Social Movements and Networks
SOC134N

A social movement may be defined as a growth or decline in the number of individuals who have a particular attitudinal or behavioral orientation toward an object. The movement may be of short duration or sustained. The object of orientation may be a particular individual, group, social category, event, practice, policy, or institution, i.e., any object of orientation. The attitudinal orientation toward the object might be strongly negative, strongly positive, or between these extremes. The behavioral orientation toward the object may take a variety of forms, including decisions to join and support particular organizations or collective actions intended to alter particular policies and behavior, or to overturn the leaders or governments that support policies and behaviors perceived to be objectionable. Social movements may be usefully understood in terms social network structures, the opinion dynamics that unfold in these structures, and the behavioral cascades that are sometimes generated by these dynamics.

Weeks 1-2
Social Networks

Weeks 3-4
Macro Social Movements

First Writing Assignment (100 points).
Due on Gauchospace Tuesday Week 5.

Weeks 5-6
Currents of Work on Micro Social Movements

Weeks 7-8
Currents of Work on Micro Social Movements

Second Writing Assignment (100 points).
Due on Gauchospace Tuesday Week 9.

Weeks 9-10
Social Movements and Social Networks

Final Writing Assignment (100 points). To be announced.
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