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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Relax.** By the time this issue of the *Review* is mailed to readers, and they can read this comment, the *Review* office will have already received galley proofs for our next issue and distributed copies to authors for corrections, and manuscripts for the issue following that one will have been mostly edited and sent off to the printer. We will also be fairly certain of the contents of the two issues beyond that. Operating, as we do, with such formidable time lags makes it difficult for us to move quickly even when we want to. Because our authors are scattered all over the map, we have to schedule slow turn-around times for galley proofs. A speeded-up high quality job from a printer would greatly increase our printing bill—and so we have decided to try for high quality rather than top speed.

We know this annoys some people. Consider the author of a scholarly book. This person wants to see it reviewed sometime soon after publication. Instead he waits. And waits. Why? A review arriving today is usually scheduled for the next issue—but the next issue for us in the editorial office is not the one you are holding in your hand or even the one after that, but rather the one that will come out six months from now. And there are often vicissitudes before a publishable review arrives on our doorstep. First we must receive the book. Then we must find a reviewer—which means asking pos-

sible reviewers one at a time until somebody says yes. Then we must pause to give the reviewer a chance to read the book, and write his review, and get it typed up, and send it to us. Then we must read his review, and edit it, and possibly send it back to the reviewer to see if our editorial job is satisfactory. Then we must get the review back. And then we schedule it for that “next” issue, six months hence.

Why are we telling readers all this? It is because the modern world is too hectic. Too many political scientists have lost touch with the stately rhythms of nature, and of that child of nature, *The American Political Science Review*.

**Idiots.** Irate author writes in and wants to know what recourse he has when the managing editor picks idiots to referee his manuscript and they don't like it and on their advice the managing editor turns the manuscript down. Our view is that this is a real problem. We hereby state categorically that we make every effort to find referees who are not only not idiots but if possible themselves scholars of standing in the field to which a manuscript is addressed. If Homer occasionally nodded without the stimulus of a prospective *APSR* manuscript, we must be ready to concede that even highly qualified readers may sometimes fail to see the merits in a meritorious piece of work. Or we may have

made a mistake in sending it out or in reading the comments as they come back to us. Thus sometimes a well-timed and well-reasoned gripe will win a rehearing for a manuscript, if an author is willing to invest some more patience with us. There is, however, a small but irreducible number of manuscripts for which the following statements are all true: the referees have said they don't like it, the managing editor is persuaded by the referees, and the author thinks the referees and the managing editor are simply wrong.

One author has suggested that such cases go to arbitration, but this strikes us as a very unwieldy process, since at a minimum there would be the problems of picking arbitrators satisfactory to author and editor alike, and of agreeing on criteria that would inform their judgment, and of making sure these criteria were followed.

Happily, there is a better way. It is provided by the existence of other political science journals of high repute, each managed by its own board of editors. An author who finds his work unappreciated here may try elsewhere and indeed may succeed. If his faith in his work is justified and it is printed elsewhere and subsequently acclaimed, it is of course the *Review* that suffers rather than the profession at large or the author.

Another check on ineptitude or idiosyncrasy in these precincts is of course the custom we have latterly adopted of periodically changing the management. We believe this is a wise policy. Like some of our readers and disappointed prospective authors, around here we are keeping one eye on the calendar.

#### Articles Accepted for Future Publication

- Herbert B. Asher, Ohio State University, "The Learning of Legislative Norms"  
 Louis P. Benson, Kent State University, "A Research Note on Machine Politics as a Model for Change in a Philippine Province"  
 Harry W. Blair, Bucknell University, "Minority Electoral Politics in a North Indian State: Aggregate Data Analysis and the Muslim Community in Bihar, 1952-1972"  
 Bernard H. Booms, Pennsylvania State University and James R. Halldorson, F. W. Woolworth Co., "The Politics of Redistribution: A Reformulation"  
 David W. Brady, Kansas State University, "A Research Note on the Impact of Interparty Competition on Congressional Voting in a Competitive Era"  
 Michael Brecher, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, "Images, Processes, and Feedback in

Foreign Policy: Israel's Decisions on German Reparations"

- Eric C. Browne, University of Georgia and Mark N. Franklin, University of Strathclyde, "The Perquisites of Government: Aspects of Coalition Payoffs in European Parliamentary Democracies"  
 Chong Lim Kim and Donald P. Racherer, University of Iowa, "Candidates' Perceptions of Voter Competence: A Comparison of Winning and Losing Candidates"  
 Andrew T. Cowart, University of Oslo, "Electoral Choice in the American States: Incumbency Effects, Partisan Forces, and Divergent Partisan Majorities"  
 Peter K. Eisinger, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "The Conditions of Protest Behavior in American Cities"  
 John Ferejohn, California Institute of Technology and Talbot Page, Resources for the Future, "A Note on Voting or a Price System in a Competitive Market Structure"  
 Bernard Grofman and Edward N. Muller, State University of New York at Stony Brook, "The Strange Case of Relative Gratification and Potential for Political Violence: The V-Curve Hypothesis"  
 Richard S. Katz, Yale University, "The Attribution of Variance in Electoral Returns: An Alternative Measurement Technique"  
 Fred Kort, University of Connecticut, "A Theoretical Relationship for the Application of Multiple Regression Analysis to Discriminant Analysis"  
 Carl H. Landé, University of Kansas, "Networks and Groups in Southeast Asia: Some Observations on the Group Theory of Politics"  
 Richard M. Merelman, University of Wisconsin, Madison, "The Structure of Policy Thinking in Adolescence: A Research Note"  
 Lawrence B. Mohr, University of Michigan, "The Concept of Organizational Goal"  
 Sarah McCally Morehouse, Manhattanville College, "The State Political Party and the Policy-Making Process"  
 Walter Odajnyk, Columbia University, "The Political Ideas of C. G. Jung"  
 Bradley M. Richardson, Ohio State University, "Urbanization and Political Behavior: The Case of Japan"  
 William H. Riker, University of Rochester, "The Paradox of Vote-Trading"  
 Howard Rosenthal, Carnegie-Mellon University and Subrata Sen, University of Chicago, "Electoral Participation in the French Fifth Republic"  
 Lester M. Salamon, Vanderbilt University and Stephen Van Evera, University of California,

- Berkeley, "Fear, Apathy, and Discrimination: A Test of Three Explanations of Political Participation Among the Poor"
- Lawrence A. Scaff, University of Arizona, "Max Weber's Politics and Political Education"
- Donald D. Searing, Joel J. Schwartz, and Alden E. Lind, University of North Carolina, "Political Socialization and Political Belief Systems: An Essay on the Theoretical Relevance of Some Current Research"
- A. H. Somjee, Simon Fraser University, "Caste and the Decline of Political Homogeneity"
- Richard Stillman, II, California State College, Bakersfield, "Woodrow Wilson and the Study of Public Administration: A New Look at an Old Essay"
- Michael W. Suleiman, Kansas State University, "Arab Elite and Palestine-Israel"
- Peter J. Taylor, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, "A New Shape Measure for Evaluating Electoral District Patterns"
- Edward R. Tufte, Princeton University, "The Relationship Between Seats and Votes in Two Party Systems"
- Susan Welch, University of Nebraska, "The Impact of Party on Voting Behavior in a Nonpartisan Legislature"
- Eugene R. Wittkopf, University of Florida, "Foreign Aid and United Nations Votes: A Comparative Study of Aid Allocations and Voting Agreements"
- Donald A. Wittman, University of California, Santa Cruz, "Parties as Utility Maximizers"