# As the chart shows, Americans have voted for divided government in two periods:...

	Party	Party	Party
	controlling	controlling	controlling
	presidency	Senate	House
1789-91	F	F	i dyssa <b>F</b> rancis
1791-93	F	F	<b>F</b>
1793-95		File File	DR
1795-97	F	F	F
1797-99	F. J. S.	)	F
1799-1801	F. J.	F	F
1801-03	DR	DR	DR
1803-05	DR	DR	DR
1805-07	DR	DR	DR
1807-09	DR	DR	DR
1809-11	DR	DR	DR
1811-13	DR	DR	DR
1813-15	DR	DR	DR
1815-17	DR	DR	DR
1817-19	DR	DR	DR
1819-21	DR	DR	DR
1821-23	DR	DR	DR
1823-25	DR	DR	DR
1825-27	AF	AF	AF
1827-29	AF	JF	JF
1829-31	D	D	D
1831-33	D	D	D
1833-35	D	D	D
1835-37	D.	<b>D</b>	D
1837-39	D	D	D
1839-41	D	D	D
1841-43	W	W	W

	Party controlling presidency	Party controlling Senate	Party controlling House
1843-45	W	W	D
1845-47	D	D	D
1847-49	D	D	W
1849-51	w w	D 11	D D
1851-53	W	D	D
1853-55	D	D	D
1855-57	D	D	D
1857-59	D	D <sub>1</sub>	D
1859-61	-61 D D		R
1861-63	1-63 R R		R
1863-65	R	R	R
1865-67	R/U	R/U	R/U
1867-69	9 R R		R
1869-71	R	R	R
1871-73	R	R	R
1873-75	R	R :	R
1875-77	R	<b>R</b>	D
1877-79	R	R	D
1879-81	R	<b>D</b> 2011	D
1881-83	R	R	R
1883-85	R	R	D
1885-87	D	R	D
1887-89	D	R	D
1889-91	91 R R		R
1891-93	R	R	D

#### Letter symbols for political parties

AF=Adams faction D=Democratic DR=Democratic-Republican F=Federalist JF-Jackson faction R=Republican U=Unionist W=Whig

# ...The latter half of the 19th century, and now again in the latter half of the 20th.

	Party controlling presidency	Party controlling Senate	Party controlling House
1893-95	D	D	D
1895-97	D D	R	R
1897-99	R	R	R
1899-1901	R	R	R
1901-03	R	R	R
1903-05	R	R	R
1905-07	R	R	R
1907-09	R	R	R
1909-11	R	R	R
1911-13	R	R	D
1913-15	D	D	D
1915-17	D	D	D
1917-19	D	D	D
1919-21	D	R	R
1921-23	R	R	R
1923-25	R	R	R
1925-27	R	R	R
1927-29	R	R	R
1929-31	R	R	R
1931-33	R	R	D
1933-35	D	D	D
1935-37	D	D	D
1937-39	D	D	D
1939-41	D	D	D
1941-43	D	D	D
1943-45	45 D D		D
1945-47	D	D	D
1947-49	D	R	R

	Party	Party	Party
	controlling	controlling	controlling
	presidency	Senate	House
1949-51	D	D	D
1951-53	D	D	D
1953-55	R	R	R
1955-57	R	D	D
1957-59	R	D	D
1959-61	R	D	D
1961-63	D	D	D
1963-65	D	D	D
1965-67	D	D	D
1967-69	D	D	D
1969-71	R	D	<b>D</b>
1971-73	R	D	D
1973-75	R	D	<b>D</b> (3)
1975-77	R	D	D
1977-79	D	D	D
1979-81	D	D	D
1981-83	<b>R</b>	R	D
1983-85	R	R	D
1985-87	R	R	D
1987-89	R	D	D
1989-91	R	D	D
1991-93	R	D	D
1993-95	D	D	D
1995-97	D	R	R
1997-99	D	R	R

**Source**: For 1789 to 1970 data—*Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970*, Part 2 (Washington, DC: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1975), pp. 1083-84. For 1971 to 1997—*Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1995-96* (Washington, DC: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1995), p. 279. For 1997-1999—*Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, November 9, 1996, pp. 3225, 3238.

#### Voting—Exit Poll Results

### Presidential Election How Social Groups Voted 1976-1996

1996

Clinton/Gore Dole/Kemp Perot/Choate (National=49.2%) (National= 40.8%) (National= 8.5%)

By party

Democratic=39% Republican=35%

Independent=26%



78%

71%

44%

46%

48%

30%

45%

28%

36%

40%

38%

57%

20%

43%

43%

43%

46%

59%

59%

53%

48%

54%

84%

N/A

72%

33%

10%

12% 4%

8%

9%

8%

11%

9%

10%

21% 6%

By political philosophy

Liberal=20% Moderate=47%

Conservative=33%

By gender Male=48%

Female=52%

By race

White=83% Black=10%

Hispanic=5%

Asian=1%

By union household

Union=23%

Nonunion=77%

By region

By income

Under \$15,000=11% \$15,000-\$30,000=23% \$30,000-\$50,000=27% \$50,000-\$75,000=21%

\$75,000-\$100,000=9%

Over \$100,000=9%

By age

18-29 years old=17%

30-44=33%

45-59=26%

Over 60=24%



**Note:** Sample = 14,651 voters as they left booths. National numbers shown in parentheses at the top of each column, pp. 8-10, are the actual popular vote percentages.

**Source:** Survey conducted November 5, 1996, by Voter News Service. The data were made available through the AllPolitics Website.

1992

38%

47%

45%

39%

31%

18%

77%

68%

73%

32%

64%

31%

38%

40%

54%

83%

61%

55%

41%

47%

42%

41%

43%

45%

41%

40%

36%

46%

41%

41%

43%

50%

58%

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25%

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18%

21%

18%

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17%

20%

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14%

15%

21%

19%

18%

21%

16%

23%

19%

20%

21%

18%

16%

21%

23%

21%

18%

11%

Clinton/Gore Bush/Quayle Perot/Stockdale (National=43.0%) (National=37.4%) (National=18.9%)

By party

Democratic=38% Republican=35%

Independent=23%

By political philosophy Liberal=21%

Moderate=49%

Conservative=30%

By gender

Male=47% Female=53%

By race

White=87%

Black=8%

Hispanic=2%

Asian=1%

By union household

Union=18%

Nonunion=82%

By region

East=24%

Midwest=27%

South=29%

West=20%

**By income** Under \$15,000=14%

\$15,000-29,999=24%

\$30,000-\$49,999=30%

\$50,000-\$74,999=20%

\$75,000+=12%

By age

18-24 years old=11%

25-29=10%

30-49=46%

50-64=20%

65+=14%

Note: Sample=15,490 voters as they left booths.

**Source:** Survey conducted November 3, 1992, by Voter Research & Surveys, a consortium of ABC News, CBS News, CNN, and NBC News.

### Voting—Exit Poll Results

1988 1984 Mondale/Ferraro Reagan/Bush Dukakis/Bentsen Bush/Quavle (National=40.6%) (National=58.8%) (National=45.6%) (National=53.4%) By party By party Democratic=37% 83% 17% Democratic=38% 74% 26% Republican=35% Republican=35% 92% 93% Independent=26% 43% 36% 57% Independent=26% 64% By political philosophy By political philosophy Liberal=18% Liberal=16% 71% 29% 82% 18% Moderate=42% Moderate=45% 46% 51% 49% 54% Conservative=33% Conservative=33% 19% 18% 82% 81% By gender By gender Male=47% Male=48% 58% 38% 42% 62% Female=53% 42% 58% 49% 51% Female=52% By race By race White=86% 34% 40% 60% 66% White=85% Black=10% 91% 11% 89% Black=10% Hispanic=3% 66% 34% 70% 30% Hispanic=3% By union household By union household Union=26% Union=25% 57% 43% 54% 46% Nonunion Nonunion NA NA By region By region 47% East=26% 53% East=25% 49% 51% Midwest=30% 38% Midwest=28% 62% 47% 53% South=28% 36% 64% South=27% 41% 59% West=17% West=19% 38% 62% 47% 53% By income By income Under \$12.500=15% 54% 63% 46% Under \$12,500=12% 37% \$12,500-\$24,999=27% 42% 58% \$12,500-24,999=20% 51% 49% \$25,000-\$34,999=20% 40% \$25,000-\$34,999=20% 43% 60% 57% \$35,000-\$49,999=20% 43% 35,000-\$50,000=17% 32% 57% 68% \$50,000-\$100,000=19% 39% 61% Over \$50,000=12% 31% 69% Over \$100,000=5% 33% 67% By age By age 18-24 years old=11% 39% 61% 47% 53% 25-29 years old=12% 18-29 years old=20% 43% 57% 30-44 years old=35% 46% 54% 30-49 years old=34% 42% 58% 42% 58% 45-59 years old=22% 50-64 years old=23% 39% 61%

Note: Sample size=11,645 voters as they left voting booths.

Source: Survey by CBS News/NYT, November 8, 1988.

Note: Sample size=8,671 a not conducted in the states Someone else/No vote for progressions as they left voting booths.

51%

49%

Over 60=22%

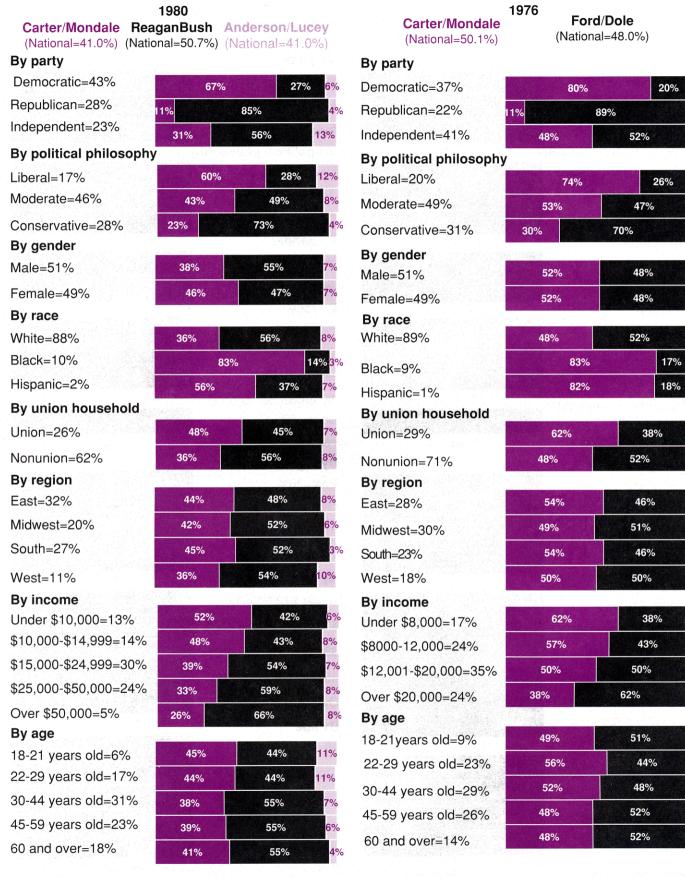
**Note:** Sample size=8,671 as they left voting booths. The survey was not conducted in the states of Washington, Alaska or Hawaii. Someone else/No vote for president (both 1%or less) calculated out for comparison purposes. **Source:**Survey by CBS News/*NYT*, November 6. 1984.

36%

60 and over =19%

64%

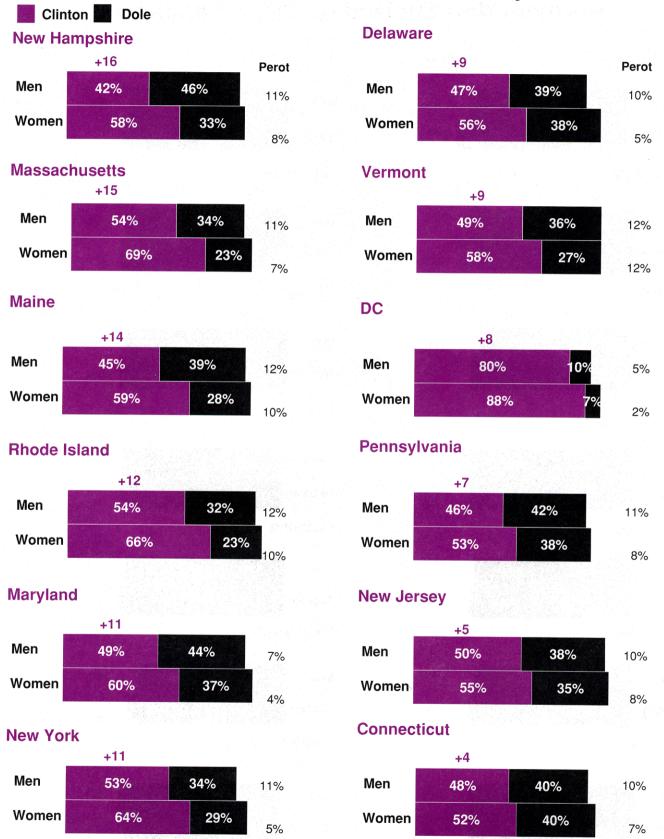
#### Voting—Exit Poll Results



**Note:** Sample size=12,782 voters as they left voting booths. **Source:**Survey by CBS News/NYT, November 4, 1980.

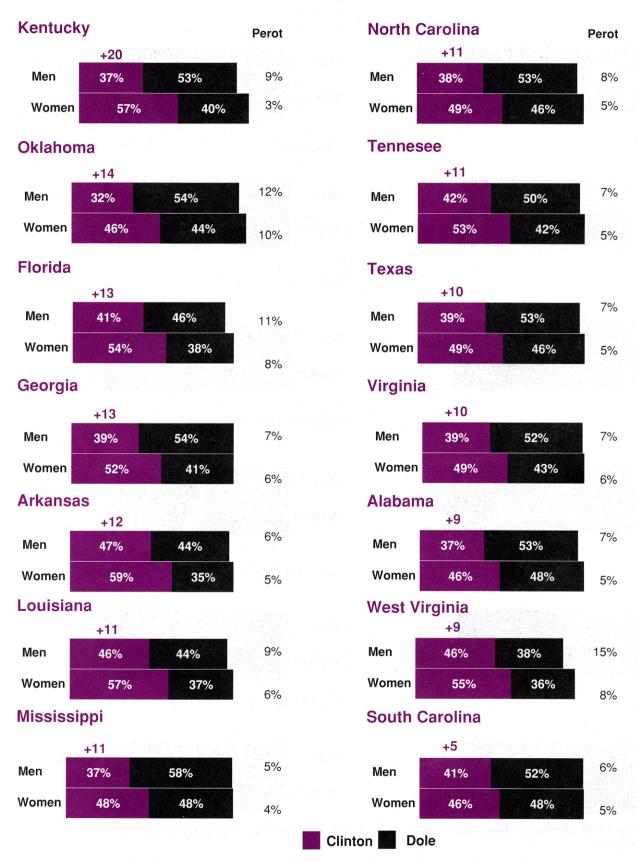
**Note:** Sample size =15,199 voters as they left voting booths. **Source:** Survey by CBS News/*NYT*, November 2, 1976.

# Gender and the Presidential Vote, by State

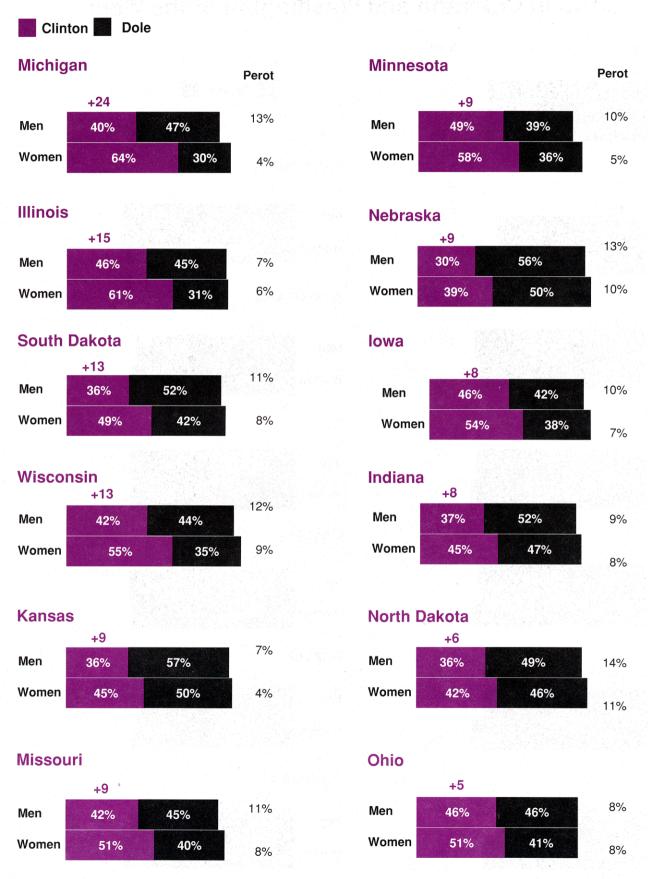


**Source for pp. 11-18**: Survey conducted November 5, 1996, by Voter News Service. The data were made available through the All Politics Website.

# The Men-Women Gap was Largest in Northern New England (p. 11), in Kentucky...



## ...in Michigan in the Midwest...



## ...And in Colorado and Washington in the West



# Among Exit Poll voters, Democrats had their biggest share of party ID in the Border states; Republicans in the Mountain states

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Liberal	Moderate	Conservati
National	39%	35%	26%	20%	47%	33%
W. Virginia	55%	31%	15%	16%	48%	36%
Louisiana	53%	29%	18%	18%	36%	46%
Kentucky	51%	33%	16%	14%	45%	41%
Maryland	49%	32%	19%	26%	51%	24%
New Mexico	46%	34%	20%	22%	45%	32%
Arkansas	45%	28%	27%	8%	51%	41%
Oklahoma	45%	38%	17%	11%	45%	44%
California	44%	38%	18%	24%	44%	33%
Hawaii	44%	20%	36%	24%	47%	29%
Mississippi	44%	39%	16%	17%	33%	50%
Michigan	43%	32%	24%	16%	52%	32%
Rhode Island	43%	14%	43%	23%	48%	29%
Delaware	42%	37%	21%	14%	50%	36%
Missouri	42%	34%	25%	15%	49%	36%
New York	42%	29%	28%	25%	48%	27%
No. Carolina	42%	39%	18%	16%	47%	38%
Pennsylvania	42%	39%	19%	18%	47%	35%
Alabama	41%	36%	23%	16%	40%	44%
Maine	41%	28%	32%	20%	51%	30%
Florida	39%	39%	23%	18%	48%	34%
Minnesota	39%	35%	26%	19%	52%	30%
Oregon	39%	33%	27%	21%	47%	32%
Tennessee	39%	37%	24%	18%	47%	34%
Georgia	38%	34%	28%	14%	47%	39%
Illinois	38%	34%	27%	19%	53%	28%
Nevada	38%	43%	20%	16%	42%	42%
	38%		31%	21%		
New Jersey		30%	16.88 11.11.15.15.15		54%	26%
Ohio	37%	37%	26%	16%	51%	33%
So. Dakota	37%	45%	19%	12%	45%	43%
Texas	37%	41%	22%	15%	41%	44%
Massachusetts	36%	18%	46%	26%	50%	24%
Washington	36%	32%	32%	22%	49%	30%
Connecticut	35%	31%	34%	24%	42%	34%
So. Carolina	35%	39%	25%	13%	44%	43%
Vermont	35%	29%	36%	29%	42%	28%
Virginia	35%	36%	29%	19%	43%	38%
Wisconsin	35%	34%	30%	19%	48%	33%
Iowa	34%	34%	31%	17%	46%	38%
Kansas	33%	47%	20%	13%	55%	32%
Arizona	32%	45%	23%	14%	45%	40%
Montana	32%	33%	34%	14%	48%	38%
Indiana	31%	45%	24%	13%	43%	44%
No. Dakota	31%	36%	33%	13%	49%	38%
Colorado	30%	41%	29%	22%	46%	32%
Nebraska	30%	45%	25%	13%	46%	41%
Wyoming	30%	46%	23%	14%	44%	42%
Utah	28%	48%	24%	10%	40%	50%
Idaho	27%	48%	25%	10%	40%	50%
Alaska	25%	35%	40%	18%	42%	40%
lew Hampshire	25%	35%	40%	19%	50%	31%

#### Portrait of an Electorate

# Rating Congress: Hoosiers and Texans most supportive, Massachusetters and New Yorkers least

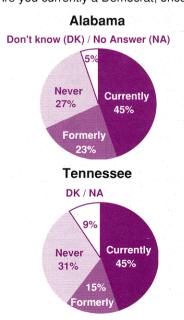
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of what the Republicans in Congress have done in the last two years?

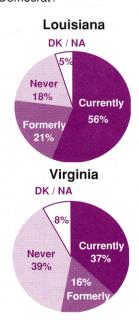
	Approve	Disapprove	
Everyone	42%	52%	
Indiana	56%	41%	
Texas	54%	41%	
Nebraska	52%	42%	
Kansas	51%	42%	
No. Carolina	52%	43%	
So. Carolina	52%	44%	
Virginia	52%	45%	
Oklahoma	52%	45%	١
Arizona	51%	45%	
Alabama	50%	44%	
Colorado	49%	43%	
Kentucky	51%	45%	
Georgia	49%	45%	
So. Dakota	48%	47%	
Arkansas	48%	47%	
Nevada	47%	47%	
lowa	46%	47%	ľ
Montana	46%	47%	
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	Approve	Disapprove
Tennessee	47%	46%
Missouri	47%	49%
New Mexico	47%	49%
Florida	46%	49%
Connecticut	46%	50%
Ohio	45%	51%
California	43%	50%
Louisiana	43%	50%
New Hampshire	44%	52%
Oregon	42%	50%
Illinois	44%	52%
Michigan	43%	51%
Washington	42%	51%
Maine	43%	53%
Pennsylvania	43%	54%
New Jersey	41%	54%
Minnesota	41%	56%
Massachusetts	37%	59%
New York	35%	59%

## **Changing Partners**

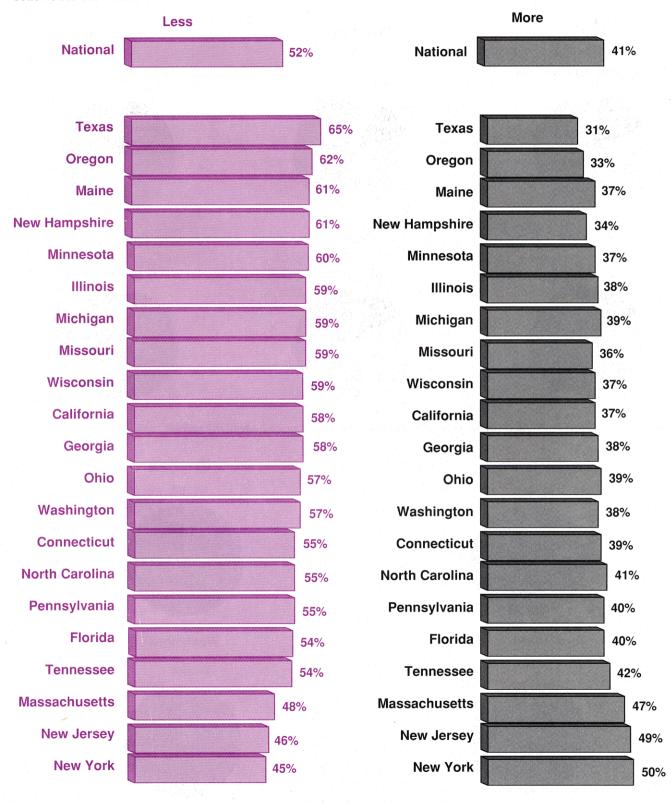
Question: Are you currently a Democrat; once a Democrat, but not now; never a Democrat?





# Among Exit Poll Voters, "Less Government" Got Strong Backing in Texas, The Upper Midwest, and Northern New England

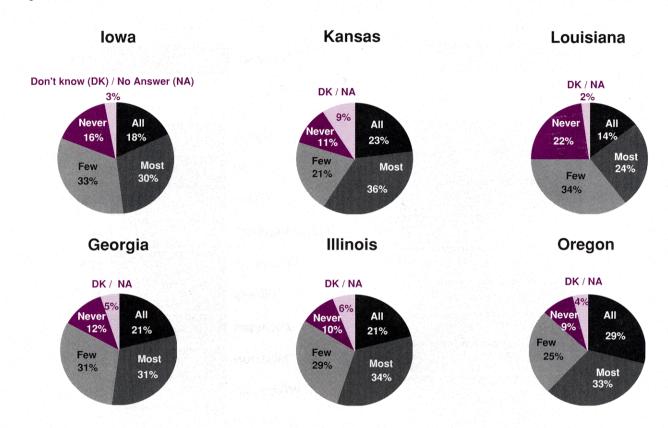
**Question:** Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to solve problems; government is doing too many things better left to business and idividuals?



#### Portrait of an Electorate

## Voters on the Issues: Abortion and Immigration

**Question**: Which comes closest to your opinion: Abortion should be legal in all cases; legal in most cases; illegal in most cases; illegal in all cases?



Question: Should legal immigration in the U.S. be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

