

**POLI 100B CONGRESS  
2008 FINAL STUDY QUESTIONS**

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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. What does Figure 4-9 in *Congress Reconsidered* tell us about the relationship between Presidential vote and congressional representation?
4. State and explain the basic assumptions of the spatial (geometric) model of roll call voting?
5. 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?
6. Explain Figure 5.20 on page 144 of *Ideology and Congress*. What does it tell us about the changes in American politics over the past 30 years?
7. What basic facts of American politics does Figure 5.3 on page 176 of *Analyzing Congress* illustrate? Be specific.
8. Explain Figure 6.9 on page 224 of *Analyzing Congress*. What does it tell us about incumbency?
9. What is a “standing committee” and why did they increase in number so dramatically during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century? (See Figure 8.1 on page 285 of *Analyzing Congress*.)
10. Explain the differences between closed and open rules in the House of Representatives.