

Study Questions for Final POLI 100B Congress, Winter 2010

1. 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?
2. 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.
3. Explain Figure 2.4 on page 21 of *Ideology and Congress*.
4. 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?
5. Explain the Median Voter Theorem.
6. Explain Figure 6.9 on page 224 of *Analyzing Congress*. What does it tell us about incumbency?
7. What does Figure 4-4 in *Congress Reconsidered* tell us about the relationship between Presidential vote and congressional representation?