

# Ethnocultural Patterns

On page 44, Everett Ladd writes about the key groups that made up the Roosevelt coalition and those who define today's governing coalition. Southern white Protestants, like Catholics, were a key part of every Democratic coalition until the current realignment. Today they are more Republican than the party's historic base, northern white Protestants. Asians split their votes in House races though they backed Bush solidly.

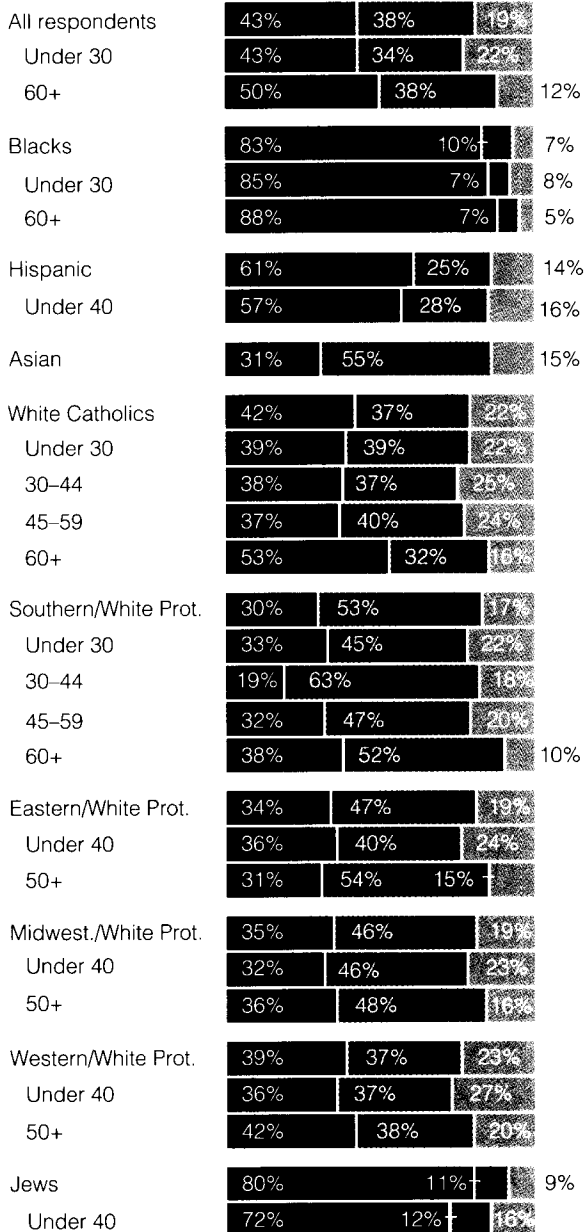
Question: **In today's election for president/U.S. House of Representatives, did you just vote for...?**

**Voted for...**

Democratic candidate
  Republican candidate
  Independent candidate

**Presidential contest**

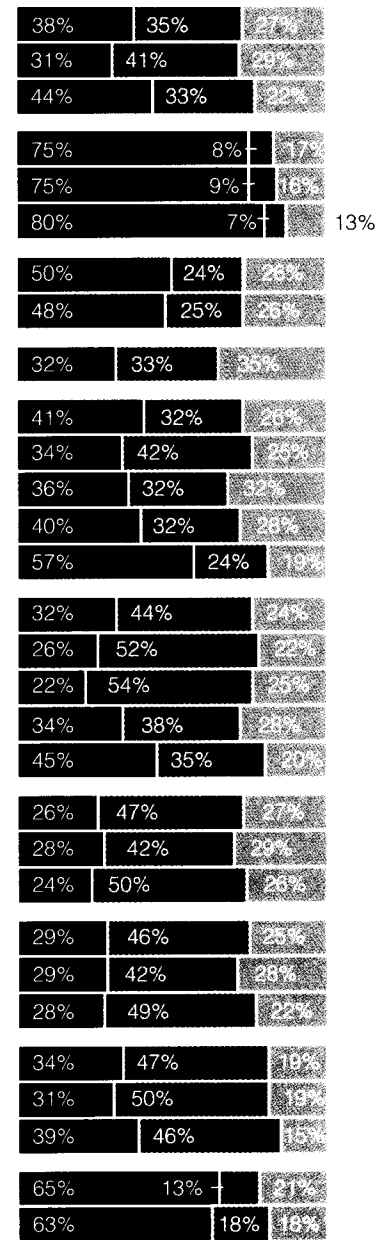
**House contest**



Question: **No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a...?**

**Think of self as a...**

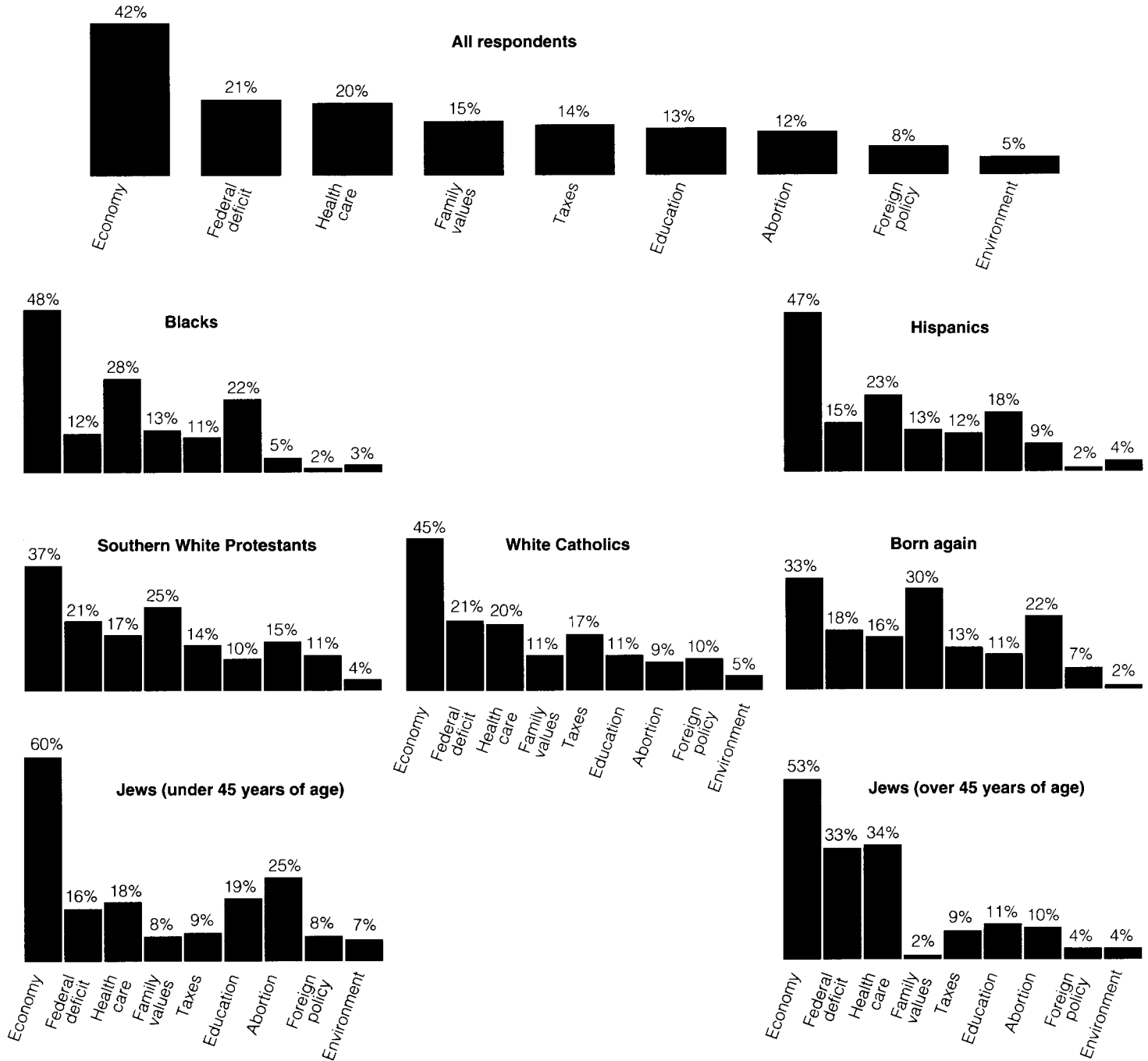
Democrat
  Republican
  Indep./other



**Note:** Where subgroup sample size permitted, responses for those under 30 years of age and over 60 were compared. In those cases where sample size did not permit this subdivision, those under 40 and over 50 were compared. If samples were too small to be divided in either of these ways, age groups were omitted. For Jews under 40, samples=110 (presidential vote), 96 (House vote), and 112 (party id.).  
**Source:** Survey conducted November 3, 1992, by Voter Research & Surveys, a consortium of ABC News, CBS News, CNN, and NBC News.

All groups cited the economy as the most important issue in casting their votes. Southern white Protestants and those who described themselves as “born again” ranked family values as their second most important issue. Blacks and Hispanics ranked health care second.

### Which one or two issues mattered most in deciding how you voted?



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