

# Presidential Greatness

## How Americans Think about It and How Political Scientists Measure It

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Debates about presidential greatness have been with us for decades, facilitated by numerous systematic surveys. However, the voice of political scientists has been relatively muted in such debates, in particular if compared with the role that historians have had in making these determinations. Prof. Vaughn's lecture introduces and assesses results of a recent effort to capture the attitudes of political science presidency experts about presidential greatness.

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