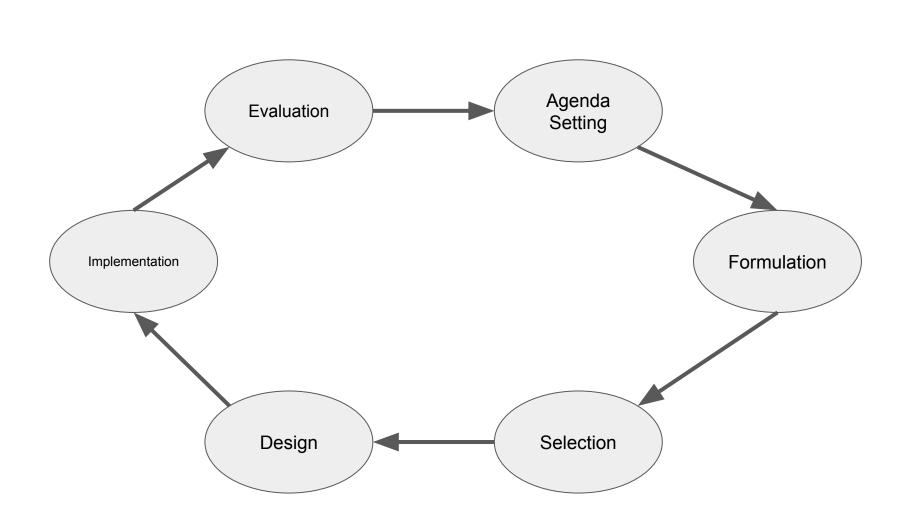
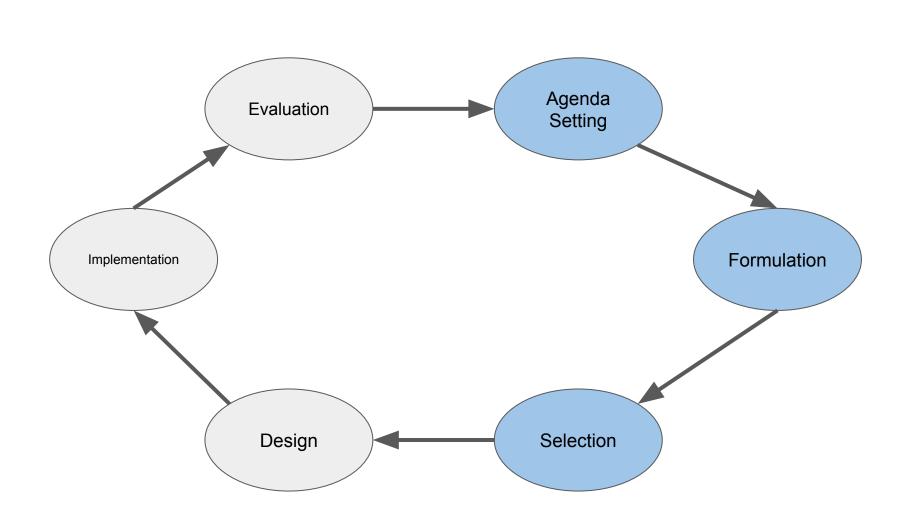
# Agendas, Salience and Power



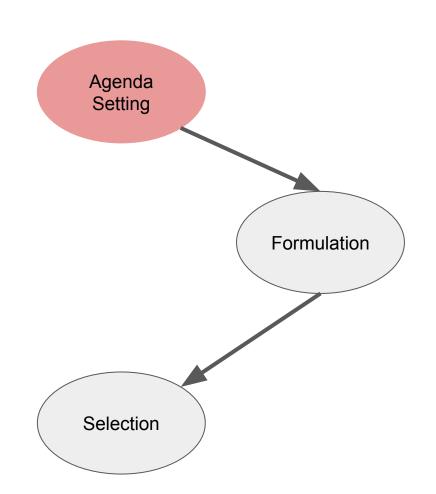


## Problem Definition

Is there a problem?

Discuss:

How can Problems make the Agenda in a Democracy?



#### **Salience**

is the importance of a particular issue for a specific actor

#### Agenda

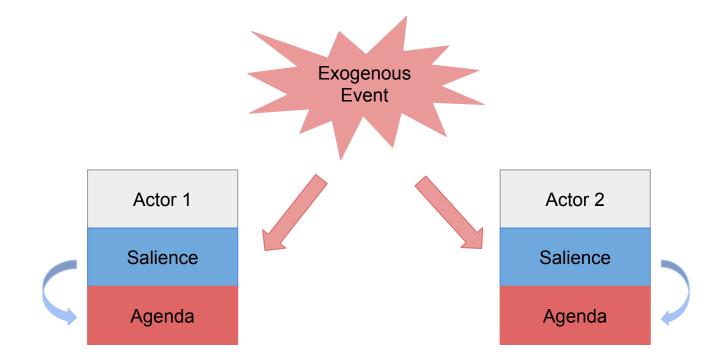
the emphasis an actor puts on a specific issue

#### Agenda Setting

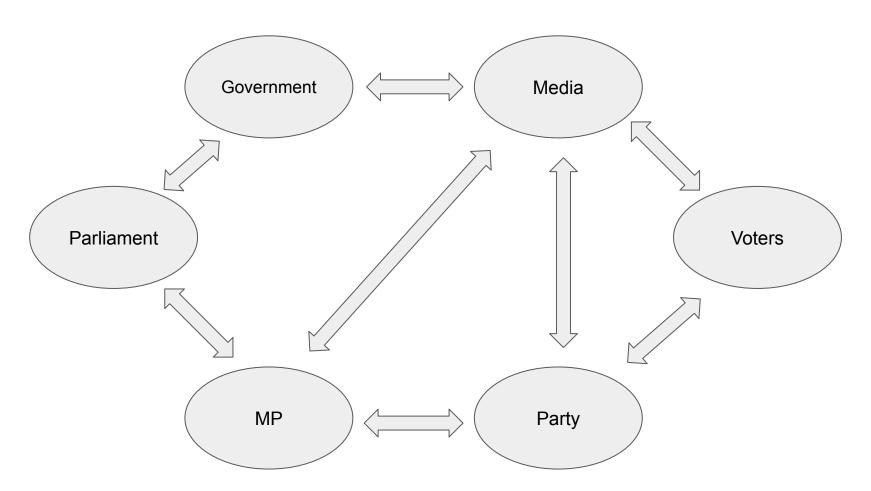


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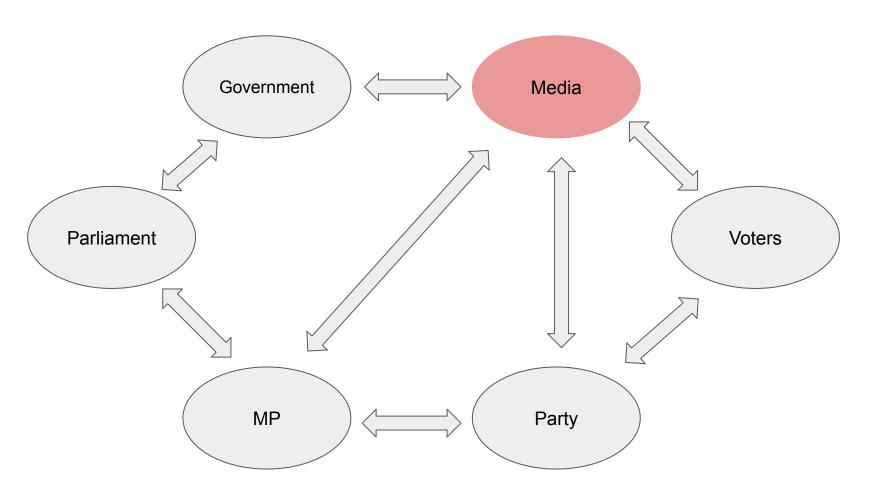
Exogenous Response



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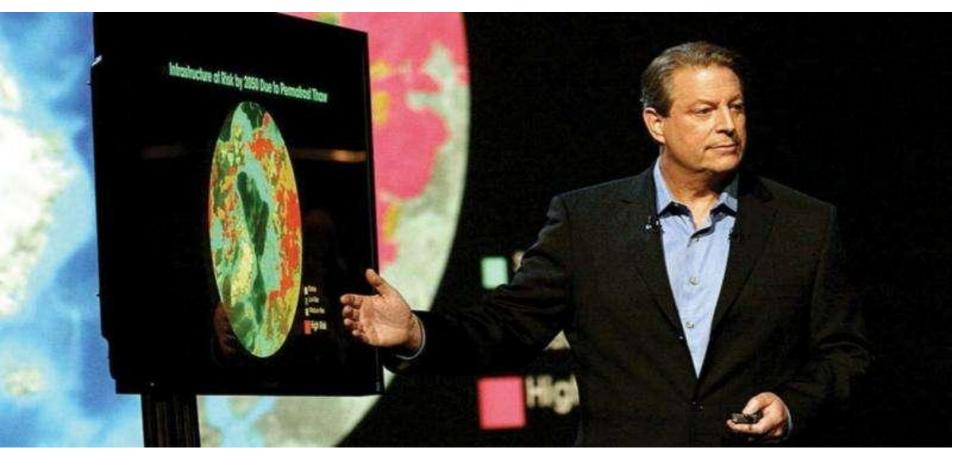


#### Discuss!

How can we conceptualize agenda setting as a form of power?

Find important issues that are not on the political agenda!

### Example



Why does nobody listen? Discuss!

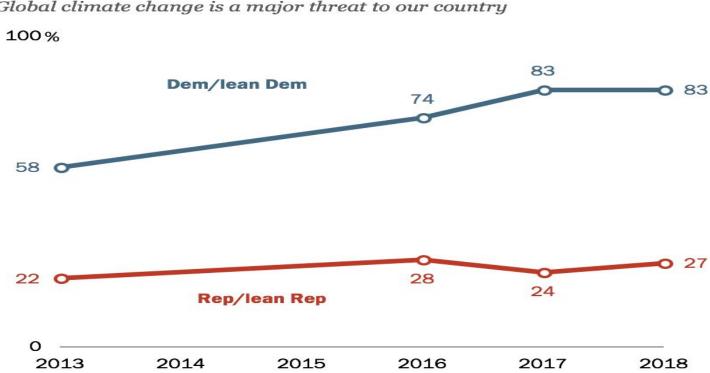
#### Climate Change as a Political Issue

- Unforeseeable consequences on a global scale
- Requires international cooperation
- Heavy trade-off with short term economic interests
- Abstract concept
- Long term damage

Low Natural Salience in most voters

#### Concerns about climate change have grown among Democrats, but not among Republicans

Global climate change is a major threat to our country

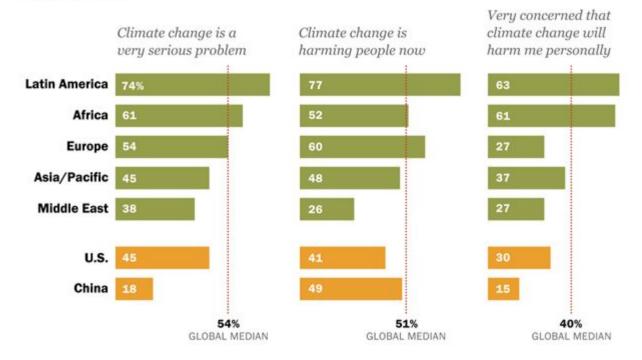


Source: Spring 2018 Global Attitudes Survey. Q22d.

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#### Latin America, Africa More Concerned about Climate Change Compared with Other Regions

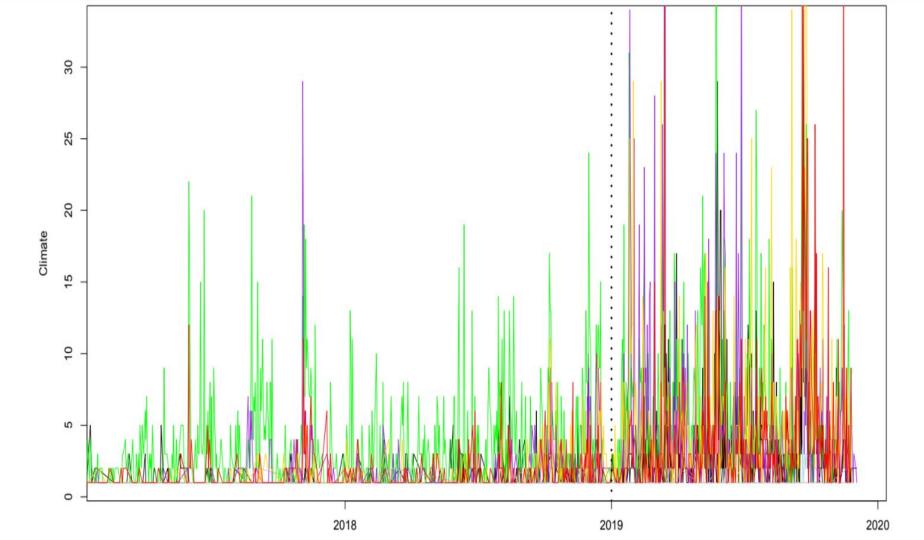
Regional medians



Note: Russia and Ukraine not included in Europe median. Asia-Pacific median includes China. Source: Spring 2015 Global Attitudes survey. Q32, Q41 & Q42.

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How can Actors set the Agenda on Climate Change?

Discuss!