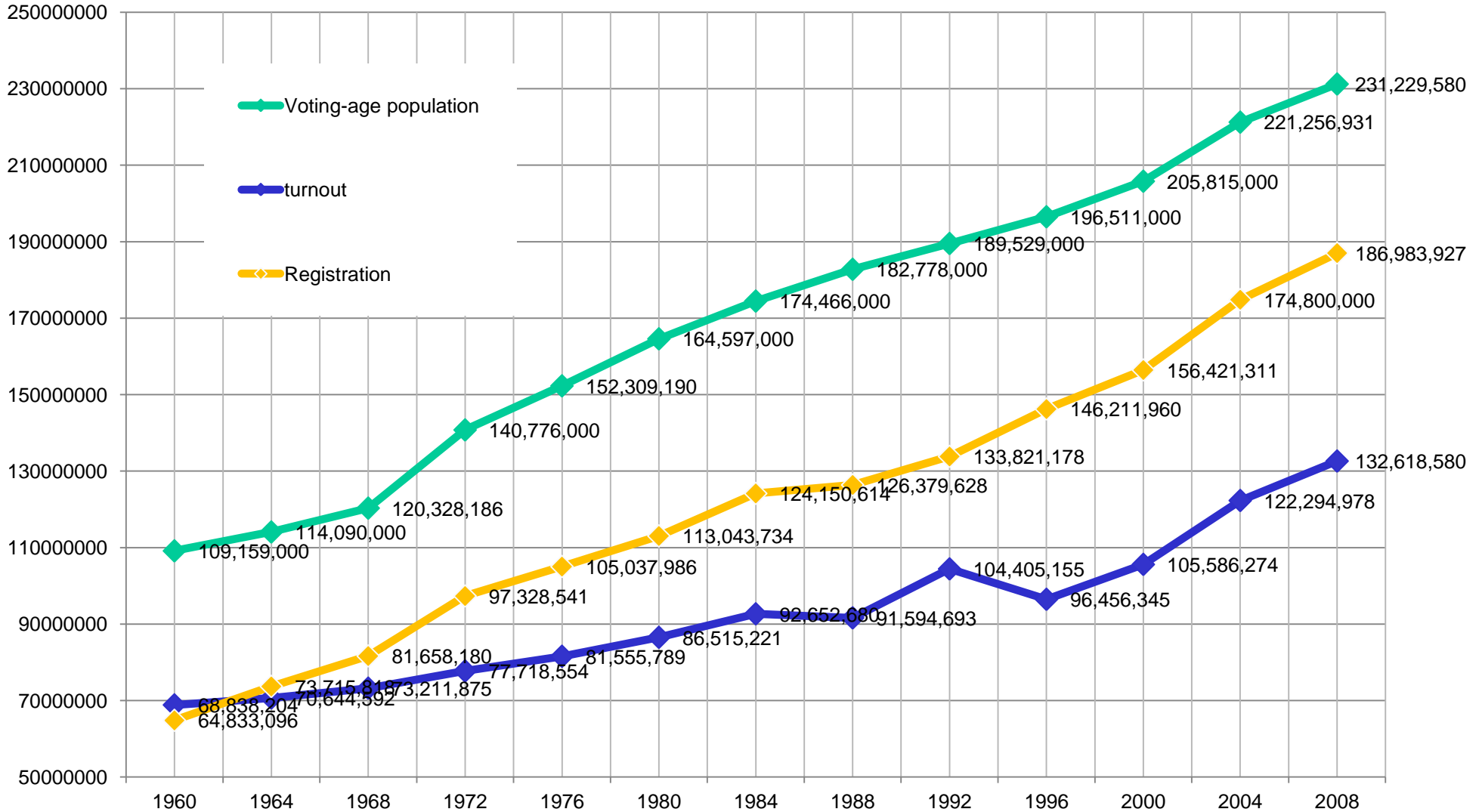


## Today's themes:

1. Sometimes what appears to be a linear trend is part of a repeating cycle
2. Civic engagement is not a fixed concept
3. History matters but things change
4. We want to know about individuals *and* institutions

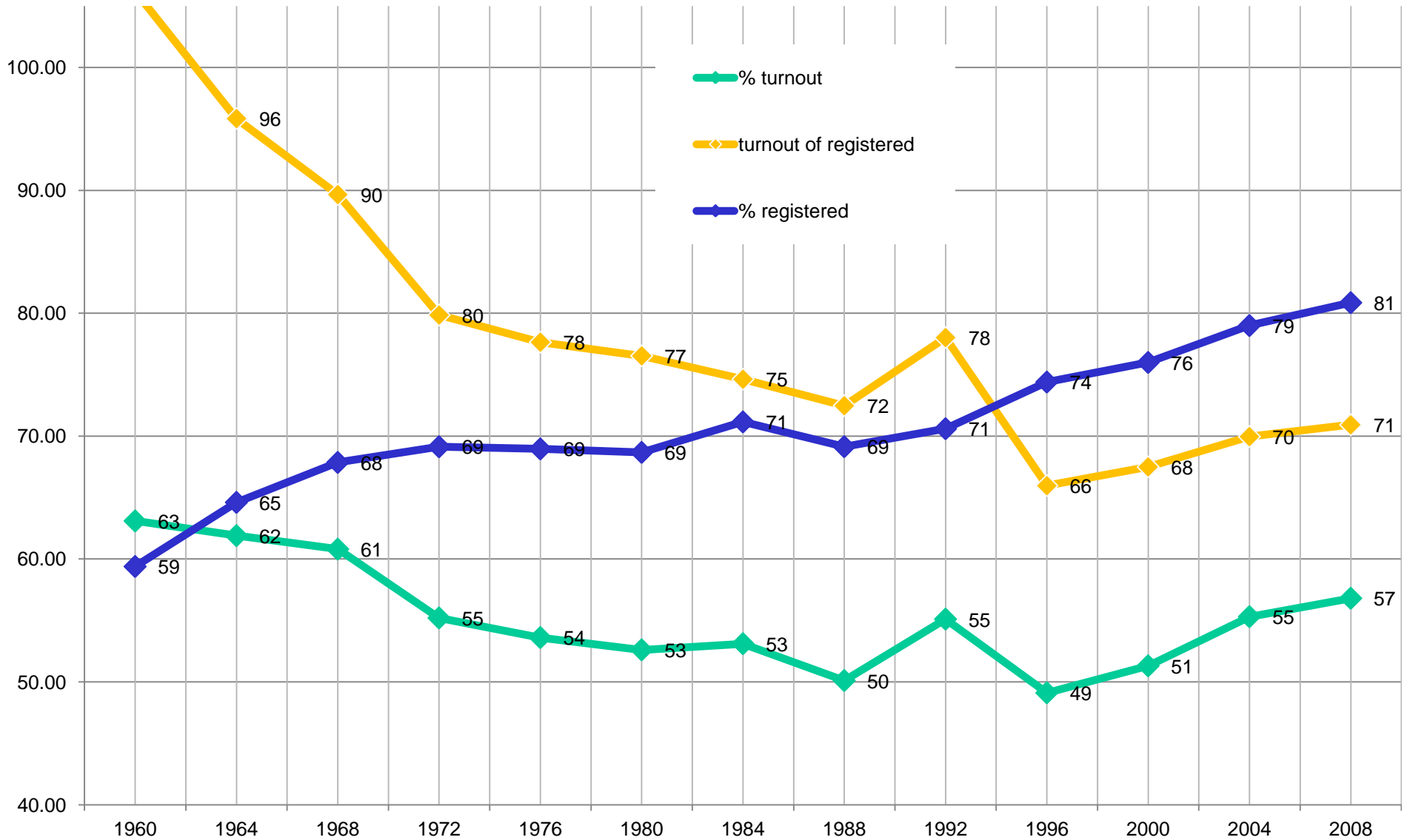
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# Bowling Alone

- Putnam
  - [Bio](#), Bowling Alone article 1995, book 2000
  - Today: Saguaro seminar <http://www.hks.harvard.edu/saguaro/>
- Bowling Alone article
  - Thesis?
  - Terms to define: social capital, generalized reciprocity, social trust, neighborliness, civic engagement
  - Sources of evidence?
  - Causes?
  - Adequacy of his case?

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- Concern over civic engagement crosses ideologies
  - How do conservatives and liberals approach the topic differently?
  - What about the “tea party” crowd?
- Social scientific approaches to the question
  - Survey research
  - Historical approaches
  - Groups and Institutions
  - Rational choice

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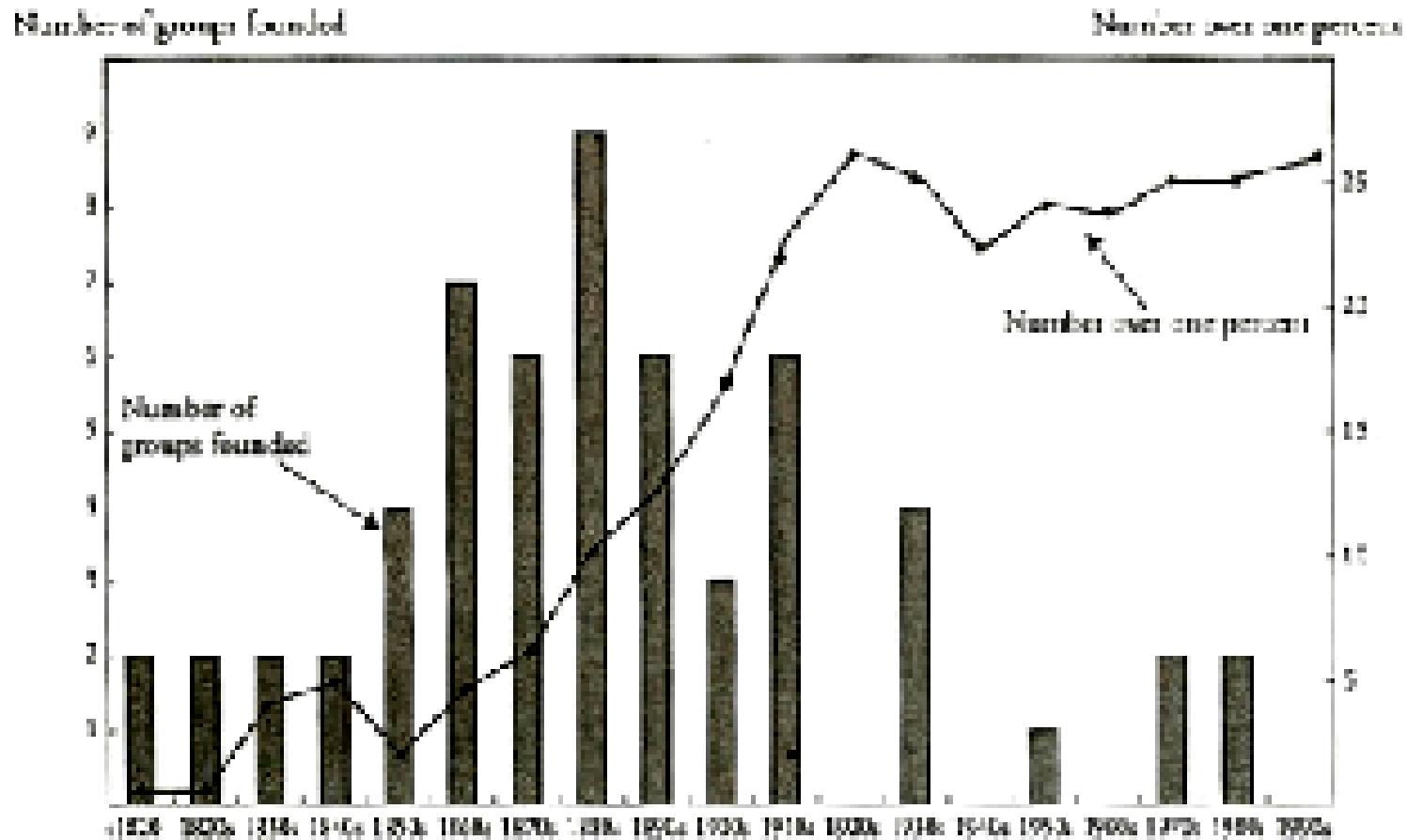
- What is the conventional wisdom and how does she challenge it?
- What are her sources of evidence?
- Historical review
  - Colonial period
  - 1800s
  - Industrialization
  - Late 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Why did people join?
- Federated vs. flat organizations

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Figure 2-3. *Foundings and Cumulative Incidence of U.S. Membership Associations*



Source: Civil Engagement Project, Harvard University, data as of July 1999.

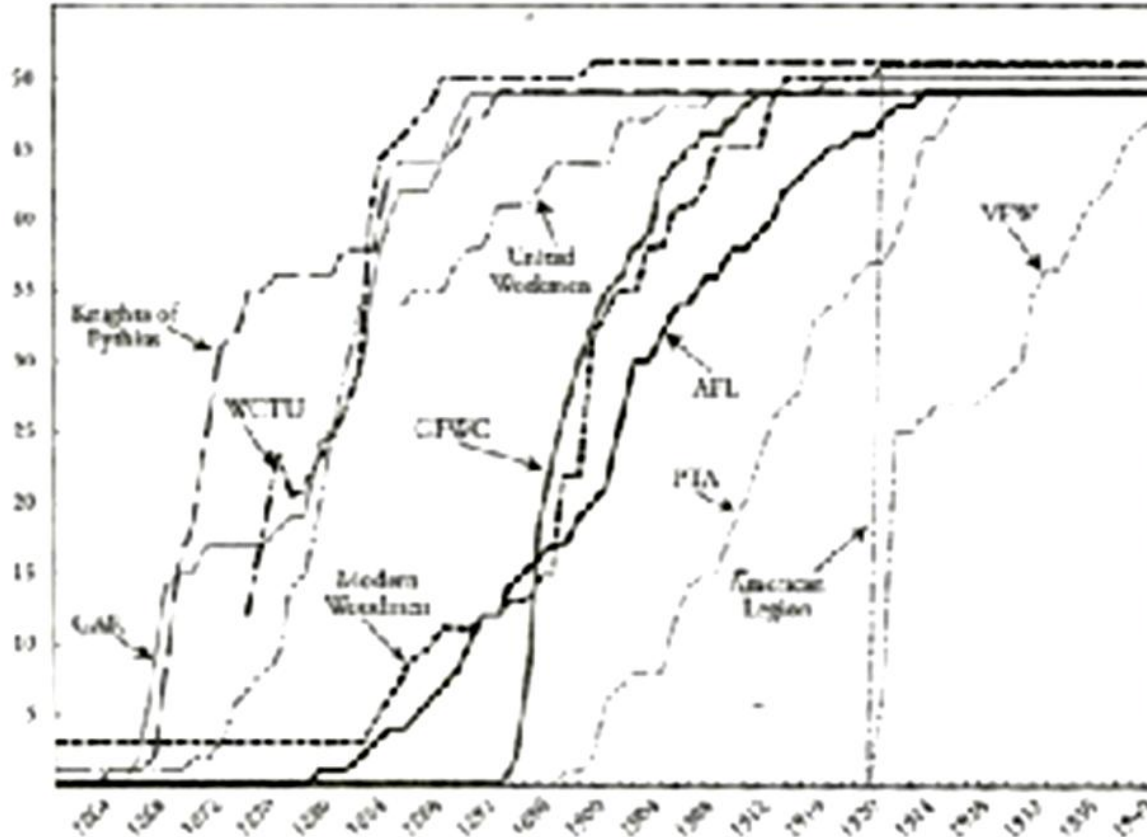
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Figure 2.1. *Establishment of State Units in Selected U.S. Voluntary Associations*

Number of states



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