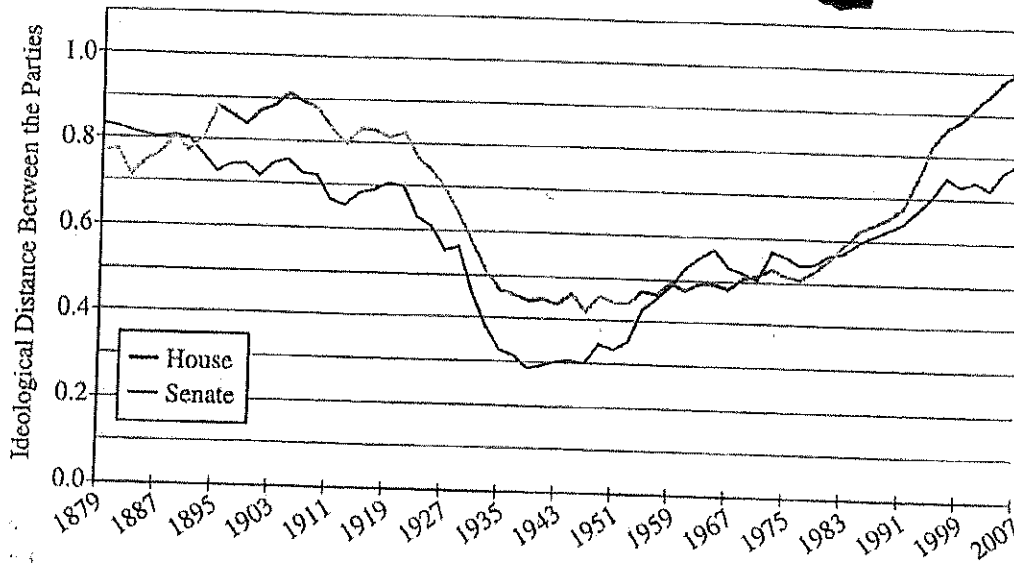


PARTY POLARIZATION, 1879-2007

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4. (a) Define party polarization.
- (b) Identify a trend shown in the graph above.
- (c) Describe two causes of party polarization in Congress.
- (d) Describe one effect of party polarization on congressional policy making.

4A) Party polarization refers to the split between political parties in congress. And domestic polarization has caused gridlock in certain years.

4B) A trend shown in the graph is that circa 1943 there has been a rise in ideological distance between parties in both parts of congress.

4C) One cause of party polarization is the election of more members of a certain political party in both the house and the senate. This causes for a shift in representation. Another reason for party

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polarization in congress is public un-satisfaction with the ~~core~~ current political party dominant in congress. This causes the public to change perspective and perhaps seek representation with another political party. Usually happen in periods of re-alignments.

(4D) one effect of party polarization is the development of grid-lock or a do nothing ~~are~~ congress. This means that little legislation will be passed because of a difference in ideals.

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