



## API-414 Citizen Politics

### 1. Roadmap of the class



### Structure:

1. Overview and roadmap:
  - Aims, structure, assignments
2. Challenges of understanding citizen politics
  - Russ Dalton Ch1
3. Expansion of social survey resources
4. Paired discussion exercise: Survey methods and public opinion

## 1. OVERVIEW AND ROADMAP

### Overview: What is 'citizen politics'?

- Public opinion and mass behavior
- Role of ordinary people in democratic and non-democratic regimes
- Citizens, voters, protestors, campaign workers, community activists, party members, political spectators
- Dalton: focuses on post-industrial nations and Western democracies: US, Britain, Germany France
- Expand comparative framework in social surveys

### Class structure



#### 1. Introduction:

The growth of survey tools and datasets



#### 2. Theoretical framework:

Theories and evidence of citizen activism



#### 3. Analytics:

Testing accounts of citizen activism

### Resources

- **Required readings**
  - Russell J. Dalton. 2008. *Citizen Politics: Public opinion and political parties in advanced industrialized democracies*. Washington DC, CQ Press. ISBN: 9 780872895379. \$32.20
  - Glenn Firebaugh. 2008. *Seven Rules for Social Research*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. ISBN: 9780691135670. \$18.70
  - Articles and websites
- **Recommended supplementary readings**
  - For reports and assignments
- **Class survey datasets**
  - Taubman Lab hands-on sessions Stata and SPSS

## Class homepage www.pippanorris.com



## Assignments

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| Assignment 1 (10%)<br>11 Feb                 | • Lab exercise               |
| Assignment 2 (20%)<br>16 <sup>th</sup> March | • Literature review report   |
| Assignment 3 (10%)<br>6 <sup>th</sup> April  | • Lab exercise               |
| Assignment 4 (10%)<br>13 <sup>th</sup> April | • Memo plan for final report |
| Assignment 5 (40%)<br>29 <sup>th</sup> April | • Final research report      |

## 2. CHALLENGES OF UNDERSTANDING CITIZEN POLITICS

## A new style of citizen politics?

- Russ Dalton *Citizen Politics* Ch 1
- Socioeconomic transformation of Western societies (modernization)
- Daniel Bell – post-industrial societies
  - Economic conditions: affluence
  - Restructured work force: service sector
  - Urbanization
  - Social interaction, lifestyles, and community networks
  - Educational opportunities
  - Citizen access to political information
  - Expansion of the welfare state

## Consequences for citizen politics?

- Shifts in political participation
  - especially a decline in electoral turnout
- Growth of 'contentious politics':
  - Protests, citizen action groups, boycotts, and new social movements
- Value shifts and alternative political agenda
  - Social equality, environmental protection, gender equality, human rights
- Change in partisan politics
  - more fragmentation and volatility, partisan dealignment
- New parties:
  - new left (greens) and new right (radical right)
- Skepticism about traditional authorities
- New tensions for citizen politics in democratic states
- *In your experience, are these general patterns found in most Western states? Are they evident elsewhere?*



## 3. EXPANSION OF SURVEY RESOURCES

## Rots of survey research

- 1963 Almond and Verba *The Civic Culture*
  - First comparative survey of political culture
  - Causes of democratic stability
    - Mexico, Italy, Britain, France, Germany
  - Affective and cognitive orientations
    - Concepts of political efficacy, trust, confidence, duty
  - Civic cultures stable, balanced and moderate
    - Avoid excessive apathy and disengagement
    - Avoid excessive agitation and heated protest
- Continuing themes, new survey resources

Series	Series started (i)	Frequency	Total nations (latest survey) (ii)	Data downloadable (iii)	Coordinating Organization	Online resources Http://
Euro-barometer and related studies	1970	Bi-annual	27	Public archives	Antonia PAPA-COSTAS, Directorate General Press & Comms, European Commission	Organizing & reports: <a href="http://europe.eu.int/comm/public_opinion/">http://europe.eu.int/comm/public_opinion/</a> Data and continuity guides from ZUMA, Cologne Archive: <a href="http://www.esis.org/en/data_service/eurobarometer">www.esis.org/en/data_service/eurobarometer</a>
European Values/ World Values Study	1981-1983	Approx. 5 years	92	Public archives	Ronald INGLEHART, of Research,	Organizing and data: <a href="http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/">www.worldvaluessurvey.org/</a>
International Social Survey Program (ISSP)	1985	Annual	38	Public archives	Secretariat: Bjorn HENRICHSEN, Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD),	Organizing: <a href="http://www.issp.org/">www.issp.org/</a> Data and continuity guide from the ZUMA Cologne Archive: <a href="http://www.esis.org/en/data_service/issp/">www.esis.org/en/data_service/issp/</a>
Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)	1996-2001	Module every 5 years	31	Public archives	Secretariat: David HOWELL, ISR, . Chair: Ian McAllister, ANU	Organizing and data: <a href="http://www.cses.org">http://www.cses.org</a>
Comparative National Election Study	1990	Irregular	19	Public archives	Richard GUNTHER,	Organizing and data: <a href="http://www.cnes.ics.uf.pl/">http://www.cnes.ics.uf.pl/</a>

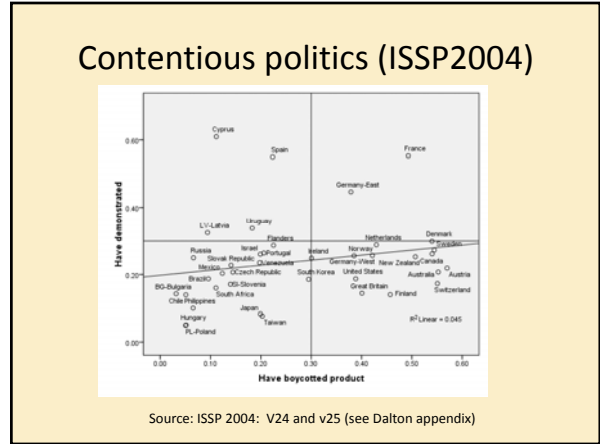
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New Barometers	1991	Irregular	16		Richard ROSE, CSPP,	<a href="http://www.cspp.stath.ac.uk">www.cspp.stath.ac.uk</a>
Afrobarometer	1999	Annual	18	Public archives	Michael BRATTON ( ), Robert MATTES (DASA, SA) and Dr E. GYMAH-BOADI (CDD )	<a href="http://www.afrobarometer.org">www.afrobarometer.org</a>
Latino-barometer	1995	Annual	18	Tables only	Marta MORI,	<a href="http://www.latinobarometro.org">www.latinobarometro.org</a>
Asian barometer	2001	Annual	17		Yun-han	<a href="http://www.asiasbarometer.org">www.asiasbarometer.org</a> <a href="http://www.asiasbarometer.org">http://www.asiasbarometer.org</a>
Arab Barometer	2005	Annual	5		Mark Tessler,	<a href="http://arabbarometer.org/">http://arabbarometer.org/</a>
The European Social Survey (ESS)	2002	Biennial	21	Public archives	Roger JOWELL, Center for Comparative Social Surveys,	Organizing: <a href="http://national02.uhost.ut.au.net">http://national02.uhost.ut.au.net</a> Data from the Norwegian archive: <a href="http://ess.med.uib.no">http://ess.med.uib.no</a>
Transatlantic Trends	2002	Annual	13	Public archives	Mr William Bohlen, German Fund of the and the Compagnia di San Paolo	<a href="http://www.transatlantictrends.org">http://www.transatlantictrends.org</a>
The Pew Global Attitudes Survey	2002	Irregular	54	Via website	Andrew KOHUT, Director, The for the People & the Press	<a href="http://pewglobal.org/">http://pewglobal.org/</a>
International Voice of the People	2002	Annual	60	Only tables released	Meri JAMES, Secretary General	<a href="http://www.voice-of-the-people.net">www.voice-of-the-people.net</a>

## 4. PAIRED DISCUSSION EXERCISE

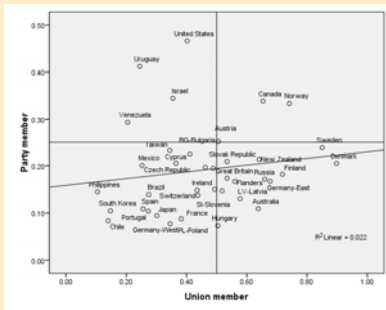
## Is a new style of citizen politics emerging?

- Break into pairs
- Here is some data from the International Social Survey Program (ISSP) 2004

1. Does this show that a new style of citizen politics is emerging in postindustrial societies?
2. How would you seek to explain these patterns?
3. What other survey items would you suggest could be useful to test the Dalton thesis?



### Conventional activism (ISSP2004)



Source: ISSP 2004: V34 and v35 (see Dalton appendix)

**NEXT CLASS: THE GLOBALIZATION OF PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH**