

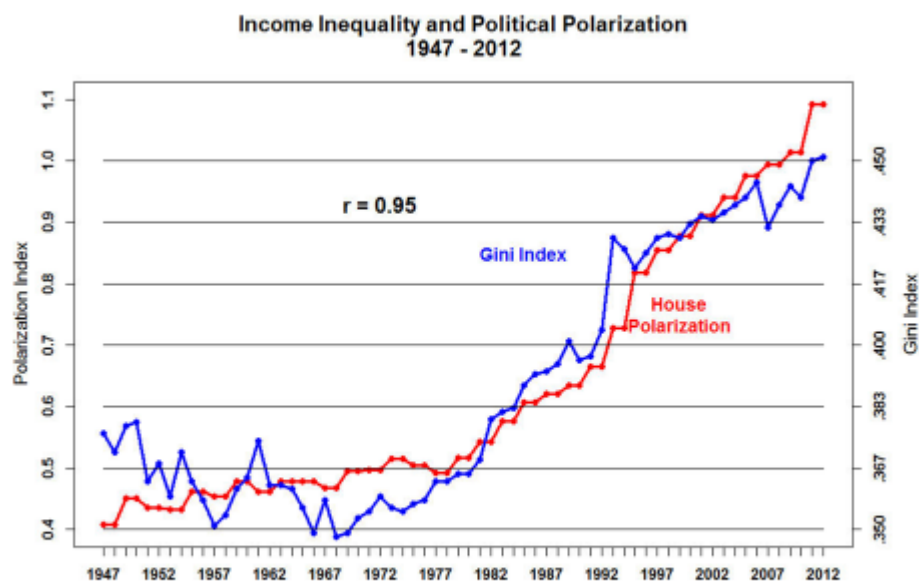
**Final Examination POLS 4790**  
**The Polarization of American Politics**

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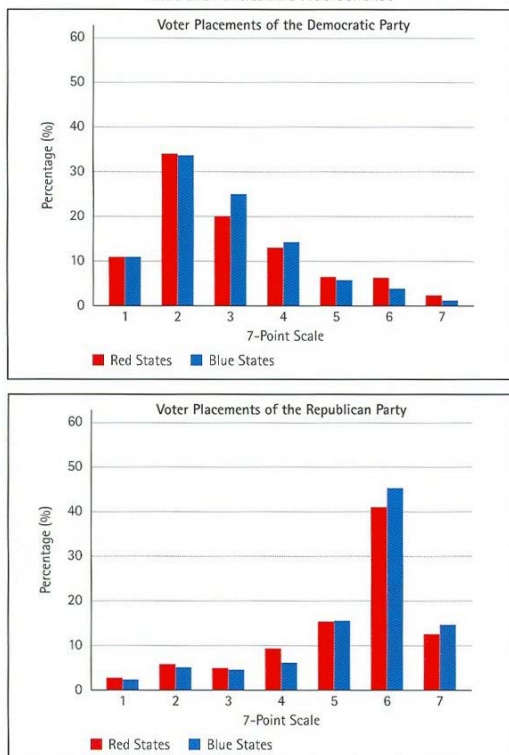
**PLEASE KEEP YOUR ANSWERS *SHORT AND SPECIFIC* TO ALL  
QUESTIONS – DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF ANY PAGE**

1. What does the Gini Index measure and how is it computed?



2. What is the point Fiorina is making with this graph? What kind of data is he using to make this graph?

FIGURE 3.5  
Both Red and Blue State Voters Agree  
that the Parties Are Not Centrist



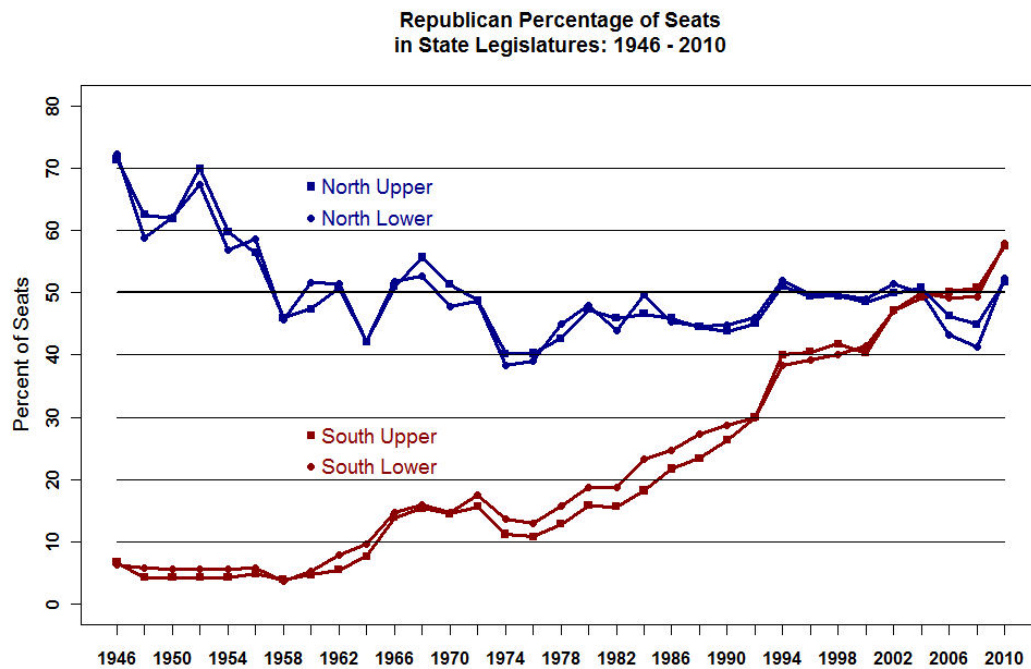
Source: Calculated from the 2004 National Election Study.

**3. Summarize what we know about mass polarization?**

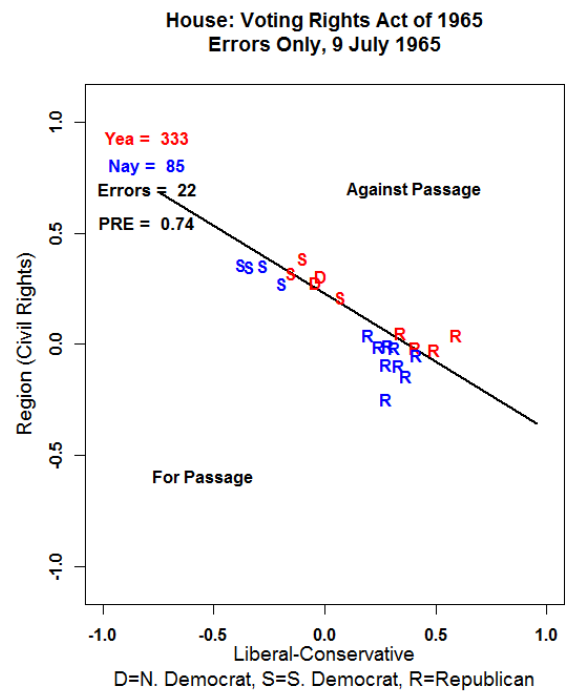
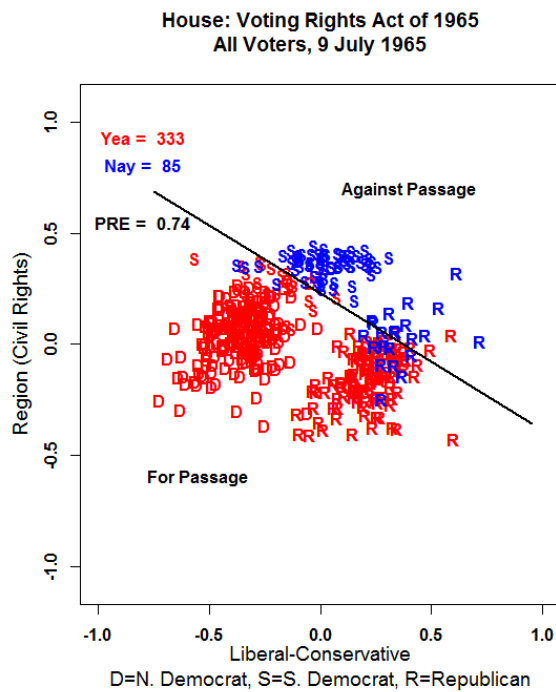
**4. Summarize what we know about elite polarization?**

**5. In Chapter 10 of *Culture War* Fiorina discusses an example of biased participation in San Francisco's parks. What happened and why is it important?**

6. Below is an updated version of Figure 2.17 from *Polarized America*. What is the importance of this figure?



7. Explain the spatial map below. What is shown in the panel on the left and the panel on the right?





8. What does this graph tell us about the nature of our current political polarization?

