# Tutorial

### Key reading

The key reading for this topic is Anthony Downs article (1972) 'Up and Down with Ecology: the Issue Attention cycle', Public Interest, 28 p 35 - 50.

### Graph

### Tutorial and learning log task

Read Downs article and write a one paragraph summary (200 words)

Look at the graph and try to describe in three short bullet points (50 words) what you think the graph tells you about:

* Public concern for environmental matters
* If governmental agendas responded to this concern
* How helpful the theory of democratic responsiveness is when interpreting this graph?

# Additional reading

### Background reading from text books

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