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Abstract

This dissertation focuses on shifts in issue attention in the policy process and examines policy changes. Describing agenda setting is important not only for understanding congressional behavior in general but also for understanding the institutional context of other political behavior. I focus on the processes of positive feedback to explain periods of dramatic policy changes observed over a long period of time.

The purpose of this study is to examine the changes in the politics of health policy which opened the door to women's health care as an important feature of health politics. Thus, my research is motivated by three questions: (1) How do women's health concerns get on the agenda? (2) Does positive feedback through legislative entrepreneurship and composition of Congress shift attention? (3) How has women's health care policy evolved over time? The results of this study not only contribute to the agenda setting literature but also have important implications for practitioners, professional organizations and associations, researchers, patients, and others who contribute to the policy community.

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Health policy can be defined as the "decisions, plans, and actions that are undertaken to achieve specific healthcare goals within a society". According to the World Health Organization, an explicit health policy can achieve several things: it defines a vision for the future; it outlines priorities and the expected roles of different groups; and it builds consensus and informs people. Measuring Issue Attention and Agenda Setting by Legislators and the Mass Public Using Social Media Data. Aa. Aa. The Dynamics of Political Incivility on Twitter. SAGE Open, Vol. 10, Issue. 2, p. 215824402091944. TABLE 3. Correlation in Issue Attention Between Members of Congress and Groups of the Public and the Media Over 46 Political Issues.

FIGURE 1. Average Issue Attention by Groups of Politicians, the Public, and the MediaNote: Attention is represented as daily posterior LDA topic probabilities expressed in percentages. These are percentages based on all 100 topics of the LDA model.