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Congress II: Mayhew and the Electoral Connection
The Electoral Connection (David Mayhew 1974)

• Assumption: Members of Congress are single-minded seekers of reelection.

• Kinds of activities:
  – Advertising
  – Credit claiming
  – Position taking
Negative Consequences of the Electoral Connection

• Delay
• Symbolism
  http://search.cbsnews.com/?source=cbs&q=Armenian+Genocide
• Particularism
• Servicing the Organized
Americans’ Faith in Congress

• How many of you have a great deal of faith in Congress as a whole?

• How many of you have a great deal of faith in your Senator/Representative?

• www.pollingreport.com/institut.htm