

# political capital

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## outline



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also, response to problems, disasters may depend on the "importance" of place e.g. nobody cares about murders in Camden or Katrina hitting NO—these places are poor...

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