Housing and Political Coalitions: Key Research and Debates

**Theoretical Frameworks**

[Two classic frameworks:](https://cityobservatory.org/homevoters-v-the-growth-machine/#:~:text=One%20is%20the%20%E2%80%9Cgrowth%20machine,of%20the%20land%20they%20own)

1. “Growth Machine” thesis
   1. Molotoch, 1976, “The City as a Growth Machine: Toward a Political Economy of Place”
      1. [Link](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Harvey-Molotch/publication/227991643_The_City_as_a_Growth_Machine_Toward_A_Political_Economy_of_Place/links/621d0399b1bace0083a2fd06/The-City-as-a-Growth-Machine-Toward-A-Political-Economy-of-Place.pdf)
   2. Molotoch, 1979, “Capital and Neighborhood in the United States”
      1. [Link](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/107808747901400302)
2. “Homevoter” thesis
   1. Fischel, 2001, *The Homevoter Hypothesis: How Home Values Influence Local Government Taxation, School Finance, and Land-Use Policies*
      1. [Link](https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctv1p6hp64)

**Political Economy Models of Housing**

* Ortalo-Magné and Prat, 2014, “On the Political Economy of Urban Growth: Homeownership versus Affordability”
  + [Link](https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/43189657.pdf)
* Broad idea: “property-owning democracy”
  + Think “right to buy”
  + [Link](https://neweconomics.org/2022/05/the-damaging-legacy-of-right-to-buy#:~:text=Right%20to%20buy%20embedded%20the,policy%20to%20housing%20associations%2C%20who)
* Housing Regimes
  + Kemeny, 2006, “Corporatism and Housing Regimes”
    - [Link](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/14036090500375423)
  + Stephens, 2017, “Housing Regimes 20 Years After Kemeny”
    - [Link](https://pure.hw.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/14857310/20_Years_after_Kemeny_Working_Paper_.pdf)

**Political Coalitions**

* Debtor-Creditor Relationship
  + [Review Article](https://www.chicagobooth.edu/review/thank-financial-crisis-todays-partisan-politics#:~:text=Princeton%E2%80%99s%20Nolan%20McCarty%2C%20University%20of,nots.%20That%20explanation%20has%20merit)
* Shah and Wichowsky, 2019, “Foreclosure’s Fallout: Economic Adversity and Voter Turnout”
  + [Link](https://epublications.marquette.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1079&context=polisci_fac#:~:text=,associated%20with%20a%20decline)
* [Review Article](https://ballardbrief.byu.edu/issue-briefs/home-ownership-inaccessibility-for-upcoming-generations-in-the-united-states#:~:text=,to%20their%20parent%20and)
* Einstein, Glick, and Palmer, *Neighborhood Defenders*
* Schaffner, Rhodes, and Raja, *Hometown Inequality*

Misc. Papers to Read

* Dettling and Kearney, 2025, “Did the Modern Mortgage Set the Stage for the U.S. Baby Boom?”
  + [Link](https://www.nber.org/system/files/working_papers/w33446/w33446.pdf)