

Table 8-10 Average Ideological Positions of Senate Party Coalitions, 80th-114th Congresses, 1947-2015

Congress	Entire chamber	Democrats	Republicans	Nonsouthern Democrats	Southern Democrats
80th (1947)	0.1	-0.041	0.226	-0.165	0.064
81st (1949)	0.031	-0.108	0.208	-0.198	0
82nd (1951)	0.069	-0.078	0.224	-0.18	0.016
83rd (1953)	0.072	-0.086	0.239	-0.193	0.004
84th (1955)	0.039	-0.147	0.253	-0.273	-0.044
85th (1957)	0.027	-0.181	0.248	-0.305	-0.052
86th (1959)	-0.062	-0.229	0.24	-0.326	-0.055
87th (1961)	-0.055	-0.248	0.264	-0.364	-0.045
88th (1963)	-0.098	-0.27	0.271	-0.373	-0.068
89th (1965)	-0.104	-0.283	0.274	-0.379	-0.087
90th (1967)	-0.099	-0.289	0.236	-0.361	-0.138
91st (1969)	-0.058	-0.285	0.234	-0.361	-0.129
92nd (1971)	-0.041	-0.278	0.228	-0.35	-0.131
93rd (1973)	-0.058	-0.313	0.255	-0.375	-0.138
94th (1975)	-0.083	-0.305	0.252	-0.371	-0.134
95th (1977)	-0.103	-0.301	0.235	-0.371	-0.14
96th (1979)	-0.075	-0.297	0.244	-0.344	-0.187
97th (1981)	0.021	-0.284	0.272	-0.324	-0.192
98th (1983)	0.021	-0.288	0.274	-0.327	-0.198
99th (1985)	0.015	-0.3	0.285	-0.338	-0.21
100th (1987)	-0.031	-0.307	0.286	-0.351	-0.218
101st (1989)	-0.033	-0.305	0.299	-0.338	-0.228
102nd (1991)	-0.041	-0.313	0.31	-0.345	-0.235
103rd (1993)	-0.041	-0.322	0.33	-0.354	-0.23
104th (1995)	0.029	-0.333	0.35	-0.354	-0.25
105th (1997)	0.051	-0.348	0.385	-0.364	-0.272
106th (1999)	0.051	-0.336	0.376	-0.363	-0.223
107th (2001)	0.028	-0.334	0.39	-0.359	-0.221
108th (2003)	0.036	-0.331	0.38	-0.356	-0.221
109th (2005)	0.074	-0.345	0.417	-0.355	-0.238
110th (2007)	0.053	-0.337	0.441	-0.349	-0.224
111th (2009)	-0.021	-0.345	0.459	-0.361	-0.222
112th (2011)	0.056	-0.341	0.511	-0.355	-0.229
113th (2013)	0.023	-0.371	0.535	-0.387	-0.237
114th (2015)	0.116	-0.388	0.551	-0.397	-0.256

Note: Data in this table has been changed from previous versions. See errata for more detail.

Source: This table uses ideological scores based on members' voting records developed by political scientists Keith Poole and Howard Rosenthal, available at voteview.com. The Poole-Rosenthal DW-NOMINATE scores can be viewed at voteview.com. A positive score denotes a conservative ideology, while a negative score denotes a liberal one. Scores closest to zero reflect the most centrist ideologies, while more extreme scores reflect stronger conservative or liberal ideologies.