

POLI 100B: Congress

Agenda Topic 5: Congressional Elections

A. Turnout and Trust

- 1. Turnout in Presidential and Off-Year Elections**
- 2. Trust in Government**
- 3. The Impact of Trust on Turnout**

B. Erikson and Wright (D&O Chapter 4)

- 1. Spending Preferences**
- 2. Issues**
- 3. Incumbency Advantage**
- 4. Ideology**

C. Herrnson and Curry (D&O Chapter 5) – Issues and Issue Voting

D. Sulkin (D&O Chapter 6) – Issues, Promises, and Responsiveness

E. Electoral Realignment (P&R, Chapter 5)

- 1. Electoral Realignment in the 1850s**
- 2. Electoral Realignment in the 1890s**
- 3. Electoral Realignment in the 1930s**

D. Campaign Finance