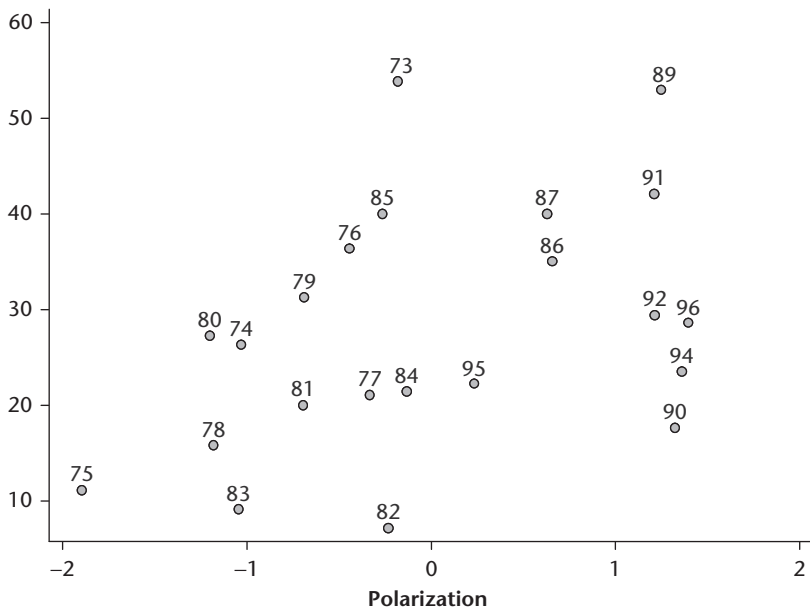


**Figure 17-4** Relationship between Polarization and Legislative Productivity in a Depolarized Setting

Percentage of topical legislation passed



Source: Compiled by authors.

Note: Polarization scores for the Congresses in this figure have been standardized, with the mean score being zero.  $N = 22$ ; Pearson- $r = .41$ ;  $p < .05$  one tailed test. With the 73rd Congress removed the Pearson- $r = .48$ ;  $p < .05$  one-tailed test.