

Voting for the US House of Representatives 1984-1996: The Group Story

		1996		1994		1992	
		D	R	D	R	D	R
Total		48.6%	48.9%	45.5%	52.5%	50.9%	45.5%
By Gender							
Men		49%	51%	43%	57%	51%	47%
Women		57%	43%	54%	46%	54%	44%
By Gender/Age							
Women	18-29	62%	38%	58%	42%	57%	41%
	30-44	52%	48%	52%	48%	53%	44%
(1996=45-64)	45-59	56%	45%	53%	47%	53%	45%
(1996=65+)	60+	58%	42%	54%	46%	55%	42%
Men	18-29	47%	53%	43%	57%	50%	46%
	30-44	47%	53%	42%	58%	50%	47%
(1996=45-64)	45-59	48%	52%	42%	58%	49%	49%
(1996=65+)	60+	52%	48%	45%	55%	55%	43%
By Gender/Education							
Women	H.S.	60%	40%	52%	48%	57%	40%
	College	53%	47%	58%	42%	53%	45%
Men	H.S.	54%	46%	49%	51%	59%	38%
	College	45%	55%	42%	58%	45%	53%
By Race/Ethnicity							
Whites		46%	54%	42%	58%	49%	49%
Blacks		86%	14%	92%	8%	87%	11%
Hispanics		75%	25%	60%	40%	70%	27%
Asians		44%	56%	55%	45%	48%	49%
By Race/Region							
Whites	North	48%	52%	45%	55%	49%	48%
	South	41%	59%	35%	65%	46%	52%
Blacks	North	91%	9%	89%	11%	88%	10%
	South	77%	23%	94%	6%	87%	11%
By Age							
18-29		55%	45%	51%	49%	54%	44%
30-44		50%	50%	47%	53%	51%	46%
45-59 (1996=45-64)		52%	48%	48%	52%	51%	47%
60+ (1996=65+)		55%	45%	50%	50%	55%	43%
By Age/Education							
18-29	H.S.	54%	46%	55%	45%	62%	36%
	College	51%	49%	51%	49%	50%	49%
30-44	H.S.	53%	47%	42%	58%	52%	45%
	College	47%	53%	53%	47%	49%	48%
45-59 (1996=45-64)	H.S.	62%	38%	51%	49%	60%	37%
	College	47%	53%	51%	49%	46%	52%
60+ (1996=65+)	H.S.	58%	42%	54%	46%	61%	37%
	College	53%	47%	42%	58%	48%	50%

Note: N/A = data not available.

Source for pp. 24-27: The 1996 aggregate vote totals are from the *Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report*, November 23, 1996. All other aggregate vote totals are from *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1990 and 1993-94. Surveys by the *Los Angeles Times*, November 5, 1996; Voter News Service, November 8, 1994; Voter Research & Surveys, for 1990 and 1992; CBS News and *New York Times* for 1984 and 1988.

Gender Gap in House Vote Same in '96 as '94

		1990		1988		1984	
		D	R	D	R	D	R
Total		52.9%	44.9	53.4%	45.5%	52.3%	46.8%
By Gender							
Men		50%	46%	49%	46%	46%	53%
Women		54%	43%	54%	41%	51%	48%
By Gender/Age							
Women							
	18-29	55%	43%	52%	43%	51%	47%
	30-44	53%	43%	54%	41%	53%	46%
	45-59	53%	44%	55%	40%	50%	50%
	60+	54%	44%	54%	42%	48%	52%
Men							
	18-29	48%	49%	50%	45%	43%	54%
	30-44	52%	45%	48%	47%	49%	49%
	45-59	48%	49%	47%	48%	45%	54%
	60+	52%	45%	52%	45%	44%	55%
By Gender/Education							
Women							
	H.S.	57%	40%	56%	39%	51%	48%
	College	55%	42%	52%	44%	52%	47%
Men							
	H.S.	57%	40%	54%	40%	47%	51%
	College	48%	50%	44%	52%	45%	53%
By Race/Ethnicity							
Whites		50%	47%	47%	48%	43%	56%
Blacks		78%	20%	81%	14%	91%	8%
Hispanics		71%	27%	73%	23%	66%	32%
Asians		62%	36%				
By Race/Region							
Whites							
	North	50%	46%	46%	49%	44%	55%
	South	49%	50%	50%	46%	42%	57%
Blacks							
	North	77%	21%	80%	14%	90%	9%
	South	80%	19%	84%	13%	96%	4%
By Age							
18-29		52%	46%	51%	44%	47%	50%
30-44		53%	44%	51%	44%	51%	48%
45-59		51%	46%	51%	44%	48%	52%
60+		53%	45%	53%	43%	46%	54%
By Age/Education							
18-29							
	H.S.	60%	37%	52%	43%	43%	54%
	30-44	59%	38%	54%	41%	50%	48%
	45-59	54%	43%	56%	39%	53%	46%
	60+	56%	41%	57%	38%	49%	50%
30-44							
	College	52%	45%	49%	46%	50%	48%
	30-44	52%	45%	49%	46%	52%	46%
	45-59	50%	47%	44%	52%	41%	58%
	60+	48%	50%	48%	48%	39%	60%

Income Differences in House Voting Constant Over Time

	1996		1994		1992	
	D	R	D	R	D	R
By Education						
Less than H.S.	72%	28%	60%	40%	65%	32%
H.S. Grad	57%	43%	48%	52%	57%	41%
Some College	50%	50%	42%	58%	51%	46%
College Grad	48%	52%	50%	50%	48%	49%
By Income (see note)						
Less than \$15,000	68%	32%	63%	37%	67%	30%
\$15,000-29,999	56%	44%	53%	47%	56%	42%
\$30,000-49,999	50%	50%	46%	54%	51%	47%
\$50,000-74,999	49%	51%	45%	55%	46%	52%
\$75,000-100,000	41%	59%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Over \$100,000	41%	59%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
By Denomination						
Protestant	42%	58%	40%	60%	45%	53%
Catholic	57%	43%	48%	52%	55%	42%
Other Christian	45%	55%	50%	50%	49%	48%
Jewish	79%	21%	78%	22%	77%	21%
None	69%	31%	63%	37%	66%	29%
Union Household						
	64%	36%	61%	39%	66%	32%
Not checked						
	52%	48%	46%	54%	49%	48%
Married						
	48%	52%	43%	57%	49%	49%
Not Married						
	60%	40%	56%	44%	59%	38%
Attend Religious Services						
Once a week/month	45%	55%	N/A	N/A	46%	52%
Less than once a month	60%	40%	N/A	N/A	57%	40%
By Party ID						
Democrat	92%	8%	89%	11%	87%	11%
Republican	8%	92%	8%	92%	15%	83%
Independent	50%	50%	42%	58%	52%	43%
By Ideology						
Liberal	89%	11%	82%	18%	77%	18%
Moderate	60%	40%	58%	42%	56%	42%
Conservative	23%	77%	20%	80%	27%	71%

Note: For 1996, the income categories are: Less than \$20,000; \$20,000-\$39,999; \$40,000-\$59,999; \$60,000-\$74,999; \$75,000-\$100,000; \$100,000+. For 1994 and 1992, the highest income category available was \$50,000+.

Again Households Give Democratic Candidates Their Familiar Margin

	1990		1988		1984	
	D	R	D	R	D	R
By Education						
Less than H.S.	59%	38%	59%	34%	56%	43%
H.S. Grad	56%	41%	54%	41%	48%	51%
Some College	51%	45%	50%	45%	46%	53%
College Grad	51%	46%	48%	48%	48%	51%
By Income						
Less than \$15,000	63%	34%	63%	31%	59%	39%
\$15,000-29,999	54%	42%	53%	43%	49%	50%
\$30,9000-49,999	52%	45%	50%	45%	45%	54%
\$50,000+	49%	48%	43%	52%	37%	61%
By Denomination						
Protestant	47%	51%	45%	50%	40%	60%
Catholic	55%	41%	53%	43%	55%	43%
Other Christian	56%	42%	52%	42%	44%	54%
Jewish	73%	25%	66%	31%	70%	28%
None	56%	37%	61%	33%	65%	33%
Union Household	63%	34%	60%	35%	61%	38%
Not checked	52%	45%	48%	47%	43%	56%
Married	50%	47%	49%	46%	46%	53%
Not Married	58%	39%	56%	38%	53%	45%
Attend Religious Services						
Once a week/month	49%	49%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Not checked	57%	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
By Party ID						
Democrat	78%	19%	80%	16%	83%	16%
Republican	25%	73%	20%	75%	13%	86%
Independent	51%	45%	51%	43%	45%	52%
By Ideology						
Liberal	71%	25%	76%	19%	73%	24%
Moderate	56%	41%	55%	41%	54%	45%
Conservative	38%	59%	32%	62%	28%	71%

Gender Gap Biggest in the DE and GA Contests, Small to Nonexistent in RI, NJ, WY, NM and AK

State	Candidates	Everyone		Women		Men		Gender Gap
		% Voting for Dem. Cand.	% Voting for Rep. Cand.	% Voting for Dem. Cand.	% Voting for Rep. Cand.	% Voting for Dem. Cand.	% Voting for Rep. Cand.	% Women voting Dem. minus % Men voting Dem.
Delaware	Biden (D) Clatworthy (R)	60%	39%	67%	32%	51%	48%	16
Georgia	Cleland (D) Millner (R)	49%	48%	56%	40%	41%	55%	15
Idaho	Minnick (D) Craig (R)	43%	54%	46%	51%	34%	63%	12
South Dakota	Johnson (D) Pressler (R)	52%	48%	57%	42%	45%	54%	12
Michigan	Levin (D) Romney (R)	56%	43%	63%	34%	52%	46%	11
New Hampshire	Swett (D) Smith (R)	47%	49%	52%	44%	41%	53%	11
Kansas A	Thompson (D) Roberts (R)	38%	61%	39%	59%	30%	66%	9
Louisiana	Landrieu (D) Jenkins (R)	50%	50%	54%	45%	45%	55%	9
Maine	Brennan (D) Collins (R)	47%	48%	48%	43%	39%	56%	9
Massachusetts	Kerry (D) Weld (R)	52%	45%	56%	40%	47%	48%	9
Minnesota	Wellstone (D) Boschwitz (R)	52%	43%	55%	37%	46%	45%	9
North Carolina	Gantt (D) Helms (R)	46%	53%	50%	49%	41%	58%	9
Oklahoma	Boren (D) Inhofe (R)	40%	57%	44%	53%	35%	63%	9
Alabama	Bedford (D) Sessions (R)	45%	53%	49%	49%	41%	57%	8
Colorado	Strickland (D) Allard (R)	48%	49%	50%	48%	42%	54%	8
Mississippi	Hunt (D) Cochran (R)	25%	74%	31%	69%	23%	75%	8
Kansas B	Docking (D) Brownbeck (R)	47%	52%	47%	50%	40%	58%	7
Oregon	Bruggere (D) Smith (R)	48%	49%	51%	45%	44%	53%	7
Illinois	Durbin (D) Salvi (R)	54%	44%	59%	39%	53%	43%	6
Iowa	Harkin (D) Lightfoot (R)	52%	47%	55%	45%	49%	49%	6
Montana	Baucus (D) Rehberg (R)	49%	45%	52%	40%	46%	50%	6
Nebraska	Nelson (D) Hagel (R)	42%	56%	45%	53%	39%	59%	6
Tennessee	Gordon (D) Thompson (R)	37%	62%	40%	59%	34%	65%	6
West Virginia	Rockefeller (D) Burks (R)	76%	24%	79%	20%	73%	26%	6
Texas				46%	53%	40%	58%	6
Kentucky	Beshear (D) McConnell (R)	45%	55%	45%	53%	40%	58%	5
Virginia	Morales (D) Gramm (R)	47%	52%	49%	49%	44%	55%	5
Arkansas	Bryant (D) Hutchinson (R)	48%	50%	49%	51%	45%	54%	4
South Carolina	Close (D) Thurmond (R)	44%	53%	45%	51%	41%	56%	4
Rhode Island	Reed (D) Mayer (R)	64%	35%	65%	35%	63%	36%	2
New Jersey	Torricelli (D) Zimmer (R)	53%	42%	53%	42%	53%	42%	0
Wyoming	Karpon (D) Enzi (R)	42%	54%	42%	53%	42%	55%	0
New Mexico	Trujillo (D) Domenici (R)	30%	64%	29%	65%	30%	64%	-1
Alaska	Obermeyer (D) Stevens (R)	23%	68%	14%	70%	17%	72%	-3

Source for pp. 28-30: Survey by Voter News Service, November 5, 1996. Data made available through the All Politics Website.

Voting in Selected Senate Races by Social Group

	MAINE		MASSACHUSETTS		NEW HAMPSHIRE		NEW JERSEY	
	Brennan	Collins	Kerry	Weld	Swett	Smith	Torricelli	Zimmer
By Age								
18-29	42%	50%	55%	39%	42%	47%	57%	38%
30-44	44%	47%	52%	45%	47%	48%	49%	46%
45-59	42%	53%	50%	46%	48%	49%	56%	39%
60+	47%	48%	50%	46%	45%	54%	53%	42%
By Income								
Under \$15,000	49%	38%	55%	40%	52%	38%	65%	30%
\$15,000-\$30,000	48%	47%	62%	33%	39%	52%	61%	38%
\$30,000-\$50,000	43%	52%	52%	43%	44%	53%	53%	40%
\$50,000-\$75,000	37%	55%	52%	45%	53%	42%	52%	43%
\$75,000-\$100,000			51%	48%	44%	52%	46%	50%
\$100,000+			42%	55%			47%	47%
By Education								
No High School	60%	37%	63%	29%	0%	0%	69%	29%
H.S. Graduate	45%	47%	52%	43%	36%	57%	53%	40%
Some College	44%	49%	45%	50%	46%	50%	53%	43%
College Graduate	38%	55%	49%	48%	44%	54%	50%	46%
Post-Graduate	41%	50%	60%	38%	57%	35%	50%	45%
By Religion (whites only)								
Protestant	37%	54%	38%	57%	38%	62%	44%	53%
Catholic	51%	45%	52%	44%	46%	46%	43%	52%
Jewish	0%	0%	69%	30%	0%	0%	73%	25%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
No Religion	46%	48%	64%	31%	71%	29%	0%	0%
By Race								
Whites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
African-Americans							47%	48%
							85%	13%
By Party ID								
Democratic	76%	22%	80%	17%	89%	9%	86%	12%
Republican	13%	79%	15%	79%	16%	83%	16%	79%
Independent	38%	51%	45%	51%	46%	43%	50%	42%

	GEORGIA		LOUISIANA		ARKANSAS	
	Cleland	Millner	Landrieu	Jenkins	Bryant	Hutchinson
By Age						
18-29	49%	47%	53%	47%	41%	59%
30-44	47%	47%	50%	50%	43%	57%
45-59	48%	49%	50%	50%	49%	51%
60+	52%	47%	48%	51%	56%	43%
By Income						
Under \$15,000	60%	36%	71%	29%	57%	43%
\$15,000-\$30,000	55%	39%	60%	40%	43%	57%
\$30,000-\$50,000	53%	43%	44%	56%	46%	53%
\$50,000-\$75,000	44%	51%	38%	61%	48%	52%
\$75,000-\$100,000	38%	62%	30%	70%		
\$100,000+	28%	70%	33%	65%		
By Education						
No High School	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
H.S. Graduate	53%	41%				
Some College	29%	48%				
College Graduate	41%	58%				
Post-Graduate	53%	43%				
By Religion (whites only)						
Protestant	33%	64%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Catholic	40%	56%				
Jewish	0%	0%				
Other	0%	0%				
No Religion	0%	0%				
By Race						
Whites	37%	59%	32%	68%	N/A	N/A
African-Americans	83%	12%	91%	9%		
By Party ID						
Democratic	81%	14%	74%	26%	78%	22%
Republican	13%	87%	15%	84%	6%	94%
Independent	47%	46%	38%	62%	38%	62%

Income Group Differences were Small in Most Senate Races, But Huge in Georgia and Louisiana, Where Race Strongly Overlays Income

	KANSAS		S. DAKOTA		OREGON	
	Docking	Brownback	Johnson	Pressler	Bruggere	Smith
By Age						
18-29	44%	54%	51%	49%	47%	46%
30-44	40%	55%	50%	50%	48%	48%
45-59	44%	53%	49%	50%	46%	52%
60+	45%	53%	56%	43%	43%	54%
By Income						
Under \$15,000	49%	46%	55%	44%	59%	36%
\$15,000-\$30,000	46%	49%	53%	47%	43%	53%
\$30,000-\$50,000	44%	55%	55%	44%	47%	49%
\$50,000-\$75,000	37%	59%	53%	46%	49%	50%
\$75,000-\$100,000	51%	49%			52%	47%
\$100,000+	40%	60%				
By Education						
No High School	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	59%	35%
H.S. Graduate					45%	53%
Some College					40%	55%
College Graduate					49%	48%
Post-Graduate					58%	38%
By Religion (whites only)						
Protestant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36%	61%
Catholic					54%	42%
Jewish					0%	0%
Other					0%	0%
No Religion					64%	32%
By Race						
Whites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
African-Americans						
By Party ID						
Democratic	84%	16%	87%	13%	75%	23%
Republican	18%	80%	25%	75%	12%	87%
Independent	51%	40%	52%	47%	50%	41%