

Congress and American Foreign Policy

Announcements:

- 1) CoursePack
- 2) Test

Different Categories of Foreign Policy

--Congress has differing levels of power depending on the Category

3 Categories: 1) Crisis

2) Strategic

3) Structural

Categories Overlap

Categories Affect Each Other

How does Congress influence Foreign Policy?

1) Substantive Legislation

Limited

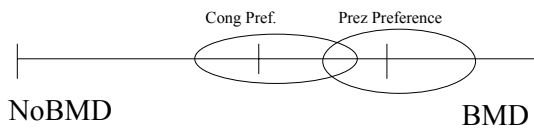
1) Diplomacy

2) Blame

3) More important Goals

Ways Congress Influences Foreign Policy

2) Informal- Anticipated Reactions



3) Procedural Legislation

5 Types 1) create agencies

2) Legislative Veto

3) New Groups

4) Conditions

5) Reporting Requirements

4) Framing Opinion

How?

--Committee Hearings

--Reports

-- Speeches and Media
Appearances

Goal of Framing:

1) Change Public Opinion

--\$600 hammer

--\$900 cup for chair leg

--\$ 76 nails

2) Pressure Executive

3) Pressure Other Countries

Grandstanding? (just kissing babies)

- 1) still has an effect
- 2) Good Strategy
- 3) Way American System is Designed

Ways the Congress can influence FP:

- 5) Sue the Executive

When is Congress more powerful

- 1) crisis- not very
 - 1) Timing
 - 2) Unity
 - 3) Electoral
- 2) strategic- more so
- 3) Structural- greatest

Internal Limits to Congress Influence

- 1) No Electoral Benefit
- 2) Culture of Deference
