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