Outline of Lecture 5: Domestic Politics and Social Choice

1. Constraints
   a) physical
   b) technological
   c) international
   d) domestic

2. National interest
   a) preferences and best way to achieve goals
   b) defined by objective factors, elites, populace

3. Collective choice
   a) preference aggregation
   b) Condorcet Paradox
   c) cycling and group irrationality
   d) agenda-setting and manipulation
   e) Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem
      • universal domain
      • Pareto optimality
      • independence of irrelevant alternatives
      • non-dictatorship
   f) McKelvey’s Chaos Theorem (multi-dimensional policies)
   g) real-world stability

4. Troubling implications for democracy
   a) populism
   b) liberalism
   c) deliberative democracy