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Exploration of Bills in the United States Congress

Go to Legislative Explorer or<http://legex.org/app.html>. Run the simulation as many times as necessary to identify trends using different filters and in different sessions of Congress.

1.   What does the process a bill goes through on its way to the President’s desk tell you about the structure of Congress? Explain its impact on political gridlock.

2.   Which party was more successful in passing legislation? Drawing on what you have learned about the political situation, explain that success.

4.   Overall, what is the fate of most bills which are sent to the Congress? Explain why that is the case.

5. Compare and contrast the frequency and importance of bills passed in the 1973-1973 Congress with that of the most recent Congress. Explain any discrepancies between the two using the political trends of the last two decades.

6. Evaluate what you have learned based upon the intent of the founders and the political situation today. Is Congress working as it should? Why or why not?