Party in the Street
The Antiwar Movement and the Democratic Party after 9/11

*Party in the Street* explores the interaction between political parties and social movements in the United States. Examining the collapse of the post-9/11 antiwar movement against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, this book focuses on activism and protest in the United States. It argues that the electoral success of the Democratic Party and President Barack Obama, as well as antipathy toward President George W. Bush, played a greater role in this collapse than did changes in foreign policy. It shows that how people identify with social movements and political parties matters a great deal, and it considers the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street as comparison cases.

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“In *Party in the Street*, Heaney and Rojas show how overlapping movement and partisan identities shape political activism and the ebb and flow of social movements themselves. Focusing on the puzzle of activism in the post-9/11 antiwar movement, the authors offer a unique and compelling theoretical framework and marshal an impressive array of empirical evidence, ranging from organizational and legislative networks to movement event data. Taking excellent advantage of the unique opportunity to study a movement as it unfolded, the authors not only engage in participant observation but they field well-designed survey instruments to protesters as well – no small feat! – producing unprecedented insight into the conflicting motivations and goals of movement activists. The result is a distinctive accounting of the dynamics of various political identities that helps us understand the political fortunes of both social movements and political parties in the United States.”

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9/11 The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001
AARP (formerly) American Association of Retired Persons
AASS American Anti-Slavery Society
ACORN Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
AFL American Federation of Labor
AFL-CIO American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations
AIDS Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
ANSWER Act Now to Stop War and End Racism
CPA Coalition Provisional Authority
CSUSIME Coalition to Stop U.S. Intervention in the Middle East
DNC Democratic National Convention
IMF International Monetary Fund
IVAW Iraq Veterans Against the War
LBJ Lyndon Baines Johnson
MGJC Mobilization for Global Justice Coalition
MTV Music Television
NAACP National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NCPME National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East
RNC Republican National Convention
SANE Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy
SDS Students for a Democratic Society
SOFA Status of Forces Agreement
TEA Taxed Enough Already
TPP Tea Party Patriots
UFP United for Peace
UFPJ United for Peace and Justice
USA PATRIOT Uniting (and) Strengthening America (by) Providing Appropriate Tools Required (to) Intercept (and) Obstruct Terrorism
WTO World Trade Organization