

POLI 100B CONGRESS
Summer 2009 FINAL STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What kind of utility function is illustrated in Figure 1.10 on page 26 of *Analyzing Congress*? Explain the meaning of the point “C” and the meaning of the dotted circles on the function.
2. Explain Figure 2.4 on page 21 of *Ideology and Congress*.
3. Explain the right and left panels of Figure 5.19 on page 142 of *Ideology and Congress*. What is the significance of the position of the cutting line?
4. Explain the Median Voter Theorem.
5. Explain Figure 6.9 on page 224 of *Analyzing Congress*. What does it tell us about incumbency?
6. What does Figure 4-4 in *Congress Reconsidered* tell us about the relationship between Presidential vote and congressional representation?
7. According to Dodd and Oppenheimer (ch. 2 of D&O) and Mann and Ornstein (ch. 3 of D&O) did the Democratic takeover of Congress in the 2006 elections result in any meaningful change in the way the two chambers conduct business?