

POLI 100B: Congress

Agenda: 21 February 2008

Topic 3: Ideology, Party, and Polarization in Congress

B. Estimating Spatial (Geometric) Maps of Voting and Party Competition

1. Roll Call Voting in Congress

a. Driving Distances and Geographic Maps

b. Disagreement Scores and Ideological Maps

c. The *Unfolding* Problem

d. The Spatial (Geometric) Model of Roll Call Voting

2. The Basic Space of American Politics

C. The Polarization of American Politics

1. Political Party Means 1879 – 2006

2. The Disappearance of Moderate Legislators