

POLI 718 Agenda Setting, Baumgartner, Spring 2017

Questions for week 14, Boydston, *Making the News*

1. This book started out as a dissertation. Review the logistics of it. Not counting the polish, and discounting any false-starts, review how she did this within the scope of a PhD. What were the logistics of data collection? Review it chapter by chapter to think about how much data collection / analysis / writing. What could be out-sourced to an assistant while you wrote another chapter?
2. If the media are disproportionate information processors, what are the implications of using media coverage as indicators of attention? Indicators of severity of problems?
3. Evaluate Chapter 5 in detail.
4. Evaluate Chapter 7 in detail.
5. Compare and contrast Chapters 5 and 7. Which is a better test of the ideas in Chapter 2?
6. Boydston puts a lot of the focus on mimicking. How do you think these ideas and style of analysis would apply to social media rather than to the NYT?