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## Fair Division and Politics

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**Abstract.** The origins of fair division—and, in particular, “divide-and-choose”—are traced back to the Bible, ancient Greece, and the work of the 17th-century English political theorist, James Harrington. Its modern manifestations in the Law of the Sea, and “filter-and-choose” in the American legislative arena, are discussed, with particular attention given to how information available to the players may affect their choices.

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