

OUTLINE OF LECTURE 5: DOMESTIC POLITICS AND SOCIAL CHOICE

1. Constraints
 - a) physical
 - b) technological
 - c) international
 - d) domestic
2. National interest
 - a) preferences and best way to achieve goals
 - b) defined by objective factors, elites, populace
3. Collective choice
 - a) preference aggregation
 - b) Condorcet Paradox
 - c) cycling and group irrationality
 - d) agenda-setting and manipulation
 - e) Arrow's Impossibility Theorem
 - universal domain
 - Pareto optimality
 - independence of irrelevant alternatives
 - non-dictatorship
 - f) McKelvey's Chaos Theorem (multi-dimensional policies)
 - g) real-world stability
4. Troubling implications for democracy
 - a) populism
 - b) liberalism
 - c) deliberative democracy