Makers v. Takers: A Sensible Way to Debate the Role of Government?

Panelists discuss inequality in America in terms of the rhetoric of the last election cycle, its rationale, and resulting impacts on bi-partisanship, civility and public discussion.

Saturday, April 20, 2013 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Toll Room, Alumni House

Henry E. Brady is Dean of the Goldman School and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley and Co-Director of the Center. He received his PhD in Economics and Political Science from MIT in 1980. He has written on electoral politics and political participation, social welfare policy, political polling, and statistical methodology, and he has worked for the federal Office of Management and Budget and other organizations in Washington, D.C. He is past president of the American Political Science Association, past president of the Political Methodology Society of the American Political Science Association, and was director of the University of California’s Survey Research Center from 1998 to 2009.

Cybelle Fox is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. She received a B.A. in history and economics from UC San Diego in 1997 and a Ph.D. in sociology and social policy from Harvard University in 2007. Her main research interests include race and ethnic relations, the American welfare state, immigration, historical sociology, and political sociology. In her new book, Three Worlds of Relief (Princeton University Press, 2012), Fox compares the incorporation of blacks, Mexicans, and European immigrants in the American welfare system from the Progressive Era to the New Deal. Her next project focuses on the politics of extending or withholding social welfare assistance to non-citizens from the New Deal to the present.

Hilary Hoynes, a Professor of Public Policy and Economics at University of California, Davis, will join the Goldman School on July 1. She will also have an appointment in the Economics Department and hold the Haas Distinguished Chair in Economic Disparities. She studies poverty, inequality, and the impacts of government tax and transfer programs on low income families. Her current projects include evaluating the impact of the Great Recession across demographic groups, examining the impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on infant health, and estimating impacts of U.S. food and nutrition programs on labor supply, health and human capital accumulation. Her work has been widely published and she is co-editor of the leading journal in economics, the American Economic Review.

Moderated by:

Richard “Dick” Beahrs, BA ’68 was a history major and served as ASUC President during his last year at Cal. He is currently a UC Berkeley Foundation Trustee and a member of the Center’s Advisory Board. Now retired, he spent 35 years as a Media Executive at Time Warner, where his positions included the Presidencies of Comedy Central and Court TV. In 2001, Dick and his wife Carolyn funded the creation of the Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program on the Berkeley campus. In the past decade, over 350 environmental leaders from over 75 countries from around the world have received intensive training in sustainable development practices through a 3 1/2 week multidisciplinary program.
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Public dialogue often lacks civility and efforts toward policy consensus rarely enjoy broad democratic engagement. Today's hardened lines of political division threaten to aggravate and perpetuate social problems.

The Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy focuses on preparing current and future leaders to successfully engage people of diverse backgrounds and viewpoints in the resolution of public policy issues.

The need for more effective and successful democratic engagement is clearly seen in the paralysis and acrimony in our state and national governments and violence worldwide. Through research, teaching, fellowships/internships and public events, students and the wider public learn about the range of deep beliefs and values which drive human social behavior. Along with acquiring expertise in democratic engagement, this knowledge is essential in helping diverse stakeholders achieve productive and enduring resolutions to pressing issues facing societies today.

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- **Research** into understanding the political, ideological and cultural factors that generate conflict and what enables productive problem solving locally, nationally and globally.

- **Teaching** based on the research that equips students with techniques for dealing with conflict and skills in collaborative leadership and consensus building.

- **Fellowships** and Internships for Goldman School undergraduate and graduate students’ public policy projects and for UC Washington Center students from Berkeley.

- **Public Events** featuring prominent speakers on topics related to civility and democratic engagement and broadly communicating research results to the public and the media.

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