

POLI 100B: Congress

Agenda: 28 February 2008

Topic 4: 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

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

C. Poole and Rosenthal, Chapter 5

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

Topic 5: The Internal Organization of Congress