Second Examination POLS 4790
The Polarization of American Politics

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR ANSWERS SHORT AND SPECIFIC TO ALL QUESTIONS
1. What does the Gini Index measure and how is it computed?
2. What is a feeling thermometer and why is it important?
3. Below is Figure 2.19A from *Polarized America*. What is the importance of this figure? Explain what the dashed and solid lines measure.

Figure 2.19A
4. What is the point Fiorina is making with this graph? What kind of data is he using to make this graph?
5. Below is Figure 4.1 from *Culture War*. What is the main difference between polarization and sorting? Does it make sense that there are no Independents in the polarized condition?
6. Below is a Figure courtesy of Gary Jacobson. What does this tell us about the American Public?