PLS 405 PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUPS IN THE U.S. The Dual Divisions of Class and Culture

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A. Trends in conservative indicators

Figure 8-1, p. 166

- 1. Cool to gays and lesbians
- Attend church regularly
- Favor prohibiting abortion
- 4. Identify as a conservative
- B. Conservative trends when controlling for class
 - Trends in church attendance by income groups

Figure 8-2, p. 167 Figure 8-3, p. 168

2. Trends in abortion opinions by income groups

Feeling thermometer rating of gays and lesbians by income groups | Figure 8-4, p. 169

Figure 8-5, p. 171 II. Concern with economic issues

- III. Adding news issues to existing ones
 - A. Building party coalitions

	STRONG GOVERNMENT IS NEEDED TO GUARANTEE EQUALITY			
Class War	A A A	liberals mixed views on strong national government because liberals favor equality > freedom > order	populists or communitarians positive views on strong national government because populists favor both equality and order > freedom	
	versus v v	libertarians negative views on strong national government because libertarians favor freedom > either equality or order	conservatives mixed views on strong national government because conservative favor order > freedom > equality	
	GOVERNMENT SHOULD DEFER TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM	Cultur	STRONG GOVERNMENT IS NEEDED TO GUARANTEE ORDER	

1. Republican Party coalition | Figure 8-6, p. 173

- a. Libertarian wing
- Conservative wing
- Populist wing
- 2. Democratic Party coalition
 - a. Liberal wing
 - b. Libertarian wing
 - c. Populist wing

	В.	The evolving relationship of class and culture to partisan choice (among whites)
		1. Voter traits and support for Republican presidential candidates
		a. Income
		b. Religious attendance
		c. Abortion issue preference
		2. Voter traits and Republican Party identification
		a. Income
		b. Religious attendance
		c. Abortion issue preference
IV.	Cla	ass, views on abortion, and voting pattern dynamics Table 8-1, p. 178
	A.	1976-80
	B.	1984-88
	C.	1992-96
	D.	2000-04
V.	Cla	ass, views on gays, and voting pattern dynamics Table 8-2, p. 181
	A.	1976-80
	B.	1984-88
	C.	1992-96
	D.	2000-04
VI.	Op	posing interpretations
	A.	There is no culture war among the American public, only among elites Figure 8-9, p. 184

C. Both class and culture divide the American political system – elites and public Figure 8-10, p. 185

B. The culture war has replaced the class war