

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

	Party controlling presidency	Party controlling Senate	Party controlling House
1789-91	F	F	F
1791-93	F	F	F
1793-95	F	F	DR
1795-97	F	F	F
1797-99	F	F	F
1799-1801	F	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	D	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	D	D
1851-53	W	D	D
1853-55	D	D	D
1855-57	D	D	D
1857-59	D	D	D
1859-61	D	D	R
1861-63	R	R	R
1863-65	R	R	R
1865-67	R/U	R/U	R/U
1867-69	R	R	R
1869-71	R	R	R
1871-73	R	R	R
1873-75	R	R	R
1875-77	R	R	D
1877-79	R	R	D
1879-81	R	D	D
1881-83	R	R	R
1883-85	R	R	D
1885-87	D	R	D
1887-89	D	R	D
1889-91	R	R	R
1891-93	R	R	D

Letter symbols for political parties

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

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

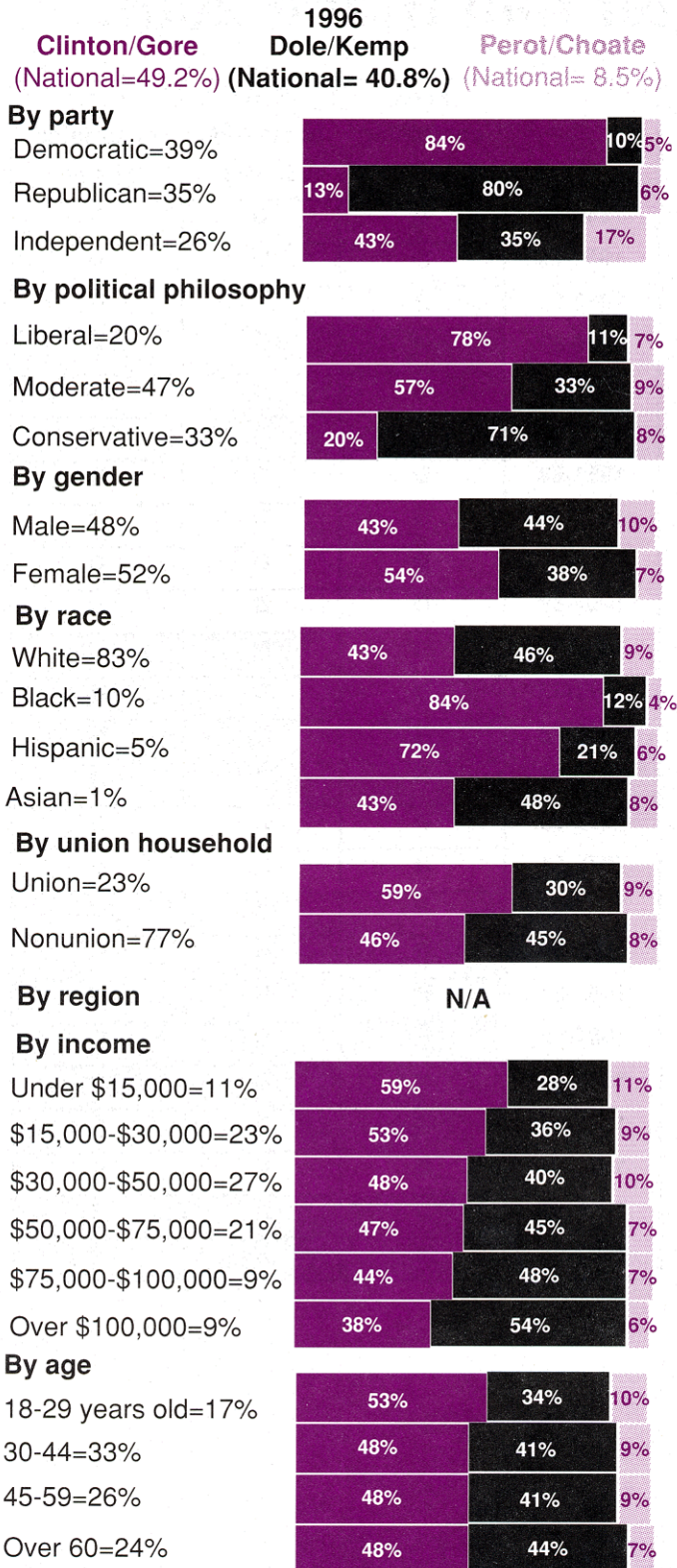
	Party controlling presidency	Party controlling Senate	Party controlling House
1893-95	D	D	D
1895-97	D	R	R
1897-99	R	R	R
1899-1901	R	R	R
1901-03	R	R	R
1903-05	R	R	R
1905-07	R	R	R
1907-09	R	R	R
1909-11	R	R	R
1911-13	R	R	D
1913-15	D	D	D
1915-17	D	D	D
1917-19	D	D	D
1919-21	D	R	R
1921-23	R	R	R
1923-25	R	R	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	D	D	D
1945-47	D	D	D
1947-49	D	R	R

	Party controlling presidency	Party controlling Senate	Party controlling 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	D
1971-73	R	D	D
1973-75	R	D	D
1975-77	R	D	D
1977-79	D	D	D
1979-81	D	D	D
1981-83	R	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.

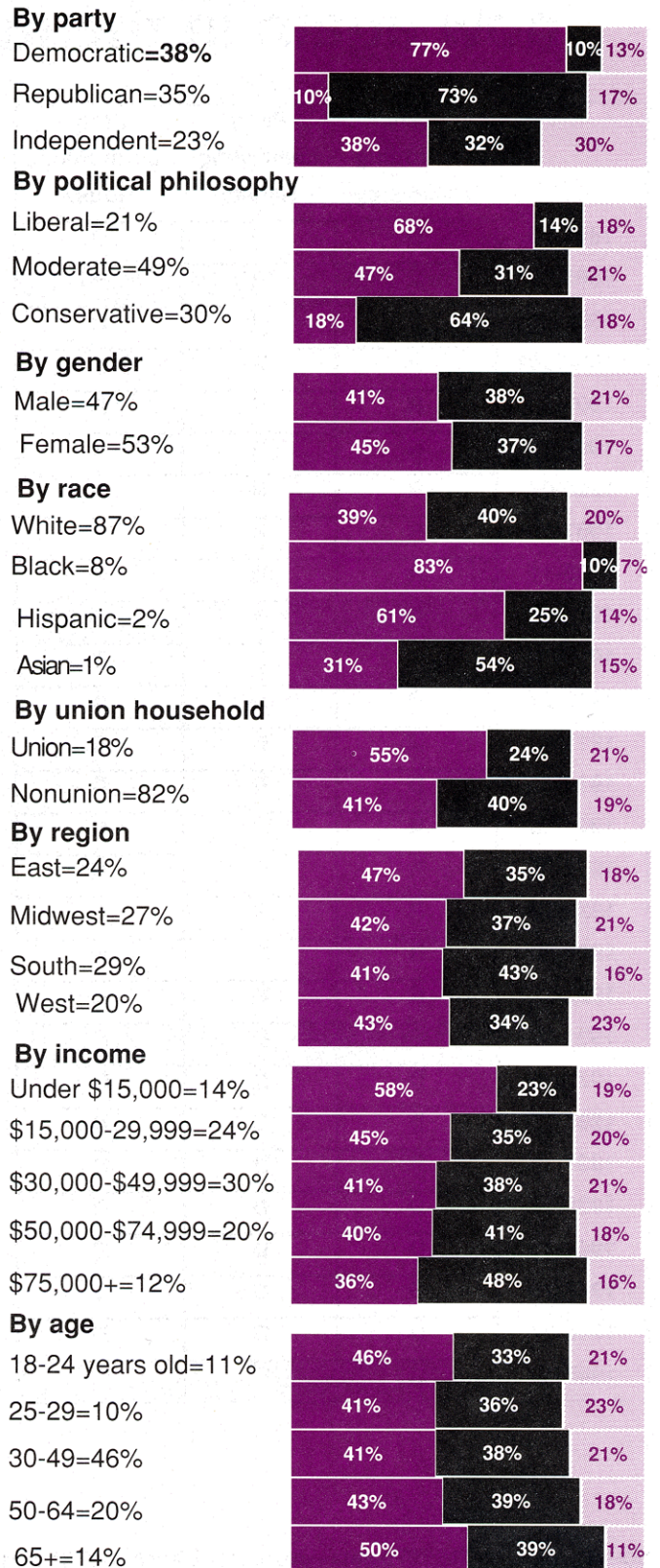
Voting—Exit Poll Results

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



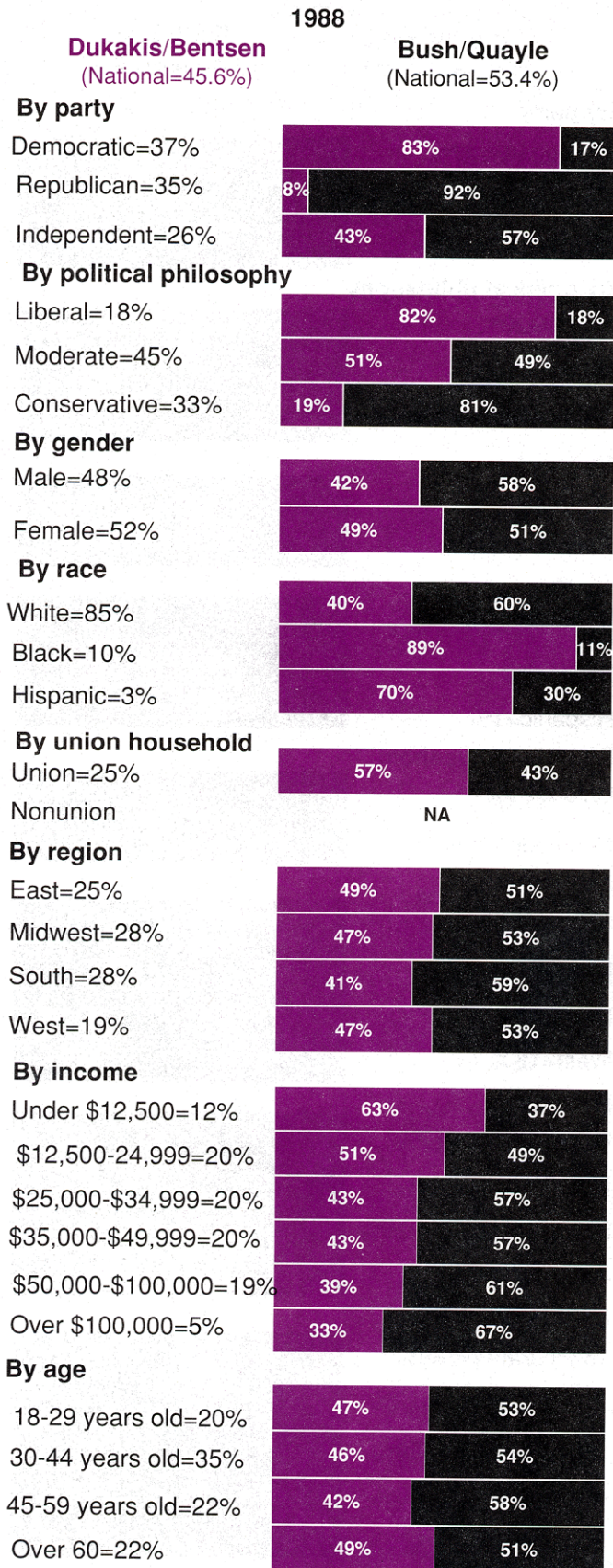
Note: Sample = 14,651 voters as they left booths. National numbers shown in parentheses at the top of each column, pp. 8-10, are the actual popular vote percentages.
Source: Survey conducted November 5, 1996, by Voter News Service. The data were made available through the AllPolitics Website.

1992
Clinton/Gore (National=43.0%)
Bush/Quayle (National=37.4%)
Perot/Stockdale (National=18.9%)

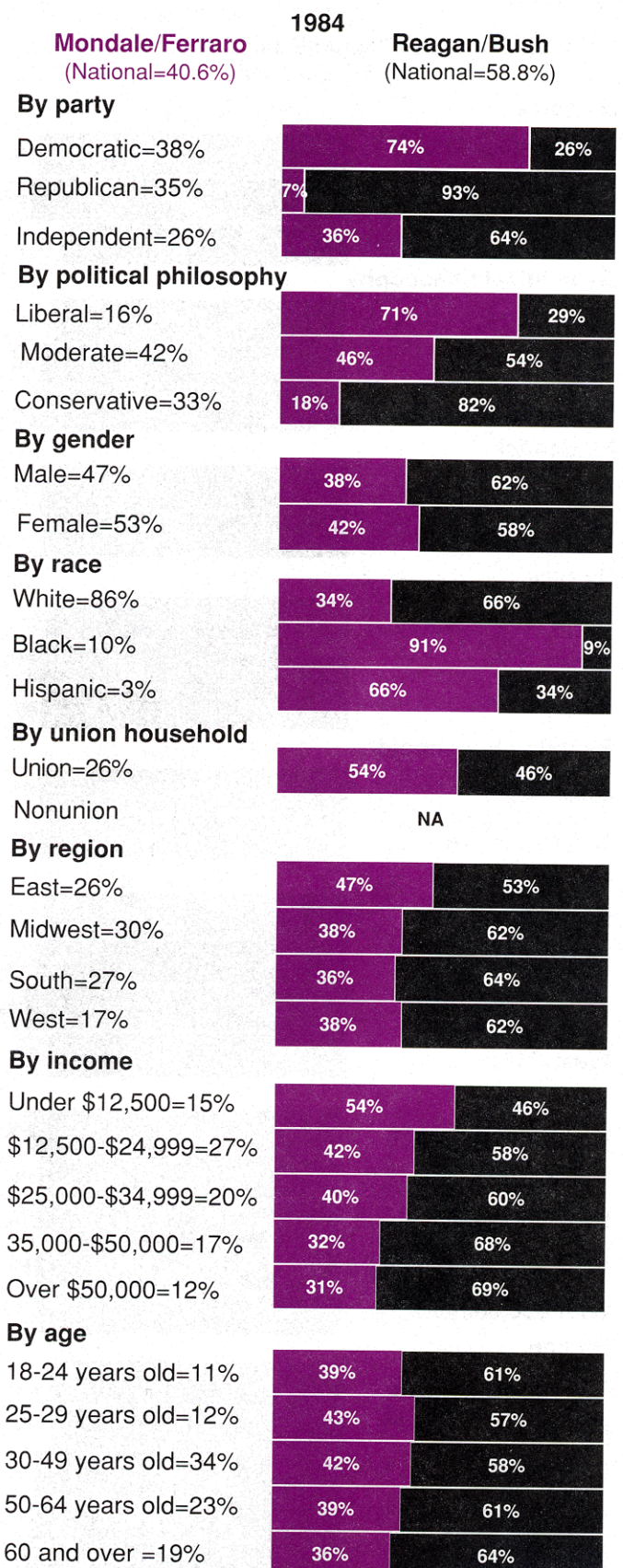


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Voting—Exit Poll Results

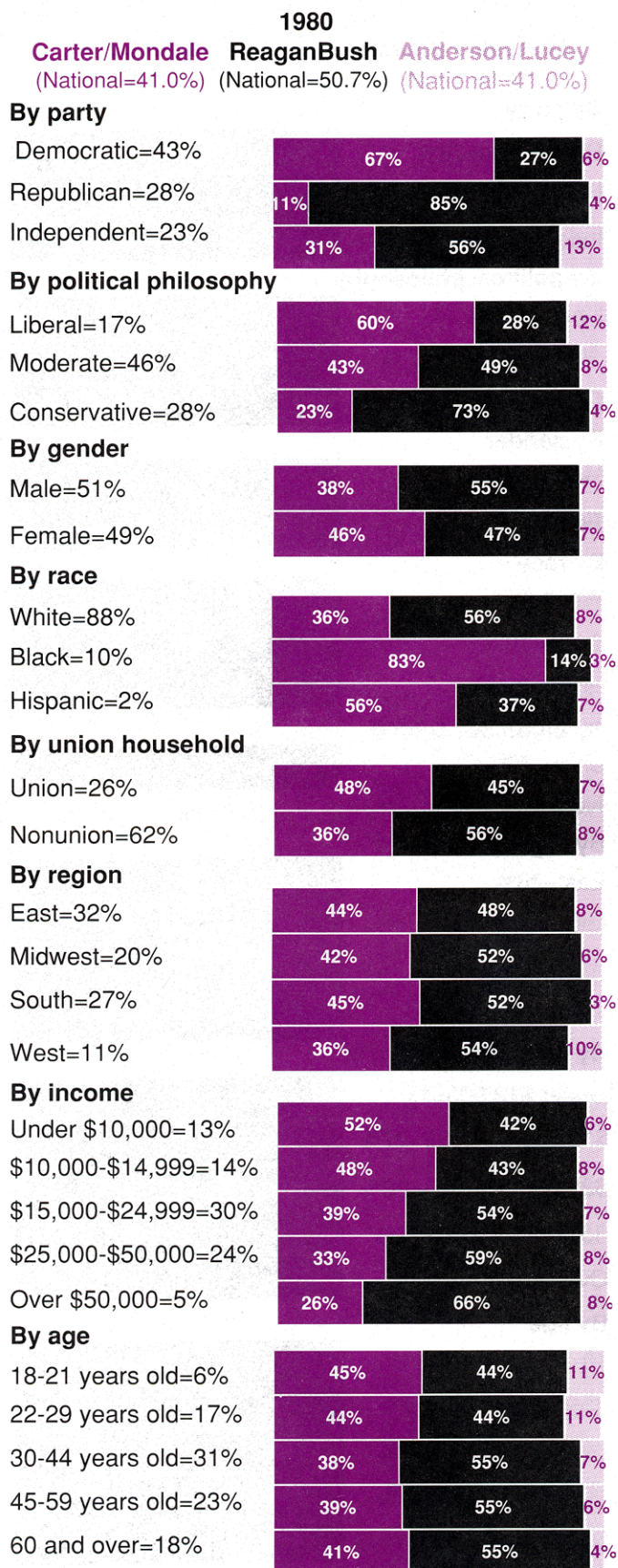


Note: Sample size=11,645 voters as they left voting booths.
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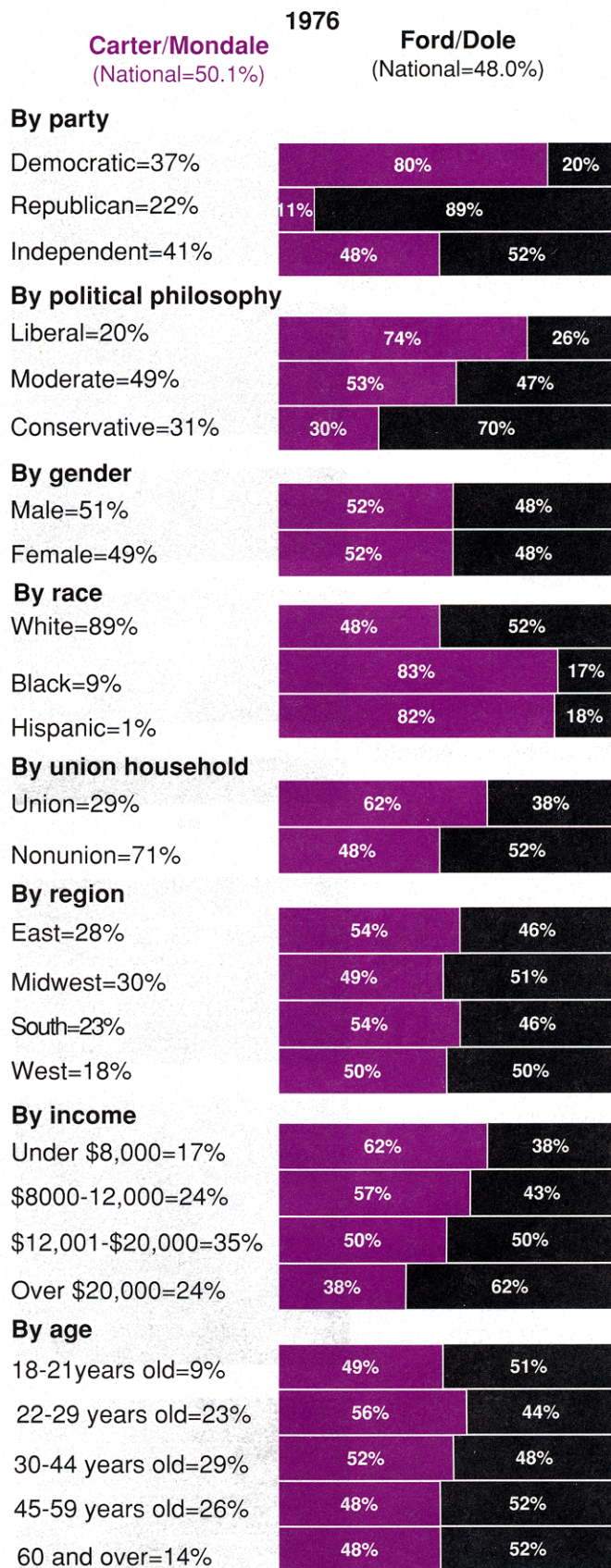


Note: Sample size=8,671 as they left voting booths. The survey was not conducted in the states of Washington, Alaska or Hawaii. Someone else/No vote for president (both 1% or less) calculated out for comparison purposes.
Source: Survey by CBS News/NYT, November 6, 1984.

Voting—Exit Poll Results



Note: Sample size=12,782 voters as they left voting booths.
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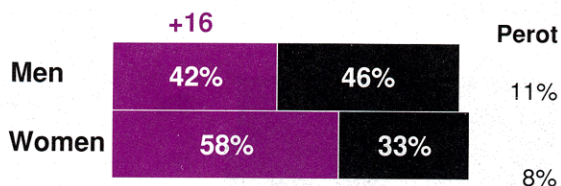


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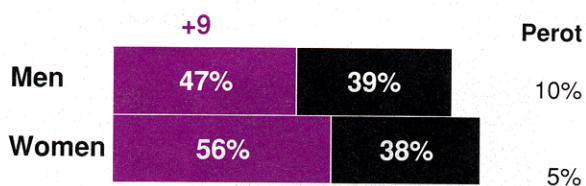
Gender and the Presidential Vote, by State

■ Clinton ■ Dole

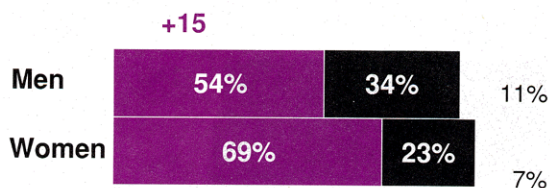
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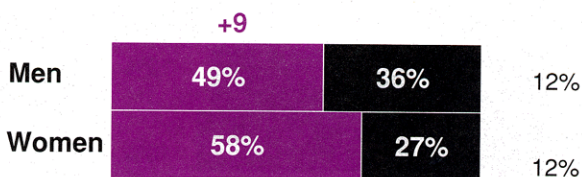
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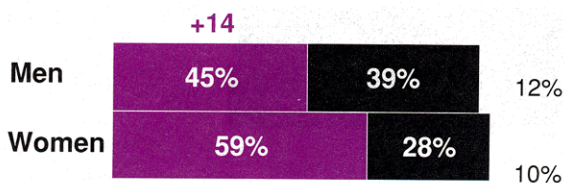
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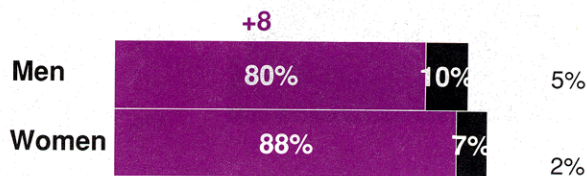
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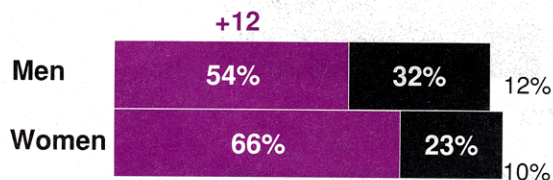
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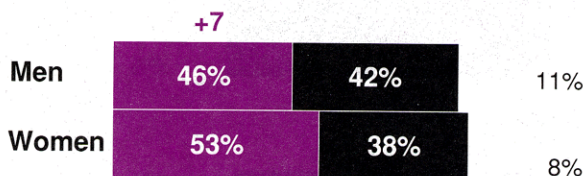
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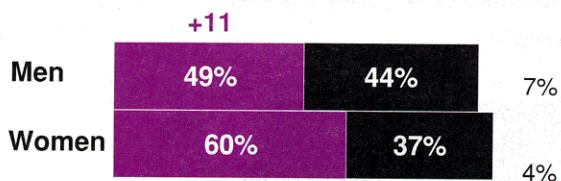
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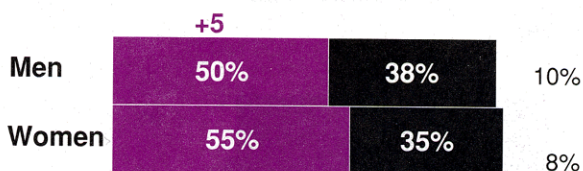
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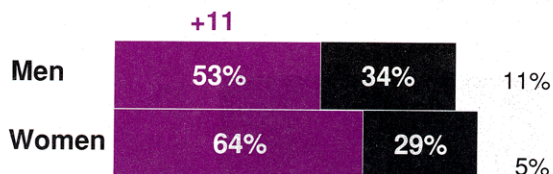
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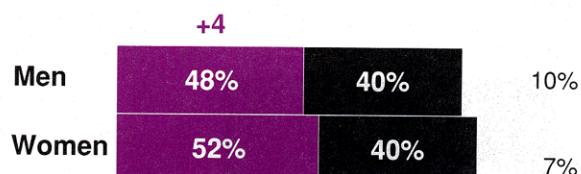
New Jersey



New York



Connecticut



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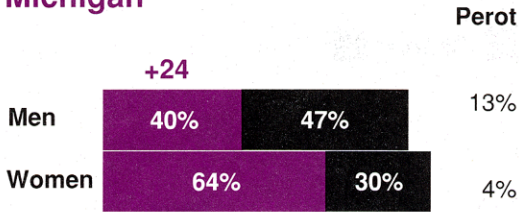
The Men-Women Gap was Largest in Northern New England (p. 11), in Kentucky...



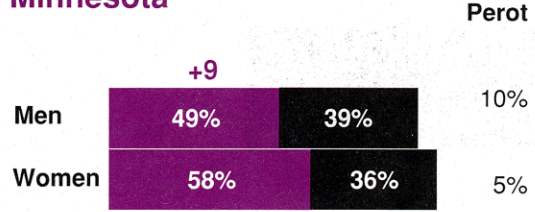
...in Michigan in the Midwest...

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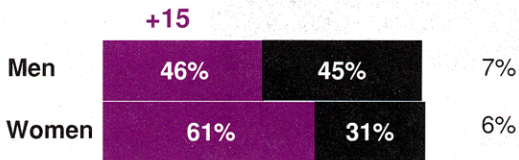
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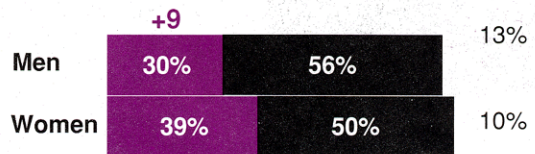
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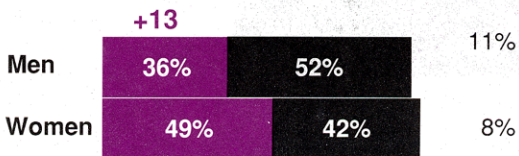
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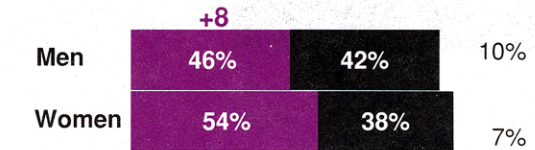
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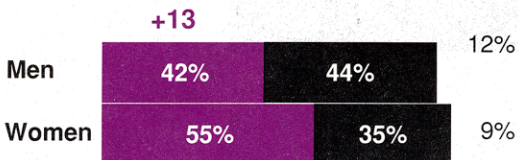
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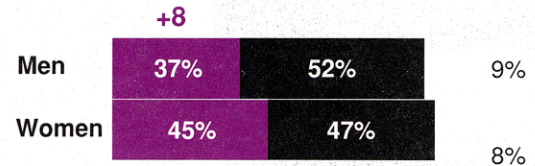
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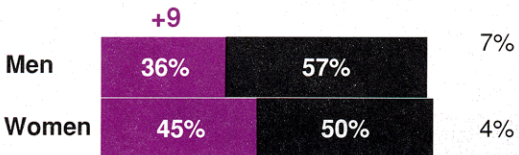
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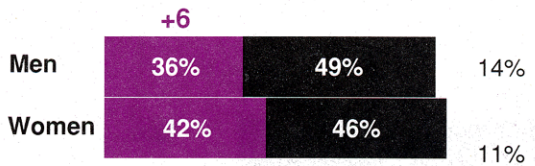
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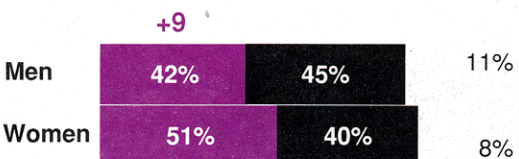
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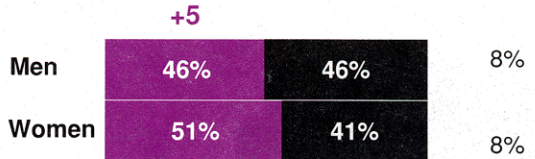
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Missouri

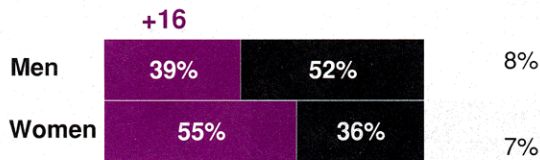


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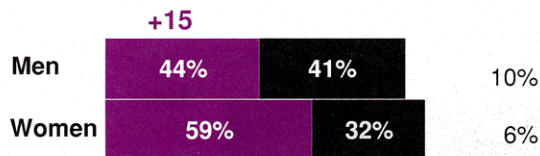
...And in Colorado and Washington in the West

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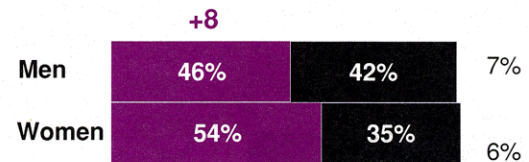


Clinton Dole

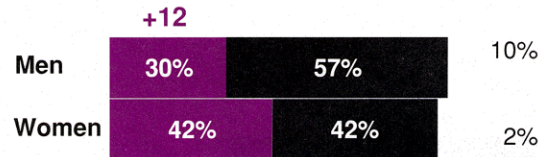
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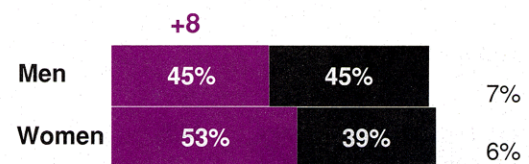
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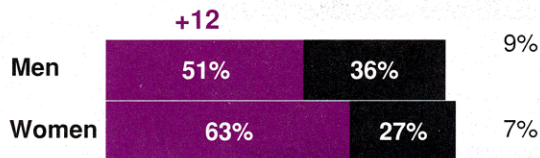
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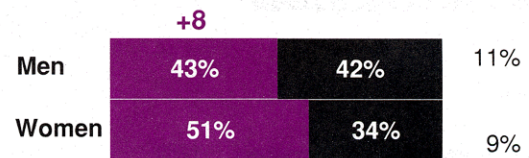
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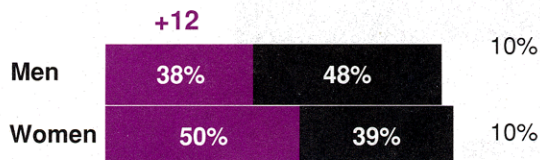
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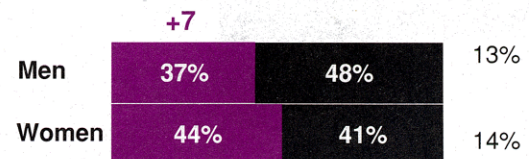
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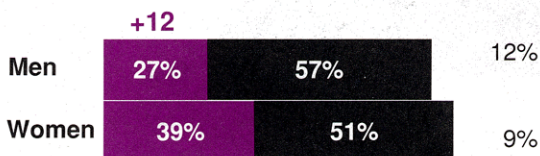
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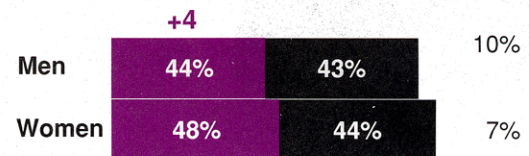
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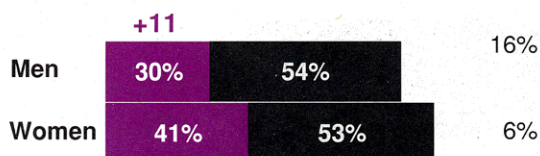
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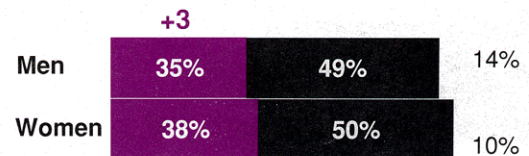
Arizona



Idaho



Wyoming



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	Conservative
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%
New Jersey	38%	30%	31%		21%	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%
New Hampshire	25%	35%	40%		19%	50%	31%

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

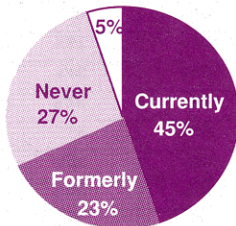
Question: Do you approve or disapprove of what the Republicans in Congress have done in the last two years?

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

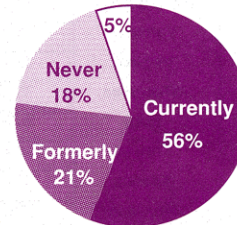
Changing Partners

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

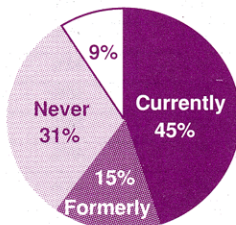
Alabama
Don't know (DK) / No Answer (NA)



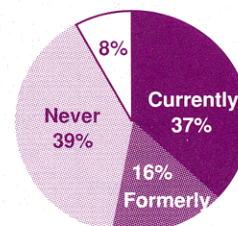
Louisiana
DK / NA



Tennessee
DK / NA

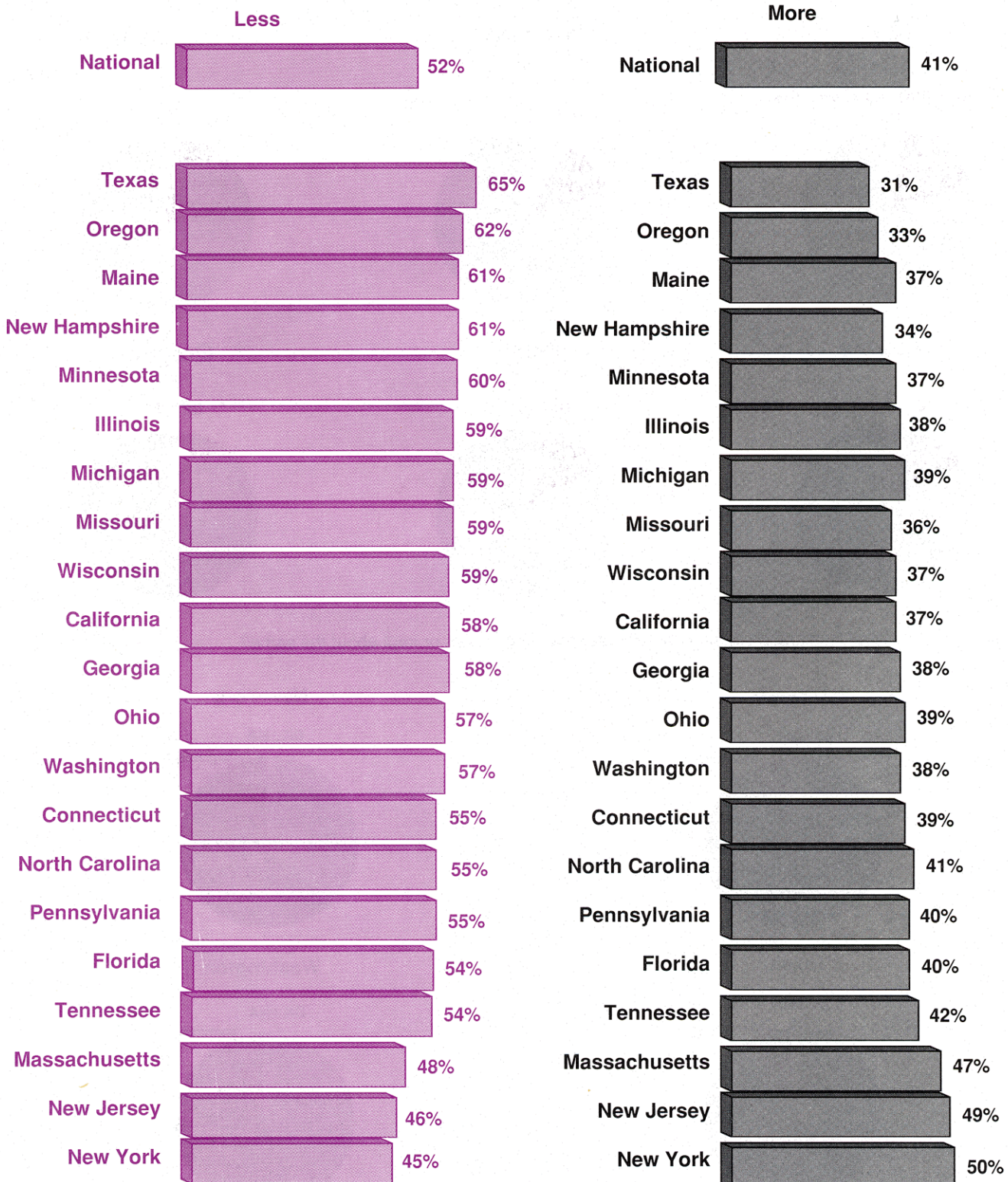


Virginia
DK / NA



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

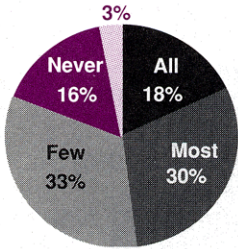
Question: Which comes closer to your view: Government should do more to solve problems; government is doing too many things better left to business and individuals?



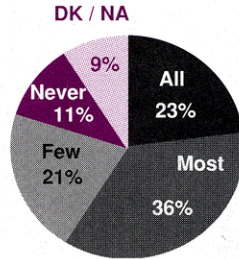
Voters on the Issues: Abortion and Immigration

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?

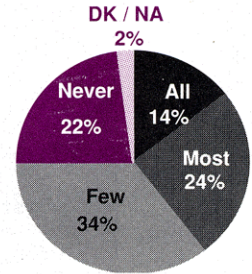
Iowa
Don't know (DK) / No Answer (NA)



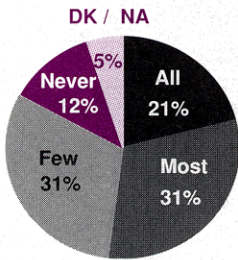
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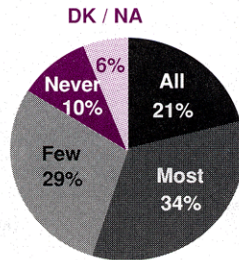
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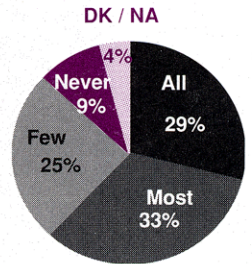
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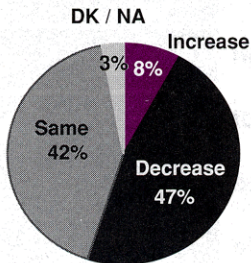


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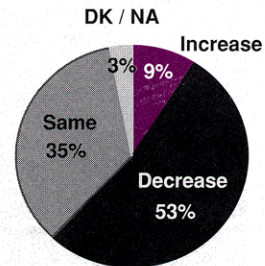


Question: Should legal immigration in the U.S. be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

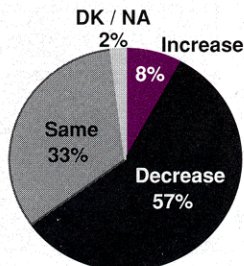
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