

POSC 622: Political Attitudes and Behavior

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Wednesday 2-4:50

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Description: This seminar surveys research on mass political behavior focusing on attitude formation and opinion change, political psychology, reasoning and choice, and voting and representation. Emphasis is placed on competing theories and empirical studies. It is assumed that seminar participants have basic training in multivariate statistics. Graduate students in schools outside of Dornsife are welcome to enroll in this class. (A detailed syllabus will be available in January 2020. Please contact me for further information.)

Topics to be Covered

Attitude Models and Public Opinion

Political Reasoning with Limited Information

Framing and Priming Effects on Opinion

Rationality and Self Interest

Partisanship: Identity and Biases

Ideology and Personality

Racial and Ethnic Attitudes

Political Tolerance

Voting and Participation

Democratic Representation

Review, Retrospections, and Reflections