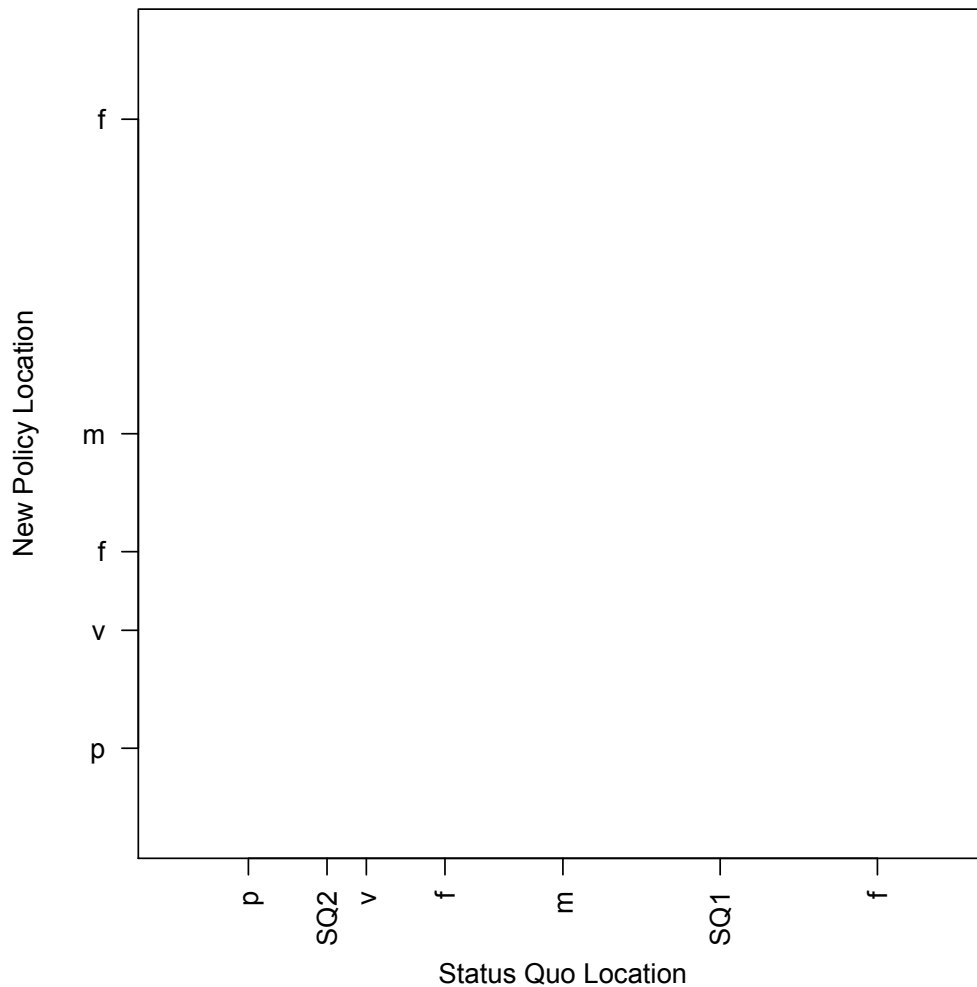


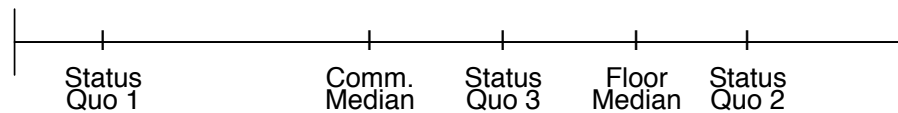
1. Use the attached figure to answer the following questions (this is taken directly from a POLS 1105 exam and is a do example of the type of questions you should expect on the exam).

- What does a 45-degree line passing through the origin signify?
- Does p, v, or f constrain the House median on the left side of the ideological scale? Why?
- Imagine a status quo point located exactly at the point labeled SQ1. What anticipated outcome would you predict for this status quo? How about SQ2? Justify both answers.
- Identify the predicted policy outcome for all possible status quos represented on the x-axisoutcome.



2. Consider the following figure. A committee, whose median is labeled Comm. Median, decides whether or not to release a bill to the floor. If a bill is released under an open rule, the floor, whose median is labeled Floor Median, can amend and then pass the bill. If the bill is released under a closed rule, the floor can either pass or reject the bill proposed by the committee.

- a. Assume a closed rule. What bill would a strategic committee propose to alter status quos 1, 2, and 3 that would result in the best outcome for the committee? Would these proposal pass on the floor?
- b. Assume an open rule. Graph predicted policy outcomes for all status quos, assuming the committee strategically decides whether or not to release bills to the floor for all possible status quos .
- c. Assume a closed rule. Graph predicted policy outcomes for all status quos, assuming the committee strategically chooses bill locations for all possible status quos.
- d. Compare and contrast the results of b and c. Should a committee prefer an open or closed rule? Justify your answer.



3. (Take a quick look at this – we will discuss in detail on Monday.) Using data from Keith Poole's [voteview.com](http://www.voteview.com) website, identify the ideological location of the president, filibuster pivots, veto pivots, and House median for the . Identify each relevant member. Report their name, state, party and ideological score. (http://www.voteview.com/rank_orders_all_congresses.html)

After you determine relevant ideological locations, redraw Figure 2.7 from Pivotal Politics accounting for the new positions of the relevant pivots. Write a short paragraph describing the policy outcomes you expect the 113th Congress to achieve, given the figure you have drawn. You may want to discuss the size of the gridlock zone or provide other relevant analysis.