Plan for the Day

- Reading Quiz
- Go over learning outcomes
- Announcements
- Answer questions from lecture this week
- Discuss Fiorina (2006): “Parties as Problem Solvers”
Clearly write your name at the top of the quiz
Turn your quiz over when you are finished
Good luck!
Learning Outcomes

By the end of section today, you should be able to:

- Define the following key terms:
  - Divided Government
  - Unified Government
  - Party Cohesion
  - Polarization
  - Responsible Party Theory

- Explain the costs and benefits of high/low party cohesion

- Make an argument about whether you think Responsible Party Government (a) appropriately characterizes the party system today and (b) is effective at solving problems.
Announcements

- Reminder: Office Hours are Wednesdays 8-9:30am and 11-12pm in SSB 341, or by appointment (tncarlson@ucsd.edu)
- Good resource for guided reading!
  https://edge.sagepub.com/kernell7e
- Submit questions on lecture or the readings here:
  https://ucsdsocialsciences.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cZdySY98gJbkGx
What questions do you have from lecture this week?
Parties as Problem Solvers

Review of Key Terms (see email from Professor Hill for further guidance):

- Divided Government
- Unified Government
- Party Cohesion
- Polarization
- Responsible Party Theory
High or Low Party Cohesion? Polarization?

Yes

No
High or Low Party Cohesion? Polarization?

Yes

No
High or Low Party Cohesion? Polarization?

Yes

No
High or Low Party Cohesion? Polarization?

Yes

No
What is Responsible Party Theory?
  - High or low party cohesion?
  - High or low polarization?
Responsible Party Theory

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  - High or low party cohesion?
  - High or low polarization?

- With the person next to you:
  - Group 1: Make a list of the costs and benefits of high party cohesion
  - Group 2: Make a list of the costs and benefits of low party cohesion
Other Questions to Think About

- Do you agree with Fiorina’s argument that “parties today are far closer to the responsible party model than those of the 1970s, but it would be hard to argue that today’s party system is more effective at solving problems than the disorganized decentralized party system that it replaced?”

- Fiorina’s argument was published in 2006 and his assessment of “parties today” refers to the Bush Administration. Do you think his argument applies to the Obama Administration? In what ways would you expect it to be similar or different? What about thinking forward to the Trump Administration?

- How do the lessons we learned last week from Federalist 51 and the budget deal help us understand responsible party theory? Was the budget deal discussed last week an example of low or high party cohesion? Polarization?