

Key Terms and Concepts for Second Midterm

Media

- implications of corporate concentration in media ownership
- purpose of media cross-ownership rules
- different roles of the media (e.g., signaler, watchdog)
- Al-Jazeera TV
- partisan versus objective journalism
- horse-race journalism
- yellow journalism

Congress

- pork-barrel projects
- cloture
- filibuster
- sunset laws
- conference committees
- distributive legislation
- seniority
- Tom DeLay
- gerrymandering
- reapportionment
- incumbency advantage
- vicious cycle of congressional elections
- service strategy
- party discipline
- fragmentation in Congress
- status quo bias and gridlock
- committee jurisdiction

Presidency

- presidential agenda setting
- impeachment of President Clinton
- honeymoon period
- momentum in presidential nominating campaigns
- front-loading of presidential primaries
- foreign policy leadership
- executive agreement
- unit rule of the electoral college
- Plame affair

Bureaucracy

- definition of bureaucracy
- cabinet departments
- independent agencies

- iron triangles
- rulemaking
- policy implementation
- patronage system
- civil service system
- clientele groups
- congressional delegation of authority

Courts

- precedent
- writ of certiorari
- solicitor general
- Ohio court system
- U.S. district courts
- U.S. Courts of Appeals
- Samuel Alito
- amicus curiae
- senatorial courtesy
- civil law
- criminal law
- statutory law
- administrative law
- judicial activism
- judicial restraint
- dissenting opinion

Caveat Emptor (“let the buyer beware”):

This is a list of “key” terms and concepts. Terms or concepts may appear on the exam that are not included in this list.