

PSC 336
Money and Politics
Reading Questions for February 6

Reading: Olson, Mancur. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*. Excerpts: Ch. 1 (Sections A, B, nontechnical summary of D), Ch. 6 (Sections D and H).

Class Journal Questions:

- What is a public good?
- Then, in your own words, summarize Olson's argument for why public goods are difficult to provide in groups. What does this have to do with political influence?

Answers are due in your class journal by the start of class.