

POLI 100B: Congress

Agenda: 5 February 2008

Topic 2: Congress and the Political System: The Current State of Affairs

F. Review of Morris Fiorina's *Keystone* Argument (D&O Chapter 7)

G. Does Redistricting Really Affect Congressional Representation?

Topic 3: Ideology, Party, and Polarization in Congress

**A. The Spatial (Geometric) Model of Voting and Party Competition:
Theory**

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

C. The Polarization of American Politics