Wrap-Up

Department of Political Science and Government Aarhus University

December 11, 2014

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Exam

- December people: You should have received an email about the synopsis submission process
 - Synopsis due tomorrow
 - Exam next Friday (Dec. 19) probably in the morning
- If not, email Tina Aronro (tina@au.dk) and CC me (tleeper@ps.au.dk)
- January people: Same deal, but in January

Exam Preparation

■ Two practice exam questions

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Polarization

- What does polarization mean?
- What consequences does it have for politics?
- Is polarization good or bad for the United States?

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Where have we been?

- American values
- The American Founding
- Congress
- The Presidency and executive branch
- Courts
- States and local governments
- Parties and partisanship
- Campaigns and elections
- Public policy
- Race and other inequalities
- Polarization

What themes run through this?

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What do you still want to know about American politics?

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Official course evaluations due Dec 17

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Procedural Stuff	Polarization (cont.)	Dramatic Finale	Evaluations