

Political Science BC3502y
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COMPARATIVE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

Course Description: Readings, discussions, and research on modern political movements – their origins, development, goals, strategies, and ideologies; why they succeed or fail. Case studies may include national liberation, transnational, and working-class movements, as well as the women's and civil rights movements in the United States.

Requirements: Regular attendance, class participation, one in-class presentation, a brief research proposal, and a 25-page research paper, due May 3.

Draft Syllabus

January 22	Introduction to the course
January 29	Theories of Collective Action, I Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , prefaces, introduction, parts I, II, IV
February 5	Theories of Collective Action, II V.I. Lenin, <i>What Is to Be Done</i> (selections) Mancur Olson, <i>The Logic of Collective Action</i>
February 12	Organization, Leadership, and Oligarchy Robert Michels, <i>Political Parties</i> , pp. 43-223, 307-311, 333-356, 364-371
February 19	Labor Struggles in America Frances Fox Piven and Richard Cloward, <i>Poor People's Movements: Why They Succeed, How They Fail</i> , pp. 1-40, 96-180
February 26	The Civil Rights Movement Doug McAdam, <i>Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency, 1930-1970</i> , ch. 1-4, 6-9 Piven and Cloward, <i>Poor People's Movements</i> , pp. 181-253
March 5	The Student Movement of the 1960's Todd Gitlin, <i>The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage</i> , ch. 12-18
March 19	The Women's Movement Sara Evans, <i>Personal Politics: The Roots of Women's Liberation in the Civil Rights Movement and the New Left</i> Jane J. Mansbridge, <i>Why We Lost the ERA</i>
March 26	The Struggle Against Apartheid

Anthony Marx, *Lessons of Struggle: South Africa's Internal Opposition, 1960-1990*

April 2

Environmental Politics

Russell Dalton, *The Green Rainbow: Environmental Groups in Western Europe*, pp. 25-50, 137-149, 177-212

April 9

Transnational Movements

Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*, ch. 1, 3-6

Margaret E. Keck, "Social Equity and Environmental Politics in Brazil: Lessons from the Rubber Tappers of Acre"

April 16

Readings to be determined

April 23

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April 30

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