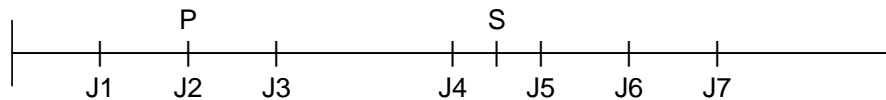


Social Choice and Institutions
Homework 7
Due November 30

Use the model presented in the Moraski and Shipan piece to answer the following questions.

Two vacancies have just opened up on the Supreme Court. Consider the policy preferences of the president, the median member of the Senate, and the seven justices left on the Court to answer the following questions.



- If the president does not fill the two vacancies, predict the policy outcomes likely to be decided by the court.
- Assume the president appoints two justices who exactly share his ideology to fill the vacancies. Predict the policy outcomes for this court.
- Would the Senate confirm these justices? Explain why or why not.
- Considering the need for Senate confirmation, what placement of the two justices would be best for the president? What policy outcomes are predicted by this placement?
- How would the above answer change if the Senate median was located at J3 (instead of S)?
- After an election, the position of the president moves to J6. Use a graph to identify the ideological location of the president's nominees for any possible Senate median. Be sure to include the three zones described in the Moraski and Shipan paper. It may help to assume that the president places both nominees at the same location.