

GLCb1014 Social Movements: Multidisciplinary Approach

Lecture 3: Contextual conditions



Contextual conditions

- Opportunities and threats
- Resources
- Social space



Political opportunities and threats (S. Tarrow)

Opportunities I will define, following Jack Goldstone and Charles Tilly, as “the [perceived] probability that social protest actions will lead to success in achieving a desired outcome” (2001: 182). “Thus,” they continue, “any changes that shift the balance of political and economic resources between a state and challengers, that weaken a state’s ability to reward its followers or opponents or to pursue a coherent policy, or that shift domestic or outside support away from the regime, increases opportunities” (pp. 182–183).

Threats, which are often seen as only the “flip side” of opportunities, are actually analytically distinct. Threat relates to the risks and costs of action or inaction, rather than the prospect of success. “Let us label the costs that a social group will incur from protest,” continue Goldstone and Tilly, “or that it expects to suffer if it does not take action, as a ‘threat.’ A group may decide to bear very high costs for protest,” they conclude, “if it believes the chances of success are high, but the same group may decide to avoid even modest costs of protest if it believes the chances of succeeding are low” (p. 183).

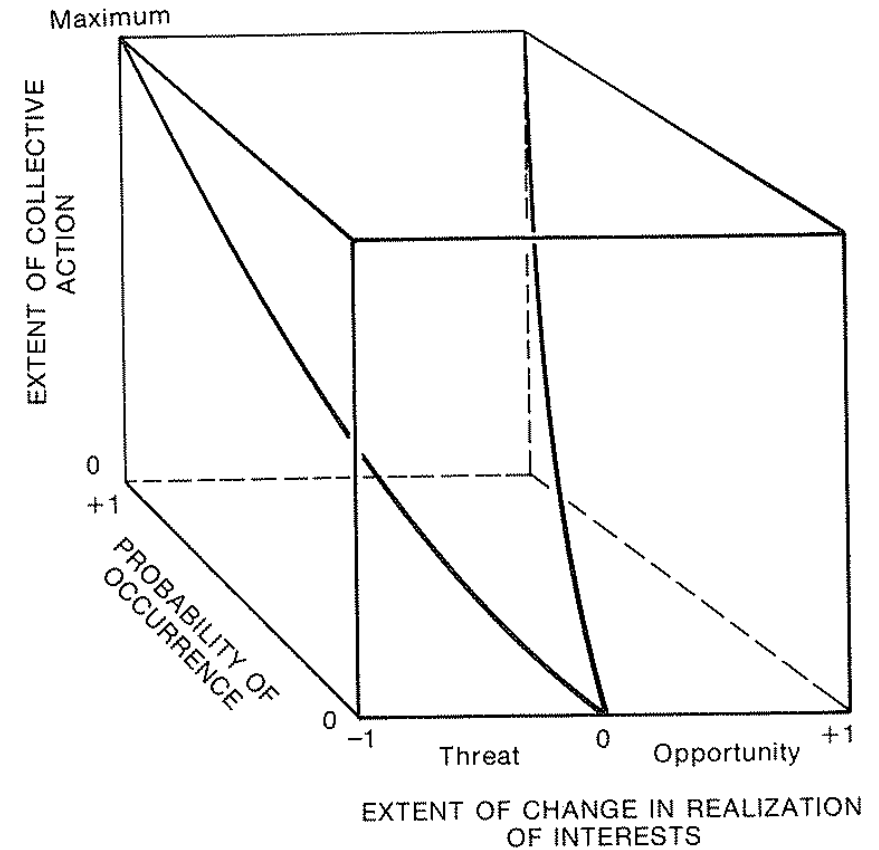
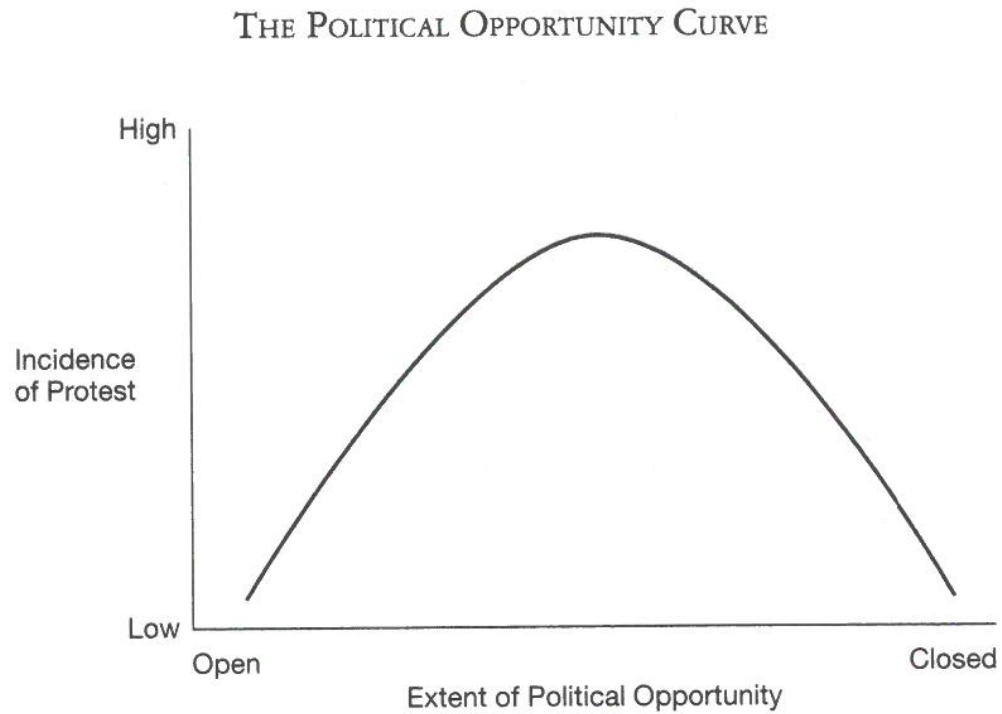


Political opportunities

- Access for new actors
- Changing political support
- Availability of influential allies
- Conflict within the elite
- Repression: hard and soft
- Objective vs. Subjective dimensions
- Institutional vs. Soft Opportunities



Political opportunities



Resources for mobilization

Table 3.1
TYPOLOGY OF RESOURCES

General Resources	Sub-Types	Examples	Properties	
			Fungible	Proprietary
Material	Money	Cash donations	Yes	Yes
	Supplies	Paper, telephones	No	Yes
	Physical Space	Meeting and office spaces	No	Yes
	Transportation	Cars, vans, pickups	Partially	Yes
	Employment	Jobs for activists	Partially	Yes
Human	Generalized Labor	Envelope stuffers, marchers, picketers	Partially	No
	Specialized Labor	Computer experts, legal council	Partially	Yes
	Leadership	Organizational and inspirational	Partially	Yes
Social-Organizational	Infrastructures	Sidewalks, streets, postal service	Yes	No
	Social networks	Extra-movement ties to individuals and organizations	Partially	Yes
	Formal organizations		Partially	Yes
Moral	Legitimacy	Positive public opinion	Partially	No
	Solidary support	Joining in the cause	Partially	No
	Celebrity	Celebrities like Bono may do both	Partially	No
Cultural	Repertoires and recipes	Organizational, tactical, and technical schema or models	No	No
	Literature, media, film, Internet, etc.	Use of these sources to frame SMO interests	No	Yes

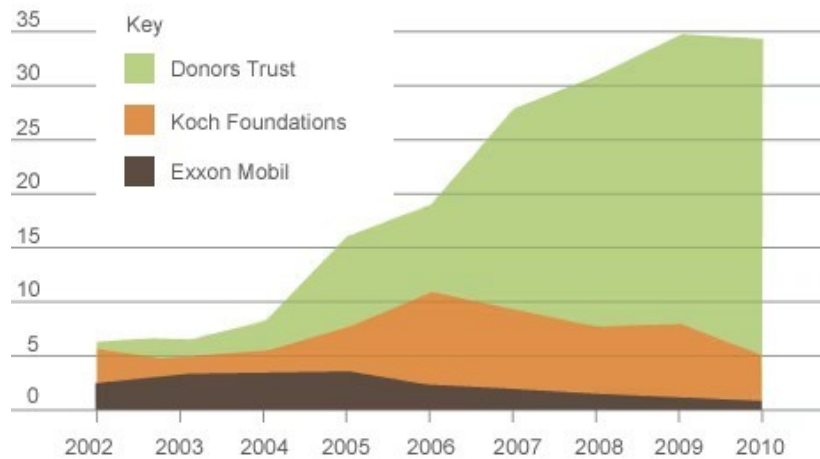
Resources for mobilization

- Types of sourcing (external vs. internal)
- Effect of external sourcing

Climate denial funds from fossil sources

Amount given to climate denial groups

40 million dollars

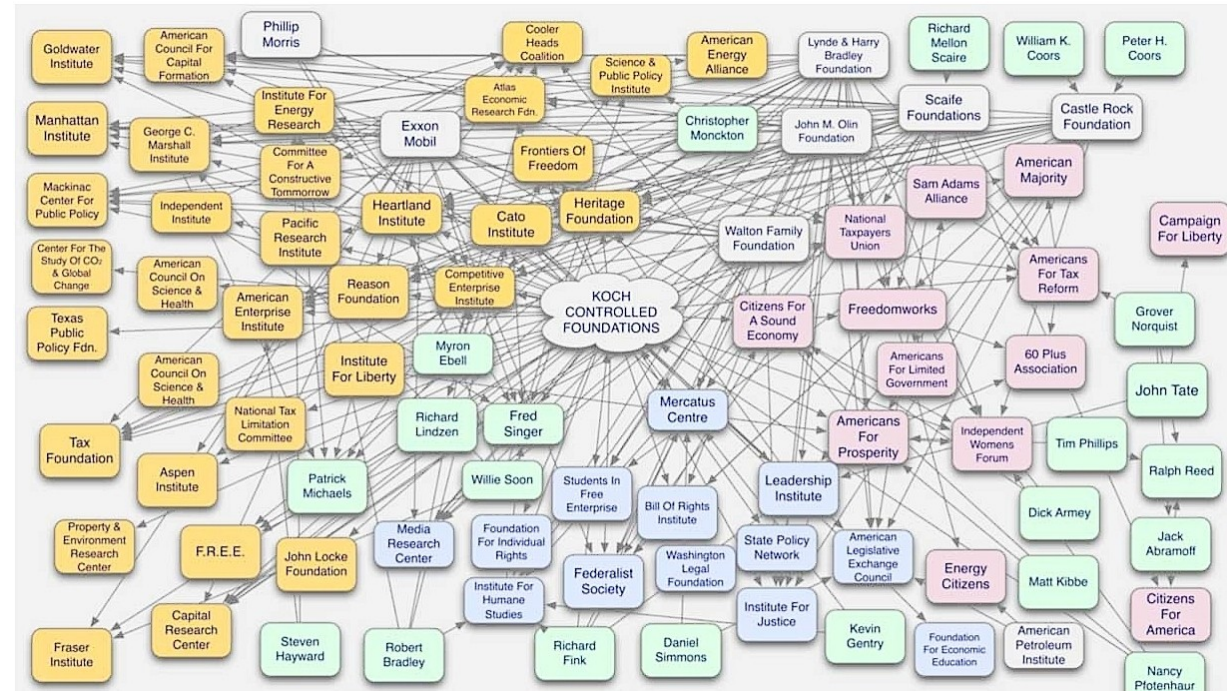


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Financování v roce 2022

PROJEKTY (DOTACE, GRANTY)	FINANČNÍ ZDROJ	ČÁSTKA (V TIS. Kč)
Digální doba a hrozby pro lidská práva	Norské Fondy	1849
EXTRA - Expansion of Transparency into the Financing of Political Parties in Kosovo	Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí ČR	1723
DemTech: Demokracie hraná technologií	Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí ČR	1438
TRAFKA: Transparent Financing of Campaigns in Serbia	Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí ČR	1290
Centrum pro podporu integrity	Ministerstvo spravedlnosti ČR	1161
NEVINA: Networkové, vzdělávací a investigativní aktivity zajišťující vitální funkce občanských struktur usilujících o podporu transparentnosti a demokratické integrity v Myanmaru a mimo něj v roce 2022	Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí ČR	1199
Equivalency determination - core financing	OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR EUROPE	829
Russia's money laundering schemes on the territory of Czech Republic	Prague Civil Society Centre	728
Protikorupční Odolnost Klimatických Agent v ČR pro rok 2022 a roky následující	Active Citizens Fund	652
Korupční imunita	Ministerstvo spravedlnosti ČR	560
Integrity Watch 3.0 (Generating Value from Data to Manage Risks and Detect Corruption in Europe)	Evropská komise	372
Fighting Corruption in Central and Eastern Europe	U.S. Department of State (CEEU Institut, o.p.s.)	187
Průběh paragrafu a korupční rizika ve veřejných institucích	Magistrát hlavního města Prahy	152
Ochrana Whistleblowerů	Active Citizens Fund	125
Grand Laundering: Transaction mapping on the Baltu - London - Prague axis	Transparency International - Secretariat	75
Educational videos aimed at raising awareness about whistleblowers protection	U.S. Embassy	39
Political Corruption Disclosed: Applying combined civic and institutional participatory oversight on parties' campaigning in public space during election year 2022. (P-COOP 2)	OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR EUROPE	20
ZAKÁZKY		
Školení s protikorupční tematikou, vzdělávací workshopy a analýzy		1002
„Detekce korupčního a dalšího nekalého jednání v rámci členů a struktury ČSLH – provoz telefonní linky, sběr elektronických podnětů“	Český svaz ledního hokeje	172
DARY		
Klub Transparency International – Česká republika	Firmní i individuální členové Klubu TI	573
Firmní dary	Firmní i individuální dárci a Darujme.cz	1168
OSTATNÉ		
Ostatní příjmy (anaky, kurzové zisky, účetní odpisy)		6
CELKEM		15 218



Ecological factors

- Social environment for mobilisation
- Population density, population type, communication options, availability of repression, physical space

