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"Electoral Realignments," at Workshop on Political Institutions, University of Michigan

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David--I'm so sorry--I'll be in Washington that day for an NES planning meeting, as will Nancy Burns and Don Kinder. I very clearly remember your remarks from--well, we won't say how many years ago, on this topic, and of course I'll read the book. But I would very much have liked to hear you in person and perhaps wangle an invitation to the dinner.

Chris

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On Friday, Feb. 14, Professor David Mayhew will give a talk in the Political Science department's Workshop on Political Institutions. His talk is entitled:

"Electoral Realignments: A Critique of an American Genre"

The talk will be held from 10am-noon in the Eldersveld Room of the Political Science department (5670 Haven Hall). The talk is based on a just-released book of the same name (Yale University Press).

As one of the most eminent scholars of American politics, Professor Mayhew needs no introduction. Nevertheless, here goes:

David Mayhew is Sterling Professor of Political Science at Yale University. He has been an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, a Hoover National Fellow, a Sherman Fairchild Fellow at the California Institute of Technology, a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, a member of the American Political Science Association National Council, a member of the board of overseers of the National Election Studies of the Center for Political Studies, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2000-2001, he was John M. Olin Visiting Professor in American Government at Nuffield College, Oxford. His research concerns U.S. legislative behavior, U.S. political parties, and U.S. policymaking. Publications include: Party Loyalty Among Congressmen; Congress: The Electoral Connection; Placing Parties in American Politics; Divided We Govern; and America's Congress: Actions in the Public Sphere, James Madison through Newt Gingrich.
Please join us for what promises to be a lively and interesting discussion.

cheers,

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I'm thinking of a short book I recently read, and wonder if any of you have read it? Who?

I haven't read the whole book (dreaded not being killed), but I want to give a sufficient taste of it.

(4) It's a culled work
- I haven't read that before
- It's trimmed critically
  - but I hope it's utility:
    a) ground clearing
    b) gaining an overview (an architecture of sorts)
    c) drawn together various bits (abstract history, some new stuff)
    d) requires some new (at least under-prepared)
      - linear reading + analyses.

(5) It's a fantasy work
- rooted on original scholarship
- inc. others' data + data analysis, which I can't say I have
  - command of myself
  - Brian
  - CF2
  - Tony
  - [fieldName]

It's bogey, the DR genre, an interpretation + engagement of US political history, that goes back to the 1950s/60s
- This is great work - TOOS - my admir-
- can invent a different 21st CF2, Rock, Brady

Not the way (you can't get it and
- but still influential
  - in APS, minnors, etc.
  - phosphates
  - you can't get it out
More specifically, what is the EC “cyclical” or “cyclical” (WDB):

- a cyclical relationship
- question mark = EC
- the question of role awareness, decision, and consequences of US history
- as seen in climate, economics, and electoral cycles
- 1800, 1828, 1860, 1896, 1932 (+ percentage)
- relative follow-up, if between
- and a dynamic without the cyclical
- and mix in... other facts

My line of analysis: to resolve the EC can restate

- 15 empirical claims, or claims w. empirical sides to them
- having to do w. alleged causes, precursors, properties, indicators, outcomes, or consequences of ECs
- and prove them for

1) Empirical validity
2) Illuminative power

(Post 81, out the 1/2)

(on current evidence)

I don't believe any of them hold up very well.

Here let me deal with just a few of these claims, and then go on...
1) Big dundle Galician revolts occur
   when they suffered it, and northern ones, in its history
   (give them a pass on past -1922)

   a) as stated earlier
      Badly, CF
      1) says
      2) similar
      1921 - Czar a viable
      1876, 1878, 1879, 1912, 1920, 1940
      NB: dundle - 1876 kekumum
      (perhaps I'm missing 82)

   b) as mentioned
      1898-99 - (O.K.) de gift elections
      1879-767? - 1900-11
      1920-
      Also, not Archetism

2) Motivs to a cyclical dynamic
   a) Henning Brody - F. Revising WC: Marxist
      - built 1893, 1929 - and new ones - 1870, 1909

   b) 81
      1) need
      2) derivative
      (yes, China + 1931... but...)

3) Magna
   a) necessary & sufficient cause
      - HD Scott, Bridge (can key a sum of all)
      - Absolutely central! (key < 1806, 1920 - but not 1921)
      - 1884-91
      - 1900-20
      - 1880-82
      - China - a return into a ditch
The claim? — also don't get out

See chart #2

In the face of this what?

1) recognizing: steeply on any such tendency & explain

much to be said for this

1) contingency (drought, worldwide terrorism)
2) strategy
3) valence issues (D States)

2) then are the general stresses involving votes: politics (⇒ policy & then elections)

1) The Borealis
2) bellicose (about which war = normal)
3) race
4) economic

What to do? close with

3 suggestions for Orenberg research...

1) a basic Marxist: matter

— does perception of doubled index impact

— to say yes it to accept a particular causal view here

— but why?

— the topic
— 1946

— empowerment, decisions, consequences

15
(b) Was their place...典雅、公正、英勇

---underline---

---The Civil War was the domestic war against itself---

\[ W = \text{Poor relation of the Roman Republic?} \]

1. Vote, Whigs
   1810
   1844
   1860

2. Sec. of Treas. 142 --- all but 1898

3. 1815 + 1876 killed 2 Whig

4. Senate in 1905 + 1906

(c) Categorize and analyze --- the tragedy is too recent

---e. ans---

degressen senses

certain

---UK 1896 + 1922

---Sudan: 1906

---Wass + aftermath

(chiefly Australia after WWI)

---etiology of war?

---in our 20th century?

1900-04

1936-40, 1948