

POLS 4530: Political Parties

Agenda Topic 3

Topic 3: Sundquist's Model of Party Realignment

- A. What is a Political Party?
- B. Sundquist's Basic Model
- C. Types of Realignments:
 - 1. No Realignment;
 - 2. Neither Party is Replaced;
 - 3. One Party is Replaced;
 - 4. Both Parties are Replaced
- D. The Essential Dynamic – *The Center Does Not Hold*
- E. Five Variables That Affect Realignment:
 - 1. Breadth and Depth of the Underlying Grievance;
 - 2. Capacity to Provoke Resistance;
 - 3. Leadership;
 - 4. Division of Polar Blocs Between the Parties;
 - 5. Strength of Existing Party Attachments