

## **POLI 100C: Political Parties**

**Agenda: 7 February 2008**

### **Topic 2: The Early Republic: 1789 – 1824 (Continued)**

9. The Election of 1824

10. The Election of 1828

### **Topic 3: Sundquist's Model of Party Realignment**

1. Basic Model

2. Types of Realignments: No Realignment; Neither Party is Replaced; One Party is Replaced; Both Parties are Replaced

3. The Essential Dynamic – *The Center Does Not Hold*

4. Five Variables That Affect Realignment: Breadth and Depth of the Underlying Grievance; Capacity to Provoke Resistance; Leadership; Division of Polar Blocs Between the Parties; Strength of Existing Party Attachments

### **Topic 4: The First Political Party System: 1829 – 1852**

1. The Founders Tried to Duck The Issue of Slavery

2. The Invention of the Cotton Gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 made Cotton Production and therefore *Slavery* highly profitable

3. General Features of the Whig-Democrat Political Party System – 1826 – 1852 (Whigs collapsed after the Compromise of 1850)

4. The Economy Before the Civil War – How it Interacted with the Democrat-Whig Political Party System

5. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories –  
1820 – 1850
6. The Compromise of 1850
7. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – the  
1850s