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Average Ideological Positions of House Committees, 80th-113th Congresses

Committee		80th 1947	81st 1949	82nd 1951	83rd 1953	84th 1955	85th 1957	86th 1959	87th 1961	88th 1963	89th 1965
Agriculture	All members	0.188	0.034	0.092	0.166	0.077	0.079	0.030	0.065	0.049	-0.002
	Democrats	-0.084	-0.123	-0.071	-0.031	-0.141	-0.140	-0.134	-0.124	-0.158	-0.161
	Republicans	0.375	0.301	0.304	0.338	0.352	0.357	0.315	0.348	0.361	0.345
Appropriations	All members	0.144	0.019	0.025	0.164	0.012	0.029	0.019	0.011	-0.004	-0.062
	Democrats	-0.170	-0.196	-0.206	-0.162	-0.217	-0.195	-0.201	-0.210	-0.218	-0.225
	Republicans	0.370	0.342	0.371	0.382	0.356	0.352	0.348	0.330	0.316	0.286
Armed Services	All members	0.131	0.019	0.050	0.098	0.020	0.014	-0.018	0.024	0.045	-0.030
	Democrats	-0.105	-0.189	-0.172	-0.132	-0.169	-0.172	-0.185	-0.153	-0.148	-0.178
	Republicans	0.306	0.323	0.313	0.305	0.243	0.232	0.256	0.257	0.285	0.278
Budget	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
District of Columbia	All members	0.125	0.024	0.055	0.075	0.034	0.029	-0.005	0.010	-0.004	-0.048
	Democrats	-0.119	-0.166	-0.129	-0.129	-0.136	-0.142	-0.158	-0.095	-0.134	-0.159
	Republicans	0.317	0.308	0.271	0.264	0.250	0.246	0.269	0.167	0.191	0.188
Education & the Workforce	All members	0.123	-0.088	0.016	0.014	-0.083	-0.112	-0.151	-0.066	-0.113	-0.189
	Democrats	-0.305	-0.345	-0.280	-0.365	-0.441	-0.440	-0.400	-0.354	-0.397	-0.415
	Republicans	0.408	0.369	0.393	0.365	0.386	0.317	0.348	0.390	0.338	0.285

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Committee		80th 1947	81st 1949	82nd 1951	83rd 1953	84th 1955	85th 1957	86th 1959	87th 1961	88th 1963	89th 1965
Energy and Commerce	All members	0.065	-0.087	0.000	0.042	-0.001	0.028	-0.006	-0.003	-0.021	-0.065
	Democrats	-0.235	-0.321	-0.226	-0.244	-0.211	-0.179	-0.176	-0.181	-0.201	-0.224
	Republicans	0.271	0.253	0.260	0.261	0.254	0.277	0.292	0.270	0.255	0.284
Financial Services	All members	0.106	-0.061	-0.027	0.010	-0.051	-0.058	-0.139	-0.119	-0.124	-0.149
	Democrats	-0.270	-0.366	-0.325	-0.374	-0.354	-0.356	-0.366	-0.369	-0.369	-0.327
	Republicans	0.365	0.382	0.321	0.342	0.344	0.332	0.253	0.255	0.215	0.206
Oversight & Government Reform	All members	0.123	-0.156	-0.036	0.003	-0.035	-0.025	-0.082	-0.088	-0.129	-0.151
	Democrats	-0.248	-0.380	-0.310	-0.366	-0.342	-0.310	-0.296	-0.294	-0.337	-0.352
	Republicans	0.355	0.420	0.362	0.325	0.367	0.347	0.288	0.269	0.200	0.268
Homeland Security	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
House Administration	All members	0.172	-0.097	-0.012	0.106	0.004	0.016	-0.014	0.025	0.013	-0.042
	Democrats	-0.062	-0.183	-0.179	-0.182	-0.196	-0.189	-0.183	-0.193	-0.170	-0.220
	Republicans	0.356	0.340	0.300	0.312	0.258	0.277	0.286	0.353	0.288	0.337
Foreign Affairs	All members	-0.032	-0.071	-0.053	0.019	0.015	-0.019	-0.152	-0.110	-0.066	-0.126
	Democrats	-0.320	-0.297	-0.279	-0.236	-0.199	-0.261	-0.353	-0.294	-0.308	-0.340
	Republicans	0.213	0.196	0.212	0.227	0.257	0.256	0.230	0.172	0.306	0.302

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Committee		80th 1947	81st 1949	82nd 1951	83rd 1953	84th 1955	85th 1957	86th 1959	87th 1961	88th 1963	89th 1965
Judiciary	All members	0.080	-0.006	0.028	0.072	0.008	0.005	-0.048	-0.005	-0.038	-0.115
	Democrats	-0.208	-0.190	-0.176	-0.159	-0.198	-0.196	-0.222	-0.198	-0.233	-0.278
	Republicans	0.310	0.306	0.316	0.260	0.272	0.262	0.283	0.271	0.240	0.239
Merchant Marine and Fisheries	All members	0.039	-0.011	-0.020	0.031	-0.049	-0.008	-0.039	-0.019	-0.052	-0.105
	Democrats	-0.256	-0.199	-0.251	-0.194	-0.296	-0.233	-0.242	-0.236	-0.221	-0.253
	Republicans	0.272	0.271	0.267	0.255	0.256	0.264	0.332	0.324	0.217	0.207
Post Office and Civil Service	All members	0.135	-0.018	-0.009	0.101	0.060	0.037	-0.020	0.088	0.026	-0.086
	Democrats	-0.145	-0.204	-0.249	-0.111	-0.170	-0.206	-0.258	-0.143	-0.284	-0.301
	Republicans	0.322	0.261	0.263	0.281	0.352	0.348	0.363	0.382	0.393	0.371
Natural Resources	All members	0.107	0.020	0.041	0.119	-0.012	-0.006	-0.060	-0.007	0.001	-0.070
	Democrats	-0.181	-0.172	-0.231	-0.113	-0.293	-0.281	-0.293	-0.218	-0.232	-0.253
	Republicans	0.300	0.289	0.381	0.317	0.334	0.328	0.290	0.285	0.318	0.295
Rules	All members	0.245	0.002	0.002	0.190	-0.028	-0.049	-0.004	-0.040	-0.023	-0.047
	Democrats	-0.121	-0.168	-0.176	-0.046	-0.222	-0.221	-0.220	-0.247	-0.246	-0.250
	Republicans	0.429	0.341	0.357	0.308	0.359	0.295	0.429	0.478	0.424	0.359
Science, Space & Technology	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.095	-0.075	-0.040	-0.081
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.266	-0.254	-0.239	-0.233
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.209	0.211	0.235	0.238

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Committee		80th 1947	81st 1949	82nd 1951	83rd 1953	84th 1955	85th 1957	86th 1959	87th 1961	88th 1963	89th 1965
Small Business	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Ethics	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Transportation & Infrastructure	All members	0.132	-0.002	0.018	0.057	0.027	0.011	-0.082	-0.042	-0.061	-0.087
	Democrats	-0.150	-0.210	-0.219	-0.285	-0.197	-0.208	-0.273	-0.272	-0.279	-0.267
	Republicans	0.319	0.301	0.314	0.334	0.321	0.289	0.269	0.286	0.251	0.291
Veterans Affairs	All members	0.090	-0.024	0.040	0.031	-0.019	0.001	-0.081	-0.004	-0.014	-0.060
	Democrats	-0.148	-0.193	-0.098	-0.127	-0.192	-0.150	-0.222	-0.137	-0.151	-0.172
	Republicans	0.254	0.261	0.219	0.179	0.241	0.227	0.183	0.195	0.214	0.178
Ways & Means	All members	0.174	0.001	0.017	0.107	-0.025	-0.031	-0.006	0.004	-0.016	-0.065
	Democrats	-0.193	-0.276	-0.251	-0.299	-0.278	-0.288	-0.293	-0.281	-0.309	-0.285
	Republicans	0.418	0.418	0.419	0.377	0.356	0.354	0.471	0.479	0.424	0.402
Chamber average	All members	0.100	-0.020	0.033	0.054	0.023	0.016	-0.057	-0.018	-0.026	-0.086
	Democrats	-0.189	-0.235	-0.211	-0.209	-0.229	-0.228	-0.250	-0.229	-0.249	-0.264
	Republicans	0.328	0.313	0.315	0.309	0.309	0.297	0.299	0.300	0.294	0.286

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Committee		90th 1967	91st 1969	92nd 1971	93rd 1973	94th 1975	95th 1977	96th 1979	97th 1981	98th 1983	99th 1985	100th 1987	101st 1989
Agriculture	All members	0.121	0.102	0.034	0.033	-0.085	-0.065	-0.040	0.019	0.008	-0.002	0.008	0.020
	Democrats	-0.034	-0.060	-0.150	-0.190	-0.248	-0.228	-0.213	-0.211	-0.187	-0.211	-0.211	-0.196
	Republicans	0.327	0.297	0.323	0.311	0.267	0.260	0.271	0.309	0.333	0.318	0.343	0.362
Appropriations	All members	-0.012	-0.028	-0.048	-0.058	-0.114	-0.126	-0.145	-0.102	-0.128	-0.122	-0.113	-0.118
	Democrats	-0.211	-0.218	-0.255	-0.270	-0.289	-0.307	-0.337	-0.340	-0.346	-0.361	-0.360	-0.364
	Republicans	0.288	0.273	0.277	0.274	0.247	0.247	0.238	0.254	0.247	0.258	0.279	0.275
Armed Services	All members	0.021	0.039	0.040	0.064	0.005	0.010	0.024	0.068	0.081	0.064	0.035	0.022
	Democrats	-0.167	-0.145	-0.125	-0.148	-0.139	-0.129	-0.117	-0.094	-0.127	-0.153	-0.182	-0.209
	Republicans	0.274	0.304	0.298	0.331	0.291	0.299	0.278	0.292	0.411	0.372	0.371	0.353
Budget	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.096	-0.105	-0.138	-0.150	-0.015	-0.077	-0.036	-0.047	-0.058
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.380	-0.322	-0.368	-0.378	-0.303	-0.339	-0.325	-0.338	-0.326
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.347	0.358	0.352	0.335	0.394	0.400	0.408	0.388	0.345
District of Columbia	All members	-0.012	0.000	-0.012	-0.059	-0.189	-0.179	-0.164	-0.278	-0.254	-0.241	-0.237	-0.211
	Democrats	-0.161	-0.160	-0.180	-0.380	-0.288	-0.295	-0.397	-0.520	-0.539	-0.540	-0.531	-0.579
	Republicans	0.177	0.202	0.241	0.321	0.036	0.037	0.209	0.206	0.245	0.282	0.279	0.433
Education & the Workforce	All members	-0.125	-0.126	-0.140	-0.112	-0.197	-0.173	-0.153	-0.101	-0.161	-0.090	-0.114	-0.155
	Democrats	-0.427	-0.459	-0.429	-0.436	-0.393	-0.381	-0.403	-0.405	-0.400	-0.414	-0.377	-0.437
	Republicans	0.285	0.318	0.285	0.320	0.228	0.242	0.327	0.312	0.295	0.327	0.312	0.321

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Energy and Commerce	All members	-0.021	-0.043	-0.028	-0.029	-0.114	-0.120	-0.069	-0.021	-0.031	-0.045	-0.019	-0.026
	Democrats	-0.249	-0.284	-0.289	-0.285	-0.305	-0.310	-0.300	-0.289	-0.296	-0.303	-0.303	-0.307
	Republicans	0.288	0.272	0.335	0.294	0.270	0.273	0.331	0.323	0.360	0.373	0.399	0.402
Financial Services	All members	-0.105	-0.073	-0.085	-0.118	-0.122	-0.128	-0.080	-0.052	-0.041	-0.058	-0.045	-0.055
	Democrats	-0.354	-0.292	-0.331	-0.401	-0.341	-0.301	-0.307	-0.324	-0.299	-0.298	-0.289	-0.321
	Republicans	0.233	0.218	0.277	0.273	0.318	0.229	0.304	0.311	0.360	0.314	0.320	0.344
Oversight & Government Reform	All members	-0.113	-0.147	-0.142	-0.118	-0.180	-0.144	-0.105	-0.050	-0.139	-0.046	-0.084	-0.103
	Democrats	-0.338	-0.360	-0.382	-0.384	-0.374	-0.349	-0.324	-0.317	-0.343	-0.366	-0.358	-0.396
	Republicans	0.185	0.156	0.205	0.221	0.223	0.279	0.285	0.295	0.304	0.387	0.387	0.367
Homeland Security	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
House Administration	All members	0.048	-0.027	-0.019	-0.075	-0.123	-0.122	-0.099	-0.050	-0.075	-0.071	-0.069	-0.086
	Democrats	-0.155	-0.281	-0.308	-0.367	-0.345	-0.352	-0.372	-0.354	-0.342	-0.367	-0.366	-0.355
	Republicans	0.306	0.295	0.414	0.349	0.347	0.367	0.385	0.368	0.383	0.436	0.439	0.350
Foreign Affairs	All members	-0.072	-0.072	-0.077	-0.062	-0.192	-0.195	-0.140	-0.102	-0.177	-0.101	-0.117	-0.137
	Democrats	-0.346	-0.381	-0.340	-0.326	-0.371	-0.382	-0.343	-0.351	-0.394	-0.391	-0.376	-0.415
	Republicans	0.310	0.310	0.249	0.233	0.152	0.178	0.216	0.230	0.258	0.325	0.321	0.287

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Committee		90th 1967	91st 1969	92nd 1971	93rd 1973	94th 1975	95th 1977	96th 1979	97th 1981	98th 1983	99th 1985	100th 1987	101st 1989
Judiciary	All members	-0.059	-0.093	-0.121	-0.117	-0.167	-0.130	-0.112	-0.062	-0.132	-0.037	-0.072	-0.065
	Democrats	-0.277	-0.347	-0.408	-0.436	-0.395	-0.327	-0.351	-0.358	-0.372	-0.387	-0.403	-0.395
	Republicans	0.232	0.245	0.257	0.278	0.308	0.281	0.323	0.332	0.348	0.429	0.424	0.429
Merchant Marine and Fisheries	All members	-0.058	-0.049	-0.049	-0.057	-0.124	-0.128	-0.095	-0.038	-0.036	-0.024	-0.021	-0.019
	Democrats	-0.282	-0.259	-0.227	-0.278	-0.283	-0.307	-0.287	-0.218	-0.248	-0.242	-0.239	-0.242
	Republicans	0.227	0.227	0.213	0.228	0.192	0.246	0.247	0.217	0.290	0.296	0.300	0.323
Post Office and Civil Service	All members	-0.045	-0.047	0.009	-0.032	-0.126	-0.151	-0.088	-0.129	-0.085	-0.163	-0.196	-0.185
	Democrats	-0.312	-0.331	-0.279	-0.366	-0.357	-0.392	-0.335	-0.458	-0.432	-0.445	-0.451	-0.442
	Republicans	0.318	0.340	0.442	0.427	0.361	0.360	0.350	0.363	0.400	0.296	0.219	0.214
Natural Resources	All members	-0.069	-0.060	-0.084	-0.055	-0.089	-0.091	-0.083	-0.040	-0.052	-0.017	-0.031	-0.065
	Democrats	-0.318	-0.326	-0.339	-0.331	-0.314	-0.293	-0.300	-0.330	-0.289	-0.325	-0.318	-0.347
	Republicans	0.269	0.301	0.308	0.268	0.329	0.327	0.321	0.378	0.388	0.434	0.439	0.434
Rules	All members	-0.088	-0.088	-0.088	-0.122	-0.157	-0.161	-0.166	-0.168	-0.083	-0.093	-0.135	-0.130
	Democrats	-0.308	-0.303	-0.299	-0.359	-0.380	-0.386	-0.388	-0.398	-0.385	-0.401	-0.395	-0.370
	Republicans	0.351	0.342	0.333	0.352	0.333	0.336	0.321	0.337	0.400	0.399	0.385	0.351
Science, Space & Technology	All members	-0.036	-0.040	-0.055	0.000	-0.094	-0.060	-0.052	-0.030	-0.086	0.014	0.009	-0.032
	Democrats	-0.256	-0.251	-0.259	-0.206	-0.257	-0.223	-0.238	-0.249	-0.310	-0.228	-0.228	-0.244
	Republicans	0.268	0.254	0.249	0.270	0.278	0.278	0.283	0.267	0.347	0.356	0.332	0.301

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Committee		90th 1967	91st 1969	92nd 1971	93rd 1973	94th 1975	95th 1977	96th 1979	97th 1981	98th 1983	99th 1985	100th 1987	101st 1989
Small Business	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.172	-0.164	-0.118	-0.050	-0.050	-0.033	-0.057	-0.047
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.350	-0.344	-0.304	-0.296	-0.257	-0.268	-0.294	-0.302
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.184	0.180	0.194	0.267	0.296	0.335	0.319	0.359
Ethics	All members	0.049	0.084	0.088	0.082	0.081	0.061	0.030	0.039	0.002	-0.036	-0.001	0.011
	Democrats	-0.166	-0.131	-0.124	-0.160	-0.100	-0.085	-0.242	-0.340	-0.417	-0.374	-0.373	-0.364
	Republicans	0.263	0.298	0.300	0.324	0.261	0.206	0.301	0.418	0.421	0.303	0.371	0.386
Transportation & Infrastructure	All members	-0.029	-0.029	-0.103	-0.057	-0.096	-0.070	-0.037	-0.005	-0.074	-0.063	-0.036	-0.021
	Democrats	-0.270	-0.279	-0.335	-0.294	-0.281	-0.244	-0.220	-0.258	-0.335	-0.333	-0.336	-0.302
	Republicans	0.276	0.287	0.276	0.284	0.274	0.277	0.298	0.314	0.292	0.321	0.343	0.400
Veterans Affairs	All members	-0.011	-0.019	-0.023	-0.002	-0.066	-0.031	0.014	0.072	-0.035	-0.011	0.012	0.031
	Democrats	-0.136	-0.191	-0.177	-0.154	-0.202	-0.154	-0.129	-0.139	-0.199	-0.224	-0.224	-0.209
	Republicans	0.148	0.199	0.223	0.207	0.223	0.227	0.274	0.314	0.341	0.293	0.394	0.374
Ways & Means	All members	-0.026	-0.046	-0.052	-0.024	-0.076	-0.076	-0.099	-0.062	-0.064	-0.065	-0.074	-0.083
	Democrats	-0.297	-0.284	-0.278	-0.263	-0.286	-0.288	-0.339	-0.304	-0.288	-0.304	-0.324	-0.327
	Republicans	0.382	0.350	0.325	0.335	0.400	0.365	0.382	0.382	0.364	0.357	0.368	0.349
Chamber average	All members	-0.026	-0.031	-0.050	-0.039	-0.113	-0.107	-0.079	-0.028	-0.052	-0.060	-0.073	-0.076
	Democrats	-0.255	-0.270	-0.281	-0.296	-0.301	-0.293	-0.295	-0.296	-0.297	-0.313	-0.317	-0.324
	Republicans	0.277	0.278	0.284	0.282	0.267	0.266	0.290	0.308	0.334	0.332	0.337	0.338

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Agriculture	All members	0.027	0.052	0.121	0.155	0.141	0.165	0.152	0.177	0.124	0.112	0.268	0.249
	Democrats	-0.210	-0.237	-0.305	-0.251	-0.239	-0.257	-0.243	-0.215	-0.211	-0.195	-0.300	-0.287
	Republicans	0.403	0.438	0.468	0.471	0.464	0.462	0.473	0.522	0.543	0.590	0.683	0.700
Appropriations	All members	-0.120	-0.101	0.038	0.028	0.035	0.052	0.047	0.079	-0.031	-0.054	0.146	0.128
	Democrats	-0.373	-0.386	-0.404	-0.428	-0.410	-0.412	-0.395	-0.384	-0.423	-0.401	-0.438	-0.386
	Republicans	0.306	0.344	0.365	0.388	0.389	0.403	0.403	0.442	0.471	0.528	0.569	0.568
Armed Services	All members	0.003	0.025	0.137	0.168	0.119	0.114	0.144	0.153	0.080	0.070	0.231	0.215
	Democrats	-0.231	-0.229	-0.261	-0.281	-0.303	-0.324	-0.289	-0.311	-0.320	-0.262	-0.329	-0.302
	Republicans	0.370	0.395	0.456	0.466	0.462	0.470	0.485	0.521	0.551	0.549	0.631	0.641
Budget	All members	-0.074	-0.083	0.094	0.094	0.096	0.130	0.127	0.169	0.043	-0.006	0.280	0.221
	Democrats	-0.316	-0.323	-0.356	-0.360	-0.375	-0.413	-0.381	-0.329	-0.406	-0.389	-0.404	-0.430
	Republicans	0.324	0.346	0.446	0.466	0.484	0.500	0.529	0.553	0.625	0.649	0.802	0.807
District of Columbia	All members	-0.205	-0.161	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	-0.577	-0.553	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	0.446	0.427	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Education & the Workforce	All members	-0.164	-0.119	0.027	0.022	0.071	0.038	0.052	0.063	-0.040	-0.008	0.154	0.255
	Democrats	-0.454	-0.426	-0.456	-0.447	-0.455	-0.460	-0.465	-0.463	-0.480	-0.439	-0.464	-0.409
	Republicans	0.350	0.400	0.404	0.467	0.496	0.459	0.459	0.508	0.553	0.629	0.632	0.745

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Energy and Commerce	All members	-0.048	-0.044	0.071	0.069	0.067	0.080	0.074	0.099	0.043	0.033	0.222	0.228
	Democrats	-0.306	-0.324	-0.344	-0.380	-0.386	-0.399	-0.396	-0.419	-0.403	-0.361	-0.382	-0.386
	Republicans	0.418	0.402	0.419	0.432	0.442	0.447	0.452	0.534	0.574	0.634	0.669	0.699
Financial Services	All members	-0.061	-0.110	-0.004	-0.009	0.027	0.091	0.072	0.086	0.076	0.061	0.208	0.228
	Democrats	-0.311	-0.413	-0.462	-0.477	-0.430	-0.454	-0.393	-0.403	-0.389	-0.340	-0.395	-0.366
	Republicans	0.373	0.365	0.390	0.412	0.432	0.445	0.479	0.522	0.583	0.641	0.688	0.750
Oversight & Government Reform	All members	-0.121	-0.139	0.029	0.091	0.023	-0.019	0.036	0.071	0.005	0.023	0.257	0.358
	Democrats	-0.355	-0.423	-0.377	-0.390	-0.433	-0.470	-0.457	-0.471	-0.461	-0.407	-0.421	-0.318
	Republicans	0.296	0.330	0.365	0.418	0.404	0.392	0.431	0.495	0.608	0.669	0.728	0.828
Homeland Security	All members	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.095	-0.003	0.037	0.233	0.202
	Democrats	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-0.410	-0.409	-0.354	-0.410	-0.378
	Republicans	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.440	0.490	0.607	0.673	0.685
House Administration	All members	-0.098	-0.114	0.031	0.064	0.278	0.000	0.134	0.227	-0.097	-0.047	0.325	0.335
	Democrats	-0.369	-0.383	-0.428	-0.453	-0.342	-0.334	-0.448	-0.407	-0.422	-0.389	-0.387	-0.401
	Republicans	0.354	0.424	0.360	0.374	0.381	0.334	0.425	0.438	0.553	0.637	0.682	0.703
Foreign Affairs	All members	-0.134	-0.103	0.055	0.052	0.074	0.098	0.069	0.180	0.064	0.062	0.145	0.292
	Democrats	-0.397	-0.406	-0.401	-0.415	-0.419	-0.470	-0.449	-0.406	-0.425	-0.384	-0.360	-0.370
	Republicans	0.276	0.336	0.427	0.406	0.415	0.491	0.507	0.636	0.670	0.697	0.489	0.822

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Judiciary	All members	-0.112	-0.108	0.042	0.054	0.040	0.088	0.112	0.160	-0.003	0.020	0.279	0.331
	Democrats	-0.401	-0.440	-0.486	-0.489	-0.506	-0.508	-0.506	-0.469	-0.504	-0.444	-0.451	-0.337
	Republicans	0.356	0.389	0.437	0.461	0.477	0.542	0.582	0.624	0.675	0.687	0.754	0.824
Merchant Marine and Fisheries	All members	-0.026	-0.037	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	-0.255	-0.285	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	0.352	0.349	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Post Office and Civil Service	All members	-0.181	-0.170	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Democrats	-0.422	-0.431	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Republicans	0.212	0.237	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Natural Resources	All members	-0.025	-0.046	0.130	0.119	0.133	0.130	0.156	0.150	0.046	0.096	0.279	0.280
	Democrats	-0.333	-0.336	-0.359	-0.400	-0.381	-0.403	-0.406	-0.376	-0.440	-0.408	-0.405	-0.409
	Republicans	0.456	0.452	0.477	0.508	0.499	0.491	0.497	0.535	0.602	0.700	0.684	0.731
Rules	All members	-0.119	-0.123	0.162	0.186	0.196	0.198	0.161	0.224	-0.171	-0.098	0.348	0.390
	Democrats	-0.369	-0.368	-0.351	-0.374	-0.381	-0.388	-0.522	-0.598	-0.493	-0.427	-0.493	-0.479
	Republicans	0.446	0.428	0.390	0.434	0.453	0.458	0.465	0.498	0.556	0.643	0.769	0.776
Science, Space & Technology	All members	-0.032	0.037	0.131	0.062	0.065	0.081	0.083	0.079	0.113	0.088	0.203	0.316
	Democrats	-0.248	-0.214	-0.266	-0.291	-0.344	-0.358	-0.349	-0.351	-0.311	-0.311	-0.419	-0.350
	Republicans	0.333	0.420	0.470	0.414	0.438	0.465	0.464	0.471	0.628	0.698	0.756	0.809

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Small Business	All members	-0.046	-0.061	0.054	0.085	0.070	0.067	0.140	0.202	0.038	0.128	0.230	0.297
	Democrats	-0.302	-0.374	-0.411	-0.322	-0.391	-0.410	-0.401	-0.387	-0.368	-0.221	-0.335	-0.346
	Republicans	0.388	0.390	0.455	0.469	0.474	0.491	0.538	0.562	0.601	0.621	0.751	0.802
Ethics	All members	-0.034	-0.052	-0.081	-0.002	-0.329	0.150	0.058	0.053	0.085	0.073	0.043	0.150
	Democrats	-0.450	-0.445	-0.477	-0.483	-0.479	-0.409	-0.335	-0.360	-0.434	-0.406	-0.468	-0.497
	Republicans	0.381	0.340	0.315	0.479	0.420	0.708	0.451	0.465	0.604	0.553	0.555	0.667
Transportation & Infrastructure	All members	-0.016	-0.054	0.042	0.034	0.044	0.047	0.055	0.077	0.021	0.025	0.208	0.239
	Democrats	-0.266	-0.296	-0.304	-0.333	-0.328	-0.358	-0.387	-0.377	-0.365	-0.337	-0.373	-0.364
	Republicans	0.389	0.353	0.344	0.356	0.376	0.381	0.410	0.452	0.475	0.556	0.648	0.715
Veterans Affairs	All members	0.015	-0.053	0.085	0.082	0.093	0.068	0.063	0.098	0.095	0.101	0.253	0.272
	Democrats	-0.212	-0.314	-0.356	-0.380	-0.362	-0.365	-0.414	-0.385	-0.291	-0.222	-0.318	-0.316
	Republicans	0.383	0.404	0.453	0.457	0.450	0.423	0.428	0.485	0.569	0.630	0.737	0.735
Ways & Means	All members	-0.098	-0.101	0.066	0.060	0.060	0.065	0.074	0.101	-0.035	-0.035	0.192	0.223
	Democrats	-0.348	-0.382	-0.425	-0.455	-0.467	-0.463	-0.463	-0.469	-0.464	-0.423	-0.457	-0.440
	Republicans	0.344	0.417	0.435	0.435	0.426	0.440	0.455	0.504	0.544	0.636	0.656	0.705
Chamber average	All members	-0.091	-0.083	-0.071	0.039	0.033	0.034	0.054	0.084	0.036	0.027	0.197	0.215
	Democrats	-0.321	-0.329	-0.368	-0.387	-0.392	-0.399	-0.403	-0.400	-0.391	-0.354	-0.394	-0.377
	Republicans	0.339	0.365	0.380	0.428	0.434	0.445	0.462	0.509	0.566	0.620	0.675	0.724

n.a. = not available

Note: In 1995, the new Republican majority abolished the District of Columbia, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Post Office and Civil Service Committees. It also renamed several committees. For the changes, please see chapter 4. The committee titles here reflect the current names.

For congresses since the 108th, calculations were done using the contemporaneous release of Poole and Rosenthal's ideological scores (i.e., the 108th Congress release for the 108th Congress committee calculations, the 109th release for the 109th Congress committee calculations, etc.). Thus, they may not match exactly calculations done with subsequent NOMINATE releases.

For congresses prior to 109, data is from calculations done by Charles Stewart III, MIT. For 109th, 112th and 113th Congresses, committee assignment data is from Charles Stewart III and Jonathan Woon, Congressional Committee Assignments, 103rd to 114th Congresses, 1993--2017: House and Senate, September 2016. For 110th and 111th Congresses, committee assignment data was collected by Vital Stats staff members. For the 109th congress-present, data reflects committee makeup at start of congress.

Overall chamber averages here may not match data in 8-9 because of the use of different releases of Poole and Rosenthal's data (see note to Table 8-9 for further detail). In addition, in this table, ideological scores for members who each served a partial term in a given congress are averaged before taking the overall chamber average, unless the members of the pair are of different parties, in which case both are counted in the average.

Some data from previous versions of Vital Statistics have been updated. 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.