

## **POLI 100C: Political Parties**

**Agenda: 8 May 2007**

### **Topic 3: Sundquist's Model of Party Realignment**

1. Basic Model
2. Types of Realignments: No Realignment; Neither Party is Replaced; One Party is Replaced; Both Parties are Replaced
3. The Essential Dynamic – *The Center Does Not Hold*
4. Five Variables That Affect Realignment: Breadth and Depth of the Underlying Grievance; Capacity to Provoke Resistance; Leadership; Division of Polar Blocs Between the Parties; Strength of Existing Party Attachments

### **Topic 4: The First Political Party System: 1829 – 1852**

1. The Founders Tried to Duck The Issue of Slavery
2. The Invention of the Cotton Gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 made Cotton Production and therefore *Slavery* highly profitable
3. General Features of the Whig-Democrat Political Party System – 1826 – 1852 (Whigs collapsed after the Compromise of 1850)
4. The Economy Before the Civil War – How it Interacted with the Democrat-Whig Political Party System
5. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – 1820 – 1850
6. The Compromise of 1850

7. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – the 1850s

**Topic 5: The Second Political Party System: 1856 – 1896**

1. The Emergence of the Republican Party
2. The Election of 1860