1. Use data from Keith Poole's voteview.com website to replicate Krehbiel's Figure 2.7 for the 113th Congress.
(http://www.voteview.com/rank_orders_all_congresses.html)

a. Identify the ideological location of the president, filibuster pivots (right and left filibuster pivots), veto pivots (House and Senate pivots on the right and left side), and the House median.

Identify each relevant member. Report their name, state, party and ideological score.

Since there will be more than 100 senators and 435 House members, you will have to describe the method you use to identify pivots (you may end up with slightly different pivots than your classmates – just be sure to be consistent in how you identify these pivots.

b. Of the many potential pivots identified, identify which two the House median must consider when choosing the ideological location of a bill. Justify your answers.

c. Replicate (draw) Figure 2.7 for the 113th Congress.

d. 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. Do these expectations match the legislative output we saw in 2013-2014?

e. Donald Trump has just won the presidency! Discuss (no new figure required) how replacing Obama with Trump changes what policies are possible in the United States.