



## **Introduction to American Government**

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## Announcements

1. Professor Lynn Vavreck will be speaking on Friday, September 12th, 2:00-3:30pm in Baldwin 302. Vavreck is an associate professor in the political science department, an expert on American elections and the primary contributor to the New York Times political science blog, "The Upshot."
2. I hope your semester is off to a good start. My name is Mike Sikora and I'm a Campaign Organizer working to get big money out of politics with Georgia PIRG (the Georgia Public Interest Research Group). I'm writing to let you know that the Public Interest Network, which includes Environment America, PIRG and other groups, is hiring. I am hoping you can forward an announcement about our campaign organizer position to your students.



As a campaign organizer I can say that I've found work in the grassroots organizing field incredibly rewarding. I've worked on a number of exciting campaigns over the last year. My first action was to sign small farmers onto our campaign to stop subsidizing junk-food. This work has given me a deeper look at our political process, how power works, and what we can do to change things. It is an excellent opportunity for any student looking to make a real difference right out of college. Please let me know if you can forward the below announcement to your students (also attached).



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## Announcements

### Apply to be a Campaign Organizer

Two years of action for our environment, our democracy, our future  
The Public Interest Network, which includes Environment America, PIRG and other groups, is hiring graduating seniors to join our team of campaign organizers. It's a two-year program designed to give you a chance to make a difference on some of the most important issues of our time.

- **Climate warning.** It's a ticking time bomb for life on the planet. But if we're going to solve it, we have to get past the climate denial in Congress.
- **Overuse of antibiotics on factory farms.** Most of us would agree it's irrational to do anything that would risk the effectiveness of life-saving drugs. Yet that's what will happen if we let factory farms keep using antibiotics just to fatten up healthy animals.
- **Clean water.** What could be more obvious than the fact that we all need clean water? But if we don't take action, we'll keep solving more problems like the big chemical spill in West Virginia, the huge coal ash spill in North Carolina, and the massive toxic algae blooms on Lake Erie. All of which happened just last year.

Solving big problems like these isn't easy—especially after the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision has made it easier for wealthy special interests to get their way in politics.

If you want to make a difference on big issues like these, you need a groundswell of public support. You need to register, mobilize, and energize people. That's what this position is all about.

To learn more and apply, visit: <http://publicinterestnetwork.org/page.php?campaign-organizer>

### What campaign organizers do

As a campaign organizer, your number one focus is getting people involved. When people get involved, that's when you use the energy and power it takes to win and change.

If climate denial and fossil fuel money are standing in the way of action on global warming, it means you register citizens, "climate defenders" to push back for clean power.

If it's hard to force big corporations to change in ways that mean you mobilize doctors and nurses to call out the inactivity of thousands of people with antibiotic-resistant superbugs and other health effects—just because of their overuse on healthy animals.

This is what our campaign organizers do. And you won't just sit behind a desk. You'll be out in the real world—

- recruiting new groups to join a coalition
- speaking at a church basement or town hall meeting on solar power
- organizing a town event to raise or hand-delivering report on money in politics
- meeting with an editorial board about the overuse of antibiotics on factory farms
- or doing whatever it takes to build the groundswell of support that gets attention and pushes public officials to do the right thing

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## Announcements

3. To the Political Science Department at University of Georgia,

My name is Brianna Rigert and I work at Headway Workforce Solutions in Raleigh, NC as a Sourcing Specialist. My team is currently working on a project with Reuters News and IPSOS for the upcoming General Election. Reuters is seeking someone to collect election data on election night. We are hiring Election Agents (one- two primary and one secondary) in every county of every state in the United States. We are paying the individual \$100 for a one night only event on November 4th. If you don't mind



passing this onto your students; this would be a great opportunity for students in Political Science to add to their resumes! During the Primary Elections, some professors were offering it as extra credit – students love extra credit! Below is a job description and attached is a flyer! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions! We are trying to get the word out!

As an Election Agent for Ipsos and Reuters, you'll use credentials awarded by Reuters to go behind the scene at your local election center and gather the vote count from County election officials. Once you receive the vote count, you'll quickly (and easily) enter the results into a specially designed mobile application and send the news off to Reuters.

There are only three requirements to be eligible for consideration as an Election Agent:

- You have to be 18 years old
- You must own a smart-phone (iphone or android) and/or tablet with data plan and be able to operate it proficiently
- You must be available for a one day project

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**Announcements**

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**Meet and Greet**  
 OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS  
 Thursday September 11 at 5pm  
 Baldwin 305

For more information contact Dr. Teena Wilhelm,  
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[http://polisci.uga.edu/undergraduate/pi\\_sigma\\_alpha](http://polisci.uga.edu/undergraduate/pi_sigma_alpha)

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**News**



Brendan Nyhan: "Why is the campaign consultant market so inefficient? First, it suffers from what social scientists call an asymmetric information problem. The buyers (candidates) know much less about the service being provided than the sellers (consultants) -- the same reason that consumers have a hard time making informed choices on health care. As a result, consultants are often hired based on their prominence or relationships with party insiders rather than on their past performance or other measures of quality." "Second, there are few good sources of data about firm performance. Consultant client lists are often not broadly publicized, preventing firms from being held accountable for their performance in past campaigns."



A new CNN/ORC International poll in Kentucky finds Sen. Mitch McConnell (R) holds a slim four point edge over challenger Alison Lundergan Grimes (D), 50% to 46%. Key finding: "What might be a troubling data point for Grimes is the number of Democrats -- 16% -- who said they are supporting or leaning towards supporting McConnell." A new Rasmussen survey has McConnell ahead by five points, 46% to 41%.



Morning Line: "Incumbents traditionally have an advantage because voters in those states have already elected them statewide, giving them natural bases -- and fundraising networks and turnout operations -- to get 50 percent. What's more, the candidates Democrats have in some of these red states are legacy candidates. In other words, not only are they personally well known, their families are too. The Landrieus, Pryors, Begiches, and Udalls are near political royalty in their respective states. But will their personal dynasties pay the dividends needed this fall and be enough to overcome the national environment? It could be for some but not for others. How many survive could be the difference between a Democratic and Republican Senate for the last two years of Obama's presidency."

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**News**



Speaker John Boehner outlined the September legislative agenda in a conference call with House Republican lawmakers, describing a scheduled 12-day session that will be "brief, but busy." Roll Call reports House Republicans "closing argument" before they depart for the campaign trail ahead of Election Day will be moving legislation while the "do-nothing Senate plans to spend the final legislative days before November talking about the Koch brothers."



"The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to revisit a ruling that struck down the ObamaCare subsidies issued through the federal exchange," The Hill reports. "The announcement of the second hearing is a victory for the Obama administration, which suffered a defeat in late July when a three-judge panel threw out the subsidies, ruling they were not legitimate under the Affordable Care Act."



President Obama "said he was near tears while talking to the parents of slain U.S. journalist James Foley, and he appeared to express some misgivings about his decision to play golf minutes after delivering an angry public statement about Foley's killing in Syria three weeks ago," the Washington Post reports. Said Obama: "I should've anticipated the optics. Part of this job is also the theater of it. It's not something that always comes naturally to me. But it matters."



**Andrew Rudalevige, the Monkey Cage:** It's no secret that President Obama is not getting much love as his second term progresses. In a recent Post op-ed, former Clinton and Obama (and Harvard) official Larry Summers suggests the checkered history of second terms itself calls out for a fix. One answer to the second-term blues is, well, to eliminate second terms. "Would the U.S. government function better," Summers asks, "if presidents were limited to one term, perhaps of six years?" I'd also proffer the case against term limits made back at the framing of the Constitution. (Remember that the two-term limit took effect only in 1951 when the 22nd Amendment was ratified, having been passed by the Republican-controlled 80th Congress -- not doing nothing! -- in 1947 as belated revenge for FDR's four electoral victories. The first president affected was Dwight Eisenhower, whom many in the GOP soon wished could run for a third term.)

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### The Dinner




What was "assumption"?

Why did Madison oppose it?

What were Hamilton's arguments in support?

Who makes the better case? What did the final deal look like?

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### The Dinner

Madison's reasons for opposing:

- (1) Speculators were purchasing veteran's securities at low rates. The Nation had an obligation to support these veterans.
- (2) Virginia had paid it's war debts. It would be losing through assumption.
- (3) It appeared to be a step towards national sovereignty.
- (4) Hamilton's *Report on the Public Credit* further served to frighten state's rights advocates and assumption largely stemmed from it.
- (5) Virginia voters and political opponents began to pressure Madison on the issue.

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## The Dinner

Hamilton's Response:

- (1) Nobody is forcing veterans to sell these securities. Solving this "problem" would be an administrative nightmare.
- (2) Virginia is welcome to negotiate it's final numbers.
- (3) Everyone is better off with a solvent national government.




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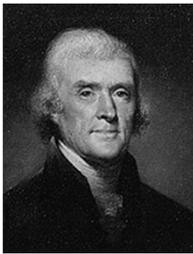
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## The Dinner



The deal:

- (1) Virginia gets settlement before assumption.
- (2) The "seat of government" is moved to the Potomac cite. Why was this important?
- (3) Madison allows Hamilton's bill to pass.
- (4) Hamilton gets to be on the 10 dollar bill.

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## Conclusion



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