Bibliography of Research on Critical Junctures

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This bibliography includes works in the critical juncture tradition, including also studies that—while not explicitly framed as studies of critical junctures—adopt a similar approach to comparative historical analysis.

The bibliography is organized in three sections. The first addresses the concept of critical juncture and how it is used in explanations of macro outcomes. The next section addresses methodological issues in testing critical juncture hypotheses, with special attention to the challenge of basing these tests on qualitative evidence.

The third section demonstrates the remarkable range of substantive topics addressed by critical juncture studies, along with other works of comparative-historical analysis that are closely akin to the critical juncture tradition. This section is organized as follows.

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