Framing politics

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About six years ago, a student from Munich sent an e-mail to a researcher at the University of Amsterdam, asking if he had any advice regarding an incomprehensible theoretical approach named “Framing”. Quite to the surprise of the student, an immediate answer followed, together with some literature attachments. I guess this researcher (Claes de Vreese) does not remember this e-mail. However, the student (me) does. The email I received from Claes back in 2004 made me aware not only of him, but of the research done in Amsterdam, which ultimately led to me sitting in a job interview for an open PhD position some years later.

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