

**Social Policy
CJ 661-1
Monday 1200-1450
Spring 2008**

Location: CJC A213

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Course Description: Evaluation of the legal, social, economic, philosophic, and controversial issues of governmental programs, administered by federal, state, local units of government, and the client systems served.

Goals

- & Objectives:**
1. Develop a comprehensive understanding of the Public Policy System as it related to criminal justice.
 2. Develop a working knowledge of both seminal and contemporary research in Public Policy
 3. Integrate the theory of public policy with those of the criminal justice discipline.
 4. Introduce concepts of Social Policy as applied to criminal justice.
 5. Develop an comprehensive understanding of research in criminal justice policy.
 6. Enhance reading comprehension and both oral and writing skills.
 7. Develop a greater understanding of research design.

Textbooks:

Required:

Marion & Oliver. 2006. The Public Policy of Crime and Criminal Justice. Prentice Hall.

Baumgartner & Jones. 1993. Agendas and Instability in American Politics. The University of Chicago Press.

Kingdon. 1995. Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies. 2nd edition. Harper Collins.

Oliver. 2001. The Law & Order Presidency. Prentice Hall.

Gest. 2001. Crime & Politics. Oxford University Press.

Readings: All of the readings are available through electronic reserve via the SHSU Library homepage. Access electronic reserves, CJ 661, Oliver and utilize the password “ideology” The articles are organized by the appropriate numbered week (see below). In addition, the professor may add additional readings for a specific week throughout the semester, but these articles will be given at least one week in advance and the professor will furnish each student a hard copy.

Attendance & Punctuality: As it is a graduate course this should go without saying.

E-mail Etiquette: While I encourage you to contact me via e-mail, all correspondence in this manner must meet standard guidelines of professional writing (e.g., formality, punctuation, capitalization, etc.).

Class Etiquette: The class room is for learning, please do not bring food (drinks are acceptable). Turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. upon entering class.

Class Preparation & Participation: It should also go without saying that, *students are required to have read assigned material before coming to class and to participate in classroom discussions or small group activities.* As this is a substantial part of your grade and the premise of the class, discussion, you must come prepared.

Assignments: Throughout the semester there will be written assignments. These are intended to ensure that the student is reading, comprehending what they have read, and developing critical analysis skills. The assignments will typically require a 3-5 page paper, typed and double-spaced. They may be e-mailed as an attachment. Please scan for viruses on your computer. I will not acknowledge individual receipt, but you may program your computer for me to click on “OK” in an acknowledged receipt e-mail through your e-mail software.

Research Design: A research design (+ content analysis of a policy-related database)paper based on a public policy topic related to criminal justice will be due at the end of the semester. The research design paper will include a title, abstract, introduction, literature review, and

methodology section. The design must be theory based, consist of a hypothesis(es), and it must be feasible. Pre approval is required and proposal finalized by Feb. 25, 2008. The paper is due May 5, 2008 - the last day of class.

Policy Databases: **Vanderbilt Television Archive**
<http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/>

Library of Congress
<http://www.thomas.gov/>

American National Election Studies
<http://www.electionstudies.org/>

Policy Agenda Project
<http://www.policyagendas.org/>

Other Databases with approval of Professor.

Grade Weights: **Participation = 20%**
Research Design = 40%
Assignments = 40%

Final Exam: **The final exam date is scheduled for May 12, 2008 from 2-4 p.m.**

Academic Policies:

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http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/811006.html

SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS:
<http://www.shsu.edu/~counsel/sswd.html>

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY POLICY:
<http://www.shsu.edu/catalog/scholasticrequirements.html#holyday>

Course Outline/Readings:

Week 1 – January 15 - Martin Luther King Holiday

Week 2 – January 28 – Basic Government

Constitution of the United States. (Available on-line)

Federalist Papers Numbers 10, 17, & 51. (Available on-line)

Robert Dahl. A Preface to Democratic Theory. Chapters 1 & 5.

This is in four parts and will display as follows: Part 1 Jan. 2-25, Part II Jan. 25-28, Part III Jan. 29-31, Part IV Jan 31- ?

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 1

Week 3 – February 4 - Define Social Policy, Public Policy, & Crime Policy

Gest. Crime & Politics. Chapters 1-4

Caplan, Gerald. (1973). “Reflections on the Nationalization of Crime, 1964-8.”
Law and the Social Order 3: 583-638.

Scheingold, Stuart A. (1995). “Politics, Public Policy, and Street Crime.”
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 539: 155-168.

Heymann, Philip B. and Mark H. Moore. (1996). “The Federal Role in Dealing with Violent Street Crime: Principles, Questions, and Cautions.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 543: 103-115.

Finckenauer, James O. (1978). “Crime as a National Political Issue, 1964-1976.” *Crime and Delinquency* 24(1): 13-27.

J.J. Dilulio, S.K. Smith, and A.J. Saiger. 1995. “The Federal Role in Crime Control.” In *Crime*. Edited by James Q. Wilson and Joan Petersilia. San Francisco, CA: ICS Press, p. 160+

Diamond, Jared. 1999. “From Egalitarianism to Kleptocracy.” Chapter 14. In *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Co.

Week 4 – February 11 - Ideology, Party Identification, & Policy Types

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 2

Miller, Walter B. 1973. "Ideology and Criminal Justice Policy: Some Current Issues." *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. 64(2): 143-146.

Philip Converse. 1964. "The Nature of Belief Systems in Mass Publics." In David E. Apter. *Ideology and Discontent*. Free Press. Pp. 206-261.
Displays in two parts: Part I Jan. 15 – Feb. 4, Part II Feb. 5 - ?

Lowi, Theodore. 1972. "Four Systems of Policy, Politics and Choice." *Public Administration Review*. 32:298-310.

Lowi, Theodore. 1964. "American Business, Public Policy, Case Studies, and Political Theory." *World Politics*, 16: 677-715.

Packer, Herbert L. 1964. "Two Models of the Criminal Process." *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, 113: 113-125.

Steinberger, Peter J. 1980. "Typologies of Public Policy: Meaning Construction and their Policy Process." *Social Science Quarterly*, 61(Sept.): 185-197.

Week 5 – February 18 - (Crime) Issues and (Crime) Policymaking

Kingdon. *Agendas, Alternatives, and Public Policies*. 2nd edition. ALL

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 3

Anthony Downs. 1972. "Up and Down with Ecology - the Issue Attention Cycle." *The Public Interest*. Vol. 28.

Hecko, Hugh. 1994. "Ideas, Interests, and Institutions." In *The Dynamics of American Politics: Approaches and Interpretations*. Edited by Lawrence C. Dodd and Calvin Jillson. Boulder, CO: Westview press, pp. 362-392.

Cohen, M., J. March, and J. Olsen. 1972. "A Garbage Can Model of Organizational Choice." *Administrative Science Quarterly*, 17: 1-25.

Sabatier, P. 1988. "An Advocacy Coalition Framework of Policy Change and the Role of Policy-Oriented Learning Therein." *Policy Sciences*. 21:129-168.

Week 6 – February 25 - Agenda Setting (Research Design Proposals Due)

Baumgartner & Jones. *Agendas and Instability in American Politics*. ALL

Virginia Gray. 1994. "Competition, Emulation, and Policy Innovation." In *New Perspectives on American Politics*. Edited by Dodd and Jillson. *CQ Press*. Chapter 11.

Cobb and Elder. 1971. "The Politics of Agenda Building." *Journal of Politics*. 33: 895+

Week 7 – March 3 – Research Design Papers

Week 8 – March 10 – Spring Break

Week 9 – March 17 - Executive Branch

Oliver. *The Law & Order Presidency*. ALL

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 4

Marion, Nancy and Rick Farmer. (2003). "Crime Control in the 2000 Presidential Election: A Symbolic Issue." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 27(2): 129-144.

Marion, Nancy and Rick Farmer. (2004). "A Preliminary Examination of Presidential Anticrime Promises." *Criminal Justice Review*, 29(1): 173-195.

Calderia, Greg A. and Andrew T. Cowart. (1980). "Budgets, Institutions and Change: Criminal Justice Policy in America." *American Journal of Political Science* 24: 413-438.

Oliver, Willard M. and Marion, Nancy E. (2006). "Budgets, Institutions and Change: Criminal Justice Policy in America Revisited" *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 17 (4):451-67.

Marion, Nancy. (1997). "Symbolic Policies in Clinton's Crime Control Agenda." *Buffalo Criminal Law Review* 1(1): 67-108.

Oliver, Willard M. (2002). "The Pied Piper of Crime in America: An Analysis of the Presidents' and Public's Agenda on Crime." *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, Vol. 13, No. 2: 139-155.

Oliver, Willard M. (2002). "Executive Orders: Symbolic Politics, Criminal Justice Policy, and the American Presidency." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, Vol. 26 No. 1: 1-21.

Hawdon, James E. (2001). "The Role of Presidential Rhetoric in the Creation of a Moral Panic: Reagan, Bush, and the War on Drugs." *Deviant Behavior*, 22(5): 419-445.

Week 10 – March 24 – Legislative Branch

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 5.

Stolz, Barbara Ann. (1999). "Congress, Symbolic Politics, and the Evolution of 1994 'Violence Against Women Act.'" *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 10(3): 401-427.

Stolz, Barbara Ann. (1983). "Congress and Capital Punishment: An Exercise in Symbolic Politics." *Law & Policy Quarterly*, 5(2): 157-180.

Stolz, Barbara Ann. "Congress and the War on Drugs: An Exercise in Symbolic Politics" *Journal of Crime and Justice* 15: 119-136.

Stolz, Barbara Ann. 1985. "Congress and Criminal Justice Policymaking." *Journal of Criminal Justice*. 13(4): 307-319.

Oliver, Willard M. (2003). "The Power to Persuade: Presidential Influence Over Congress on Crime Control Policy." *Criminal Justice Review*, 28(1): 113-132.

Oliver, Willard M. and David Barlow. (2005). "Following the Leader? Presidential Influence Over Congress in the Passage of Federal Crime Control Policy." *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 16(3): 267-286.

Betram, Eva, Morris Blachman, Kenneth Sharpe, and Peter Andreas. 1996. Chapter 7 – "Congress, the Electorate, and the Logic of Escalation." In *Drug War Politics*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Oliver, Willard M. and Nancy Marion. (2007). "Legislating Crime Policy from the White House: Presidential Success with Congress in the Passage of Federal Crime Control Policy." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 31(2): 92-104

Week 11 – March 31 – Judicial Branch & Bureaucracy – the 4th Branch of Government

Judicial

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 6.

Caldeira and Jack Wright. 1988. Organized Interests and Agenda Setting in the U.S. Supreme Court. *American Political Science Review*. 82: 1109-1128.

Caldeira and Wright. 1990. "Amici Curiae before the U.S. Supreme Court: Who Participates, When and How Much." *Journal of Politics*. 52: 782-806.

Henry Glick. 1991. "Policy Making and the State Supreme Courts." In *The American Courts*. Edited by Gates and Johnson. CQ Press. Chapter 4.

Smith, Christopher E. (2007) Prisoners' Rights and the Rehnquist *Court* Era. *The Prison Journal*, vol. 87, no. 4, pp. 457-476, December 2007

Bureaucracy

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 7.

Lipsky, Michael. 1971. "Street-Level Bureaucracy and the Analysis of Urban Reform." *Urban Affairs Quarterly*. June 1971: 391-409.

James Q. Wilson. 1991. *Bureaucracy*. Free Press. Chapters 1 & 2.

Lindbloom, Charles. E. 1950. "The Science of Muddling Through." *Public Administration Review*. 19 (Spring): 79-88.

O'shea, Timothy C. (2000). The Political Dimension of Community Policing: Belief Congruence Between Police and Citizens. *Police Quarterly*, vol. 3, no. 4, pp. 389-412, December 2000

Week 12 – April 7 - Research Design Papers

Week 13 – April 14 – Public Opinion and the Media

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 8.

Warr, Mark. 1995. "The Polls – Poll Trends: Public Opinion on Crime and Punishment." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 59: 296-310.

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics. Available on-line.
<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/> Section 2.

Patterson, Thomas E. Prologue and Chapter 1. *Out of Order*. New York, NY: Vintage Books.

Sims, Barbara; Johnston, Eric. (2004). Examining *Public Opinion* about Crime and Justice: A Statewide Study. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, vol. 15, no. 3, pp. 270-293, September.

Chadee, Derek; Ditton, Jason. (2005). Fear of crime and the *media*: Assessing the lack of

relationship. *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal*, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 322-332, December 2005

Week 14 – April 21 – Interest Groups & Policy Formulation, Implementation, Evaluation & Change

Interest Groups

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 9.

Stolz, B.A. 2002. “The Roles of Interest Groups in U.S. Criminal Justice Policy Making: Who, When and How.” *Criminal Justice*, 2(1): 51-69.

Shaiko, Ronald G. 1998. “Reverse Lobbying.” In *Interest Group Politics. 5th Edition*. Edited by Allan J. Cigler and Burdett A. Loomis. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, pp. 255-282.

Lowi, Theodore J. 1979. Chapter 11. *The End of Liberalism*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company.

Stolz, Barbara. (2005). Educating policymakers and setting the criminal justice policymaking agenda: *Interest groups* and the ‘Victims of Trafficking and Violence Act of 2000’ *Criminal Justice*, vol. 5, no. 4, pp. 407-430, November 2005

Policy Formulation, Implementation, & Evaluation

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 14.

Hamm, Keith. 1983. “Patterns of Influence Among Committees, Agencies, and Interest Groups.” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 8 (August): 379-426.

Sabatier, Paul. 1988. “An Advocacy Coalition Framework of Policy Change and the Role of Policy Oriented Learning Therein.” *Policy Sciences*, 21: 129-168.

An Alcohol *Policy Evaluation* of Drinking and Driving in Hillsborough County, Florida
Grohosky, Amanda R.; Moore, Kathleen A.; Ochshorn, Ezra
Criminal Justice Policy Review, vol. 18, no. 4, pp. 434-450, December 2007

Are DTTOs working? Issues of *policy, implementation* and practice
Falk, Chloe. *Probation Journal*, vol. 51, no. 4, pp. 398-406, December 2004

Week 15 – April 28 - Crime Policy

Gest. *Crime & Politics*. Chapters 5-11

Marion & Oliver. Chapter 10-13.

Zimring, F. E. and G. Hawkins. 1995. "Toward a Principles Basis for Federal Criminal Legislation." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciens.* 543: 15-26.

Ludwig, Jens and Philip J. Cook. 2003. Chapters 1 & 11. *Evaluating Gun Policy: Effects on Crime and Violence.* Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

Spitzer, Robert J. 1995. Chapter 1. *The Politics of Gun Control.* Chatham, NJ: Chatham House Publishers.

Meier, Kenneth J. 1994. Chapter 1 and 2. *The Politics of Sin.* Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Mooney, Christopher. 2001. Chapter 1 and 2. *The Public Clash of Private Values.* New York, NY: Chatham House Publishers.

Ismali, Karim. 2006. "Contextualizing the *Criminal Justice* Policy-Making Process." *Criminal Justice* Policy Review, vol. 17, no. 3, pp. 255-269.

Week 16 – May 5 – Paper Presentations