

## **Week 6: Explaining Social Revolution**

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Lesson Plan: Revolutionary Bingo

- Reminders:*
- (1) Upload papers to the course dropbox by 5pm on Friday
  - (2) Can pick up papers October 22<sup>nd</sup> after class, or October 24<sup>th</sup> during section.
  - (3) Make sure to write your HUID number beside name on sign-in sheet

Things to have:

- Folder to collect papers
  - Bingo “chips”
  - Some sort of prize
  - Bingo sheets
  - Some sort of randomization device
1. Students are handed out bingo cards with authors on one axis and some major categories on the other axis. Cards are blank, students are separated into groups and told to spend 15-20 minutes working together to fill in the sheet.
  2. Play bingo. As students put down their chips, we can go over the “right” answer to the box after each draw.
  3. Leave some time at the end to discuss what theories they found most compelling, application of these theories to cases they read about.

[Other back pocket discussion questions – from Evann Smith]

- Marx believes there have always been class struggles throughout the course of history—how is his own time special? What are the mechanisms by which the Communist revolution will come about? Is Marx entirely critical of capitalism, or does he think there are good things about it too? If Marx thinks revolution is inevitable, why does he need to write a Communist Manifesto calling the proletarians of the world to unite?
- To what extent is Davies responding to Marx? (To what extent is Skocpol responding to Marx?) What does Davies mean by the “mood” of a people? Where do societal expectations come from, and how are they met or not met?
- What does Skocpol mean by the “potential autonomy of the state”? What view is she arguing against in proposing such a role of the state in her theory of social revolutions? What exactly is the state potentially autonomous from, and what are the implications?
- Skocpol cites a quote from abolitionist Wendell Phillips: “Revolutions are not made; they come.” Do you agree? Would Skocpol? Marx? Davies? Selbin?

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