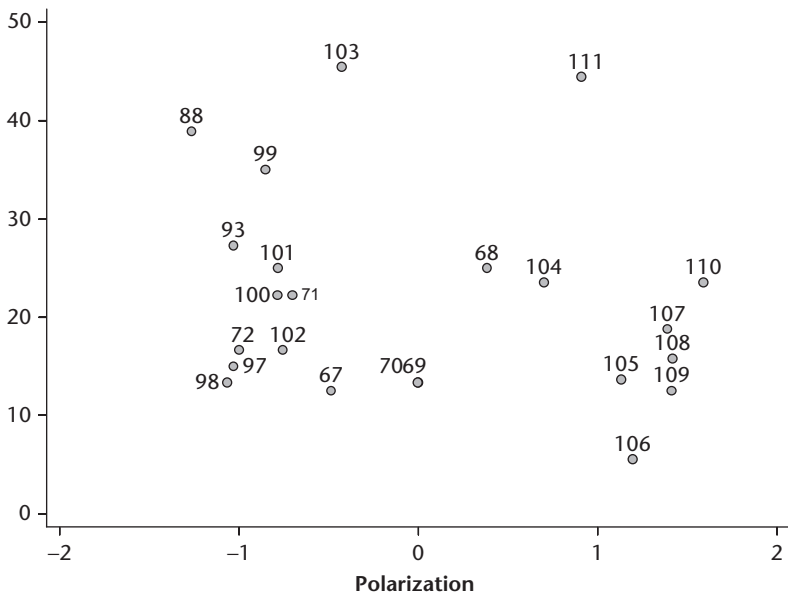


Figure 17-5 Relationship between Polarization and Legislative Productivity in a Polarized Setting

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. $N = 23$; Pearson- $r = -.22$; $p < .15$ one-tailed test. With 111th Congress removed the Pearson- $r = -.36$; $p < .05$ one-tailed test.