

PLSC 541, Fall 2008
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Questions for week 4

Readings: Edwards, Neustadt

Questions:

1. What is the “power to persuade” and how can it be studied? How did Neustadt study it?
2. Edwards presents a view of presidential power in the policy process that is very limited. Does he overlook anything?
3. Does Edwards confirm and go beyond Neustadt’s original observations, does he disconfirm them, or does he simply explain them in more detail?
4. Political scientists often discuss the “N=1” problem with regards to the presidency. Is it possible to develop systematic approaches to studying presidential relations with the other branches, or is one limited to one-at-a-time case studies?