

Congressional Politics' Greatest Hits: The 1990s

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The entries on this list were derived through a citation count of all articles written about congressional politics that appeared between 1991 and 1998 in the following journals: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. What follows are the 47 most-cited articles and books in the roughly 200 articles that have appeared in the field of congressional politics during the 1990s.

Rank	Number of citations	Change from 1998	Citation
1	44	:	Mayhew, David R., <i>Congress: The electoral connection</i> . 1974.
2	36	:	Fenno, Richard F. <i>Home style</i> . 1978.
3	31	:	Fenno, Richard F. <i>Congressmen in committees</i> . 1973.
4	24	8	Krehbiel, Keith, <i>Information and legislation organization</i> . 1991.
5.5	23	8	Deering, Christopher and Steven S. Smith. <i>Committees in Congress</i> . 1984.
5.5	23	9	Jacobson, Gary C. and Samuel Kernell, <i>Strategy and choice in congressional elections</i> . 1981.
7	22	9	Fiorina, Morris P., <i>Congress: Keystone of the Washington establishment</i> . 1977.
8	20	8	Cox, Gary W. and Mathew D. McCubbins, <i>Legislative leviathan</i> . 1993.
10.5	19	:	Cain, Bruce E., John A. Ferejohn, and Morris P. Fiorina, <i>The personal vote</i> . 1987.
10.5	19	:	Downs, Anthony. <i>The economic theory of democracy</i> . 1957.
10.5	19	9	Jacobson, Gary C., <i>The politics of congressional elections</i> . 1983.
10.5	19	88	Rohde, David W., <i>Parties and leaders in the post-reform House of Representatives</i> . 1991.
13.5	17	8	Bach, Stanley and Steven S. Smith, <i>Managing uncertainty in the House of Representatives</i> . 1988.
13.5	17	:	Weingast, Barry R. and William Marshall The industrial organization of Congress; or, Why legislatures, like firms, are not organized as markets. <i>Journal of Political Economy</i> , vol. 96, pp. 132–63.
15.5	15	9	Shepsle, Kenneth A. and Barry R. Weingast, The institutional foundations of committee power. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 81 (1987), pp. 85–104.

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15.5	15	9	Shepsle, Kenneth A. and Barry R. Weingast, Institutional arrangements and equilibrium in multidimensional voting models. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 23 (1979), pp. 27–59.
18.5	14	88	Fiorina, Morris P., <i>Representatives, roll calls, and constituencies</i> . 1974.
18.5	14	88	Jacobson, Gary C., The marginals never vanished: Incumbency and competition in elections to the U.S. House of Representatives, 1952–82. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 31 (1987), pp. 126–41.
18.5	14	88	Miller, Warren E. and Donald E. Stokes, Constituency influence in Congress. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 57 (1963), pp. 45–56.
18.5	14	9	Poole, Keith T. and Howard Rosenthal, A spatial model for legislative roll call analysis. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 29 (1985), pp. 357–84.
24.5	13	99	Arnold, R. Douglas, <i>Congress and the bureaucracy</i> . 1979
24.5	13	88	Fenno, Richard F. <i>Power of the puse</i> . 1966.
24.5	13	88	Hall, Richard L. and Bernard Grofman, The committee assignment process and the conditional nature of committee bias. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 84 (1990), pp. 1149–66.
24.5	13	99	Jacobson, Gary C., <i>Money in congressional elections</i> . 1980.
24.5	13	88	<i>Mann, Thomas E. and Raymond E. Wolfinger</i> , Candidates and parties in congressional elections. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 74 (1980), pp. 617–40.
24.5	13	99	Mayhew, David R., Congressional elections: The case of the vanishing marginals. <i>Polity</i> , vol. 6, pp. 295–317.
24.5	13	99	Schlesinger, Joseph A., <i>Ambition and politics</i> . 1966.
24.5	13	88	Smith, Steven S., <i>Call to order</i> . 1989.
29.5	12	99	Kingdon, John W. <i>Congressmen's voting decisions</i> . 1973.
29.5	12	88	Weingast, Barry R., A rational choice perspective on congressional norms. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 23 (1979), pp. 245–62.
31	12	99	Krehbiel, Keith, Are congressional committees composed of preference outliers? <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 84 (1990), pp. 149–63.
33.5	11	88	Gilligan, Thomas W. and Keith Krehbiel, Organization of informative committees by a rational legislature. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 34 (1990), pp. 531–64.

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33.5	11	9	Jacobson, Gary C., <i>The electoral origins of divided government</i> . 1990.
33.5	11	9	Poole, Keith T. and Howard Rosenthal, Patterns of congressional voting. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 35 (1991), pp. 228-78.
33.5	11	9	Shepsle, Kenneth A., <i>The giant jigsaw puzzle</i> . 1978.
41.5	10	:	Arnold, R. Douglas, <i>The logic of congressional action</i> . 1990
41.5	10	:	Bond, Jon R., Cary Covington, and Richard Fleisher, Explaining challenger quality in congressional elections. <i>Journal of politics</i> , vol. 47 (1985), pp. 510-529.
41.5	10	:	Canon, David T. <i>Actors, athletes, and astronauts</i> . 1990.
41.5	10	:	Ferejohn, John A. <i>Pork barrel politics</i> . 1974.
41.5	10	:	Ferejohn, John A., On the decline of competition in congressional elections. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 71 (1977), pp. 166–76.
41.5	10	:	Gilligan, Thomas W. and Keith Krehbiel, Asymmetric information and legislative rules with a heterogeneous committee. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 33 (1989), pp. 459–90.
41.5	10	:	Jacobson, Gary C., Strategic politicians and the dynamics of U.S. House elections, 1946–86. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 83 (1989), pp. 773–93.
41.5	10	:	Jacobson, Gary C., The effects of campaign spending on House elections: New evidence for old arguments. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 34 (1990), pp. 334–62.
41.5	10	:	Johannes, John R. and John C. McAdams, The congressional incumbency effect: Is it casework, policy compatibility, or something else? An examination of the 1978 election. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 25 (1981), pp. 512–42.
41.5	10	:	Kiewiet, D. Roderick and Mathew D. McCubbins, <i>The logic of delegation</i> . 1991.
41.5	10	:	Polsby, Nelson W., The institutionalization of the U.S. House of Representatives. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , vol. 62 (1968), pp. 144–68.
41.5	10	:	Stimson, James A. Regression in space and time: A statistical essay, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , vol. 29 (1985), pp. 914–47. James A. Stimson

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88 Rise in ranking of 5 places or more

8 Rise in ranking of less than 5 places

: No change in ranking
9 Drop in ranking of less than 5 places
99 Drop in ranking of 5 places or more