - WWI, WWII contributions to growth of presidential power
  - Features of modern presidency
  - Why it's hard for presidents to succeed

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- Judiciary
  - Sources of judicial power
  - Factors influencing SCOTUS decision-making
    - Decision to hear case
    - Decision on case itself
  - How people get on Court (process)
  - Limits on court power
- Parties
  - What is a party
  - Why do parties exist? That is, what do they do? (PIG, PO, PIE)
  - Parties' role in affecting vote choice and opinion
  - Why are there only two parties (understand Duverger's Law)

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- Interest Groups
  - What's an interest group
  - What collection action problems do IGs face?
  - What does it mean for interest group to have access?
  - What are tactics IGs use?
  - How much influence do IGs have?
- The Media
  - News as a business (profit motive)
  - Influences on newsmaking
  - Role of news media
  - What sorts of news do people prefer?
- Public Opinion
  - What is public opinion?
  - Where do opinions come from?
  - What does opinion formation process look like?
  - Does government listen to public opinion?
    - How frequently?

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- Campaigns and Elections
  - Turnout
  - (PxB) – C
  - Who votes and who doesn't
  - Mobilization
  - What do campaigns do?
  - Why campaigns are so long
- Essay Topics:
  - How does media as business affect news content?
  - Growth of presidential power over time
  - Public opinion formation process