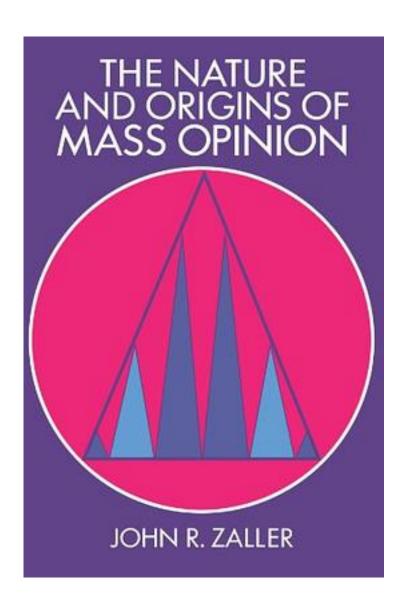
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In this 1992 book John Zaller develops a comprehensive theory to explain how people acquire political information from elites and the mass media and convert it into political preferences. Using numerous specific examples, Zaller applies this theory to the dynamics of public opinion on a broad range of subjects, including domestic and foreign policy, trust in government, racial equality, and presidential approval, as well as voting behaviour in U.S. House, Senate, and presidential elections. The thoery is constructed from four basic premises. The first is that individuals differ substantially in their attention to politics and therefore in their exposure to elite sources of political information. The second is that people react critically to political communication only to the extent that they are knowledgeable about political affairs. The third is that people rarely have fixed attitudes on specific issues; rather, they construct 'preference statements' on the fly as they confront each issue raised. The fourth is that, in constructing these statements, people make the greatest use of ideas that are, for various reasons, the most immediately salient to them. Zaller emphasizes the role of political elites in establishing the terms of political discourse in the mass media and the powerful effect of this framing of issues on the dynamics of mass opinion on any given issue over time.

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第二遍,第7—9和11章表现出来的分析天才和敏锐足以证明他是这个领域无冕之王。第一遍的时候,还是太过于关注那些现在普遍接受的结论了。可以想象,未来会有第三,甚至第四遍的时候。
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opinion is formed by using information to "paint the picture" and predisposition to draw conclusion about it
 所谓"读过"就是指课程结束就不再看了。。。
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opinion可以说相当具有解释力,可惜模型里的变量一多,统计一fancy,information就只是很抽象且统一化的东西了

暂时只看了第123章,从intellectual heuristic的角度本书的框架蛮简洁实用的(虽然估计在心理学家看来可能有很多问题)。眼下后面章节对自己有用信息不大多,就先放着了。唯一疑问是关于predisposition的讨论中,作者似乎没有提到它有可能导致biased information acquisition and processing的可能性,也许后面章节会提到。(啊真讨厌这样的三明治中文。。。但很多英文学术名词是没有统一的中文翻译啊)

明显是probability theory底子好的学者,逻辑也特别顺畅。是我见过对大众true attitude和online processing反驳最精辟的书。

将心理学引入公共舆论理论中,囫囵吞枣看完的,跟心理学有关的理论我看了都要打盹。算是公共舆论领域的扛鼎之作了吧,只是一直在思考这样的理论分析框架如何引入到authoritarian regime.难,难,难。

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书评

在公共舆论研究的经典著作中,早期的李普曼大作之后,要数这本出版于冷战结束之时的著作。

这本著作是科学研究公共舆论的的经典著作,在征求译丛书目时,大多政治心理学研究者都推荐了这本重要的著作,包括Robert Jervis教授。

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