THIRD MIDTERM EXAM REVIEW
Political Science 111
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The test covers materials that are in the lectures or readings. A good way to study is to be familiar with your notes, get them organized and make sure you read the chapters and other readings. The test is online with open notes, but it is timed so you will not have time to look up all the answers and you should be prepared before you start. The questions will be drawn from a set of about 150 questions about these topics and terms. You may not have any other person help you take the exam.

A list of important things from your notes and the readings.
How do U.S. and Minnesota participation rates compare to other democracies and states?
What explains some of the different political participation rates between countries or states?
What is the cost benefit analysis (hint: \( R=PB-C+D \)) and how does it relate to participation?
Know the patterns of political participation among different groups in the U.S.
Know the major world and historical political ideologies of the Right and the Left.
What are the major differences between American Liberals and American Conservatives?
What is political socialization and what are the agents of political socialization?
What general effects do the agents of political socialization have upon opinions?
What happened with the Literary Digest prediction and George Gallup’s prediction?
Know how to interpret a poll using its population of inference, sample and margin of error.
Know what makes public opinion polls trustworthy.
Know the pros and cons for public opinion polls in democracies.
What are the media trends and consumption of newspapers, television and the internet?
Know the ways the government regulates the media.
What are the effects of media on public opinion (agenda setting, priming, framing)?
What biases have political scientists identified in the media?
What are political parties; the party in organization, party in electorate and party in government?
What are some differences among the demographic groups that support the two major parties?
What is the ideal of Responsible Party Government and how well does it work?
Why does Responsible Party Government not work the way it is supposed to?
Why do we have political parties (i.e. what purposes do they serve)?
Why does the U.S. have a two-party system?
What are the types of third parties and what roles can third parties have in our system?
What are the differences between the types of elections in the U.S.?
Who runs for Congress, what groups are over or underrepresented?
What is Median Voter Theory and how does it relate to candidate behavior?
What factors are associated with candidates who win elections?
How do voters decide between candidates and how do they hold government accountable?
Know the differences between retrospective voting, prospective voting and sociotropic voting.
Understand the unique aspects of presidential elections compared to other elections.
Know the pros and cons of the Electoral College system.

Terms that you should know and keep in mind.