Government 314 Public Opinion and Foreign Policy  
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Professor Douglas Foyle

September 2 - September 8

- **SECTION I: INTRODUCTION**

  Monday: What is Public Opinion?  
  Readings: None

  Wednesday: The Meaning of Public Opinion  
  Reading: Glynn, *Public Opinion*, pp. 1-72

September 9 - September 15

*Due Date: Paper Topic Selection -- submit to Professor Foyle as e-mail attachment by Thursday, September 13 at 5 p.m.*

Monday: How to Measure Public Opinion  
Reading: Glynn, *Public Opinion*, pp. 73-116  

Wednesday: Where Do Opinions Come From? Cognitive and Social Explanations  
Reading: Glynn, *Public Opinion*, pp. 119-210

September 16 - September 22

Monday: Where Do Opinions Come from? Perceptions and Economics  
Reading: Glynn, *Public Opinion*, pp. 211-280

**SECTION II. FOREIGN POLICY IN PUBLIC OPINION**

Wednesday: The Public: Should the Public be Trusted with Foreign Policy?

Foyle, *Counting the Public In*, pp. 1-9 (Moodle)


**September 23 - September 29**

**Monday: The Public: Rationality and Structure?**

Readings: Holsti, *Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy*, pp. 41-98


**Wednesday: Public Attitudes: What Does the Public Think?**


**September 30 - October 6**

**Monday: Comparisons of the Opinions of Elites and the Mass Public**


Kull & Ramsay, *Decisionmaking in a Glass House*, pp. 95-110 (Moodle)

**Wednesday: Who Thinks What?**


**October 7 - October 13**

**Monday: The Influence of Public Opinion: General**


Glynn, *Public Opinion*, pp. 355-404

**Wednesday: The Influence of Public Opinion: Attitudes and Decision Makers**
October 14 - October 20

Monday: No Class (Fall Break)

Wednesday: Sources of Public Opinion for Decision Makers


Foyle, *Counting the Public In*, pp. 51-178. (Eisenhower Cases) (Moodle)

Note: Participation grades given out on Moodle shortly after this class.

October 21 - October 27

Monday: Rallies and Presidential Popularity


Wednesday: Casualties and the Use of Force


October 28 - November 3

**Due Date: Mandatory Rough Draft, Monday, October 29, 11:59 p.m.**
Monday: The Diversionary Use of Force


SECTION III: MEDIATORS OF PUBLIC INFLUENCE

Wednesday: Congress


November 4 - November 10

Monday: Presidents

Reading: Foyle, Counting the Public In, pp. 201-56. (Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton)


Wednesday: Interest Groups


John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy, 2007 (selections) (Moodle)

November 11 - November 17

Monday: Media


Glynn, Public Opinion, pp. 405-476

**Wednesday: Elections**

Reading: John Aldrich, et. al., “Foreign Policy and the Electoral Connection,” Annual Review of Political Science, 2006 (Moodle)

**November 18 - November 24**

**IV. WAR AND PUBLIC OPINION**

**Monday: Vietnam**

Reading: Richard Sobel, The Impact of Public Opinion on U.S. Foreign Policy, pp. 49-98 (Moodle)


**Wednesday: No Class (Thanksgiving Break)**

**November 25 - December 1**

**Monday: The 1990-1991 Gulf War**

Reading: Sobel, Impact of Public Opinion, pp. 141-74 (Moodle)

Review Foyle, Counting the Public In, pp. 211-18. (Moodle)

**Wednesday: Iraq 2003**
December 2 - December 8

Monday: War and the Political System


Warren Strobel, Late-Breaking Foreign Policy, pp. 19-56 (Moodle)

V. Conclusions

Wednesday: Public Opinion, Democracy, and Foreign Policy

Reading: Holsti, Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy, pp. 289-325.


Foyle, Counting the Public In, 257-89.

• Due Date: Final Research Paper, Wednesday, December 12, 4 p.m.