I. A passion-less politics
   A. Comparison of the presidential elections of 1876 & 2000
      1. Contested popular votes in Southern states
      2. Resolution by
         a. Congressionally-appointed commission
         b. U.S. Supreme Court
      3. Outcomes
         a. Short-term
            (1) Popular-vote winners:
            (2) One-vote electoral-vote winners:
         b. Long-term: incremental versus profound change

II. The politics of change  Figure 1.1 & 1.2, pp. 4-5
   A. Agrarian Age
   B. Industrial Age
   C. Information Age (and globalization)

III. Political parties in the Information Age
   A. Print media
      1. Newspapers
      2. National magazines
   B. Electronic media
      1. Telegraph
      2. Radio
      3. Television
         a. Broadcast
         b. Narrowcast
      4. Internet

IV. The decline of parties
   A. Progressive-Era reforms
      1. Secret ballot
      2. Voter registration
      3. Civil service
      4. Government contract bidding
   B. Post-1960s reforms
      1. Direct primary/caucus
      2. Campaign finance
         a. Hard money
         b. Soft money

V. A post-party era
   A. Political party decline
   B. Political party adaptation
   C. Political party polarization