II: Evidence

“There is a lot of talk these days about what the aims of the country should be for the next ten years. On this card are listed some of the goals which different people would give as top priority. Would you please say which of these you consider the most important? And which would be the next most important?

- Maintaining order in the nation
- Giving people more say in important government decisions
- Fighting rising prices
- Protecting freedom of speech”
Evidence in Chapter 3

- Is economic development linked with cultural values?
- Do the values cluster in predictable patterns?
- How does region and religion influence cultural values?

See reading in packet
Cohort Analysis: EU
Cohort Analysis
Criticisms?

- Measure of post-materialism
- Evidence – complex pattern across advanced industrialized societies e.g. environmental movement, green parties
- Evidence – religious/regional patterns
- Economic-cultural determinism?
- Implications for democracy in pre-industrial society e.g. India?
Next class

Read Putnam: Bowling Alone on Social Capital and Civic Engagement