

Pre-chewed Politics

Congress Lesson 4: How have partisanship & populism shaped Congress?

Why were average party unity scores lower in the 70s?

What led the main parties to become more ideologically polarised?

How did this ideological polarisation shape congressional elections?

How did this polarisation change incentives and behaviour in Congress?

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What is populism?
What do left and right-wing populists have in common?

How did the 2007-08 financial crisis revitalise US populism?

What impact did this revitalised populism have on congressional elections?

How did the rise of populism change incentives and behaviour in Congress?