

## **POLI 100K: Railroads and American Politics**

### **Agenda for Topic 1: Why Are Railroads Important?**

- 1. They Are Essential to the Modern Economy**
- 2. Intermodal (Containers and Trailers)**
- 3. Coal**
- 4. Hazardous Materials**
- 5. Railroads are the best way to move Heavy Freight Over Land.  
Railroads are more Energy Efficient and Less Polluting than Trucks.**
- 6. Their Unprecedented Economic Effects**
- 7. Private Ownership in an Almost Pure Capitalist Environment**
- 8. The Benefits and Costs of Government Regulation**
- 9. The Railroad in American Life**
- 10. The Current Railroad Network**