

POLI 100B: Congress

Agenda: 19 February 2008

Topic 3: Ideology, Party, and Polarization in Congress

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

2. Utility Functions and Indifference Curves (Continued)

3. Constraint: The Role of Ideology

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

1. Roll Call Voting in Congress

2. The Basic Space of American Politics

C. The Polarization of American Politics