

What Can Political Scientists Teach Us about Global Health?

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- I. Introduction: Political Science Concepts & Analysis
- II. Principal- Agent Problems
 - A. Principals with Preferences & Resources
 - Examples: donors, powerful states
(See Lee 2009; Benton 2015; Crane 2013)
 - B. Agents: Preferences, Cultures & Expertise
 - Examples: WHO, NGOs, local communities
(See Lee 2009; Anderson & Patterson forthcoming; Renne 2010)
 - C. Example: Infectious Disease Control at the Global Level
 - WHO versus Donor Governments
(See Youde 2012; Busby et al. 2016)
 - Ebola & Zika
(See Patterson 2016)
 - D. Example: Global AIDS Responses versus Local Priorities



- III. Framing of Health Issues & Prioritization
 - A. Ideas and Audience Matter for prioritization
 - How are issues explained? How are they understood by audiences?
(See Shiffman & Smith 2007; Tomlinson & Lund 2012)
 - B. Frames Used in Global Health
(See McGinnis et al. 2012)
 - Security
 - Economic
 - Development
 - Human Rights
 - Evidence-Based Medicine
 - C. Examples of Framing and Policy Prioritization

- AIDS (Security & Human Rights)
(See Rushton 2012; Elbe 2009; Price-Smith 2009)
- Global Surgery Access (Economic)
(See Shawar et al. 2015)

IV. Incentives for States to Cooperate with Other States on Health Issues

- A. Norms and Reputations (“naming and shaming”)
(See Kapstein & Busby 2013; Davies, Kamradt-Scott & Rushton 2015)
- B. Strategic Goals
(See Elbe 2009)
- C. Political Opportunities (“disasters, discoveries, events”)
(See Shiffman & Smith 2007)

Ultimately.... Politics Matter



Helpful Readings on Politics of Global Health
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