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Questions for Week 14 April 26

Readings: McAdam, King et al., Burstein and Linton

Questions:

1. McAdam explains congressional support for the war in Vietnam by looking at votes and also at the number of political protests. How could you build a larger model of this process? We now have a dataset linked to the agendas project listing all protest reported in the NYTimes from 1965 to 2000; the same dataset McAdam used. What possibilities does that open up?
2. Compare McAdam and King et al; both use the same dataset. What is similar in the analysis, what is different?
3. Burstein takes seriously the idea that sociologists and political scientists should read each other's work. Why is this so rare? What do we gain from it, according to his article?