

Registration Rises at Annual Meeting

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Registration at the 1981 Annual Meeting in New York totaled 2,887, which is the highest registration since the 1972 meeting.

Of the 312 panels in which 1,560 people participated, six drew an audience of more than 100. These six panels covered a wide spectrum of political science and included both APSA-sponsored panels as well as those convened by unaffiliated groups. The accompanying chart lists the most popular panels by sponsor, title, chair, and attendance.

The Most Popular 1981 Annual Meeting Panels

Panel Sponsor	Title	Chair	Attendance
APSA	The Defense of Authority in American Political Thought	Benjamin Barber	152
Presidency Research Group	Roundtable on the White House Staff: An Insider's Perspective	Dom Bonafede	141
APSA	Major Changes in the American Political System: Alternative Research Agendas	Nelson W. Polsby	134
American Society for Legal and Political Philosophy	The Political Dimensions of Marxism	Judith Shklar	127
Conference Group on the Political Economy of Advanced Industrial Societies	Roundtable on the 1980 Election: The End of Liberalism?	Victor Navasky	107
APSA	Roundtable on Polls and Pollsters in 1980	Samuel Popkin	102



Bruce Oppenheimer of Houston, Norman Ornstein of Catholic University, Congresswoman Geraldine A. Ferraro (D-NY), and Charles O. Jones discuss party politics in one of the well-attended panels which combined politicians and scholars.

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Academic Expertise Difficult to Accept

City governments have a limited capacity to accept the advice of academic or other outside experts, according to the panelists at a discussion sponsored by the Policy Studies Organization at the 1981 Annual Meeting.

Personal and organizational factors, as opposed to the academic quality of the work, were seen as the key ingredients of successful consulting relationships at the workshop on "Academic-Practitioner Interaction and Policy-Oriented Research," which was chaired by Steve Redburn and