PLSC 497B

Protest, Social Movements and Public Policy Baumgartner and McCarthy

- 1. Civil and Political rights
- 2. 13 Multiple rights related issues.
- 3. Time span.
- 4. Hypothesis 1: protests and congressional hearings.
- 5. Hypothesis 2: Legitimacy--Past rights hearings and new hearings.
- 6. Hypothesis 3: Competition.
- 7. Dependent variable.
- 8. Independent variables:
 - A. Protest: collective action
 - B. Issue legitimacy
 - C. Issue competition.
 - D. Organizational resources
 - E. Interest group strength
 - F. Media attention
 - G. Public opinion
 - H. Political opportunity structure:
 - a. Previously enacted laws
 - b. Court cases
 - c. Electoral competition.
- 9. Control variables:
 - a. Number of committees.
 - b. Hearings on traditional issues.
- 10. Results:
- 11. Conclusions