

Questions for Fiorina's The Decline of Collective Responsibility in American's Responsibility

- 1) According to the author, what is the largest problem of American Government in the modern age?

- 2) What is hurting the ability of the government to be able to fulfill its role in the current era?

- 3) What is a way that we can stop this erosion of responsibility on the part of the legislators who govern us?

- 4) How effective is party responsibility in encouraging collective responsibility?

- 5) What reforms helped weaken the party system in America in the 1970's?

- 6) What evidence do we have of declining party efficacy in the USA?

- 7) How are House and Senate races different according to the author?

- 8) How are they similar?

- 9) If the author is right about congressional insulation from national forces, what does that mean for the voting records of Congressional leaders?

- 10) What is immobilism and how did it affect France in 1958?

- 11) How are single issue politics affecting Congressional politics?

- 12) What evidence do we have of popular alienation from politics in the USA today?