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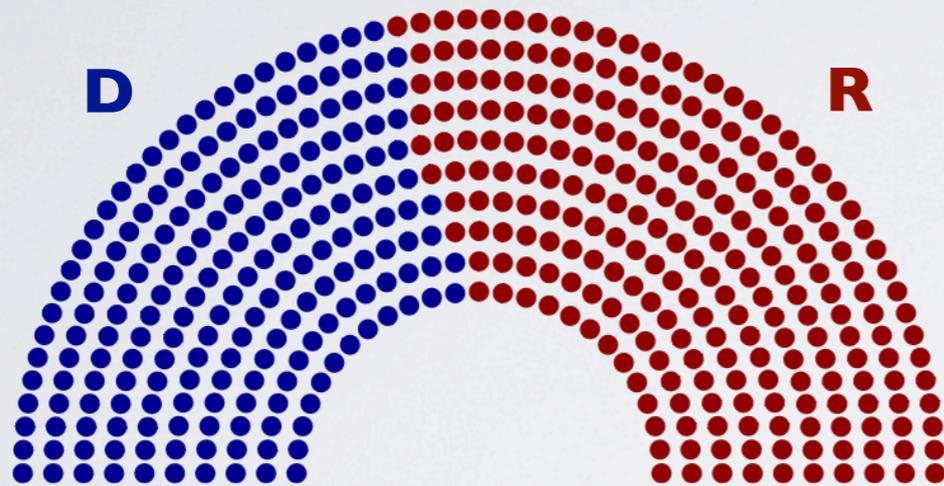
I. U.S. Party System

Ideological Alignment: “Polarization”

II. The Economy and the Party System

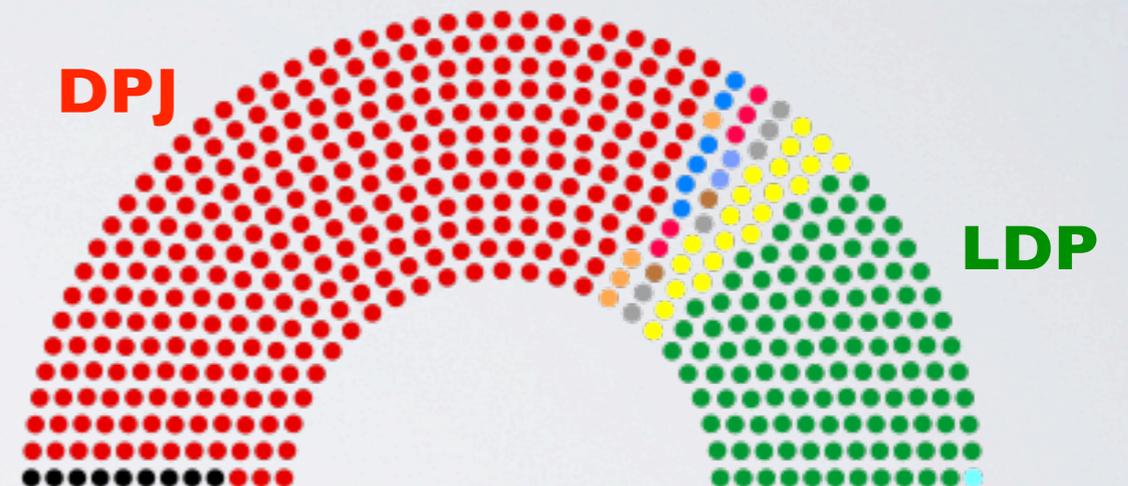
PARTY SYSTEMS

United States Congress

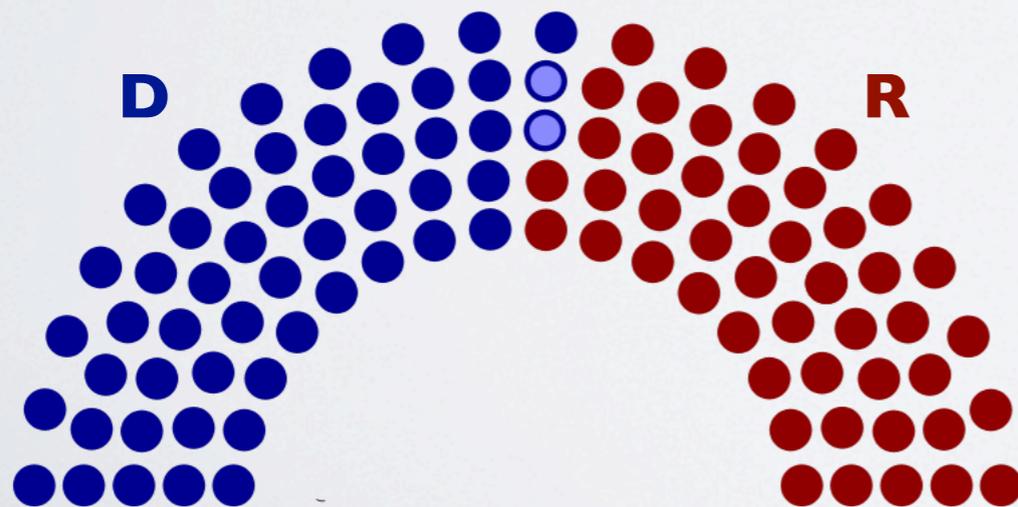


House of Representatives

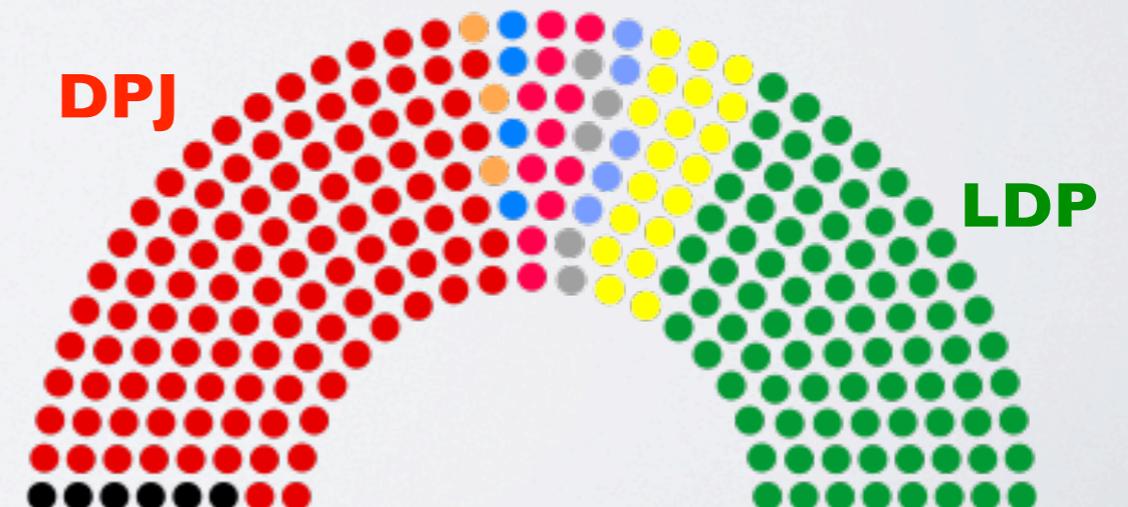
Japanese Diet



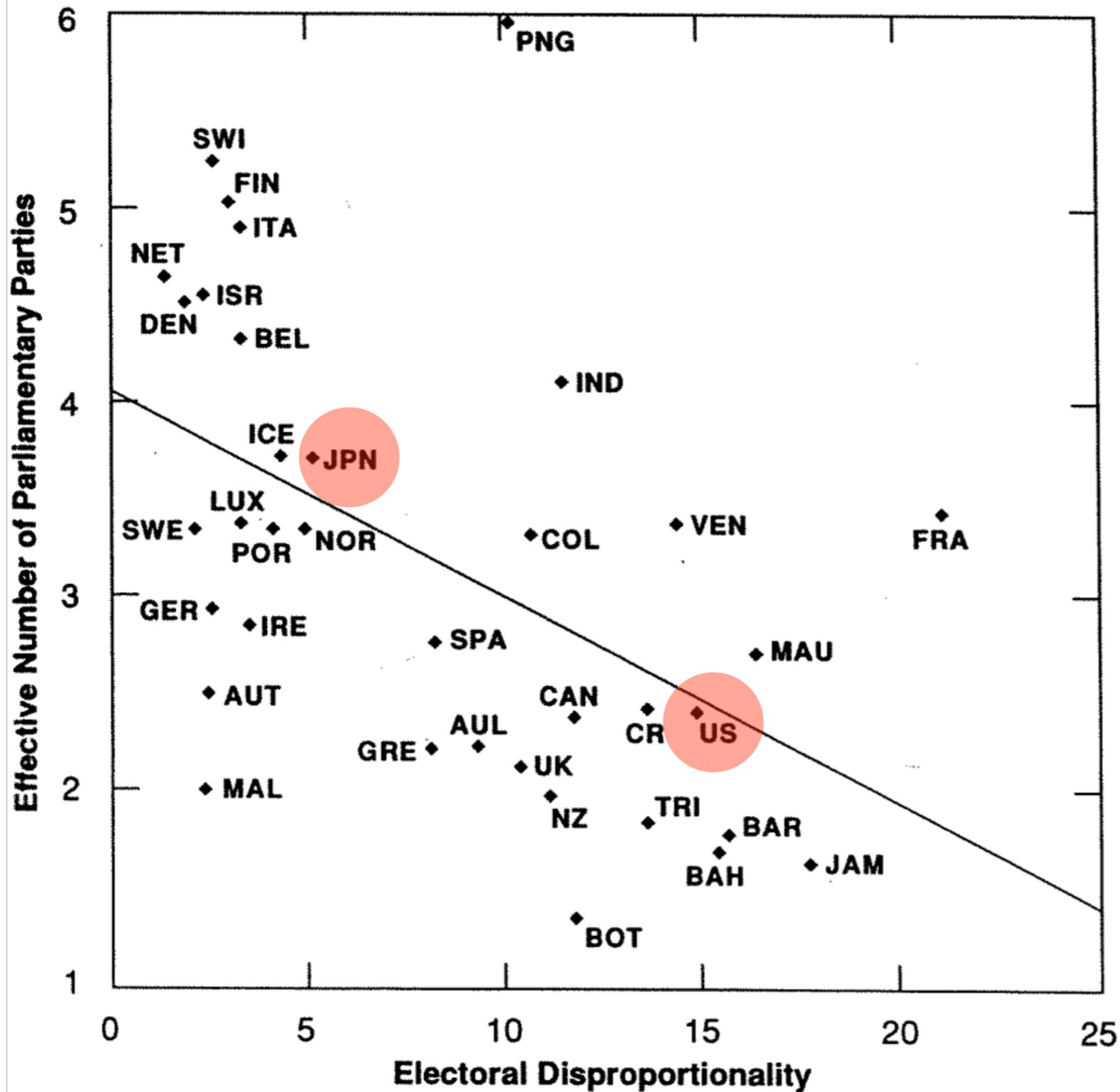
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Senate



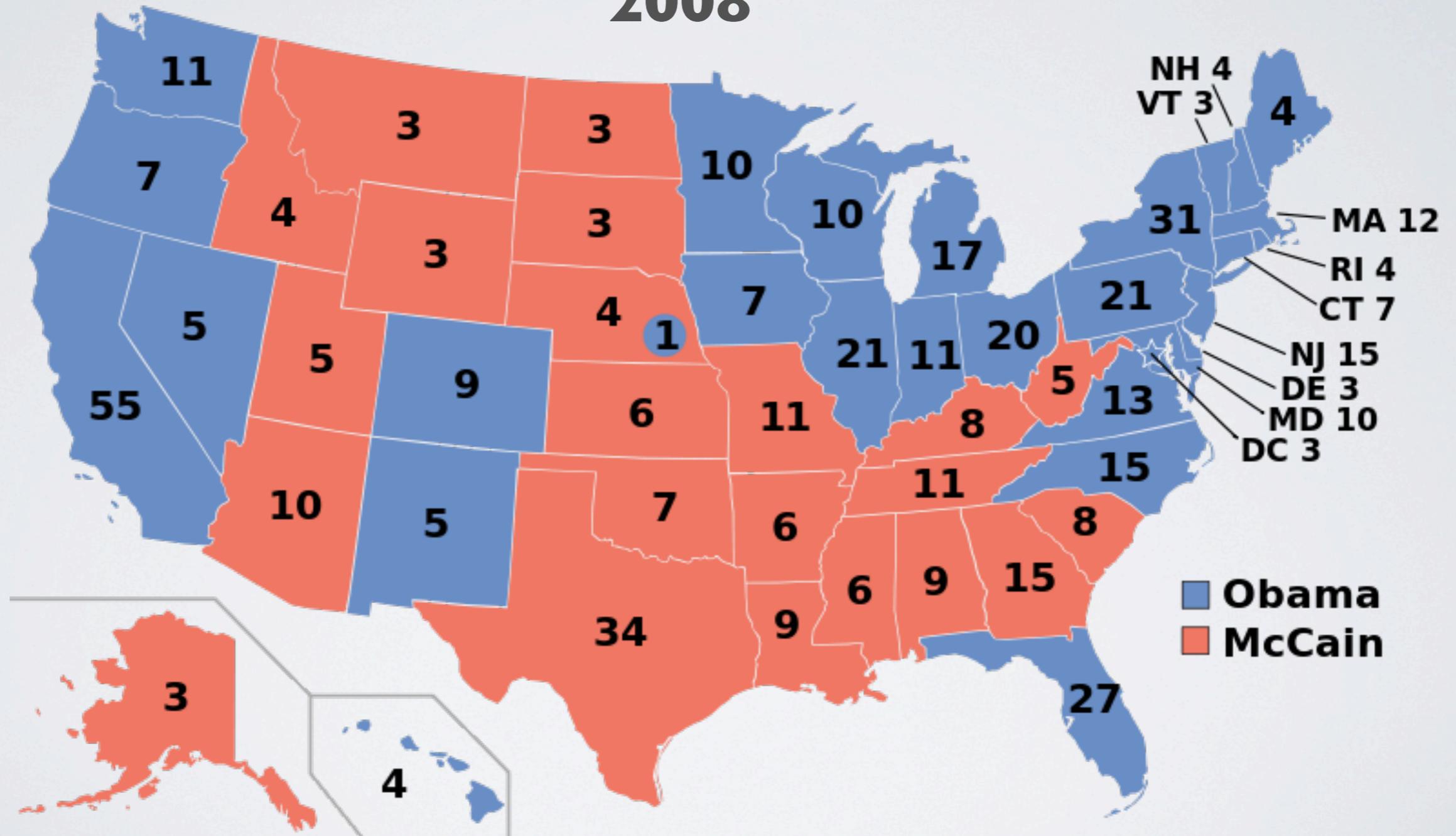
House of Councillors



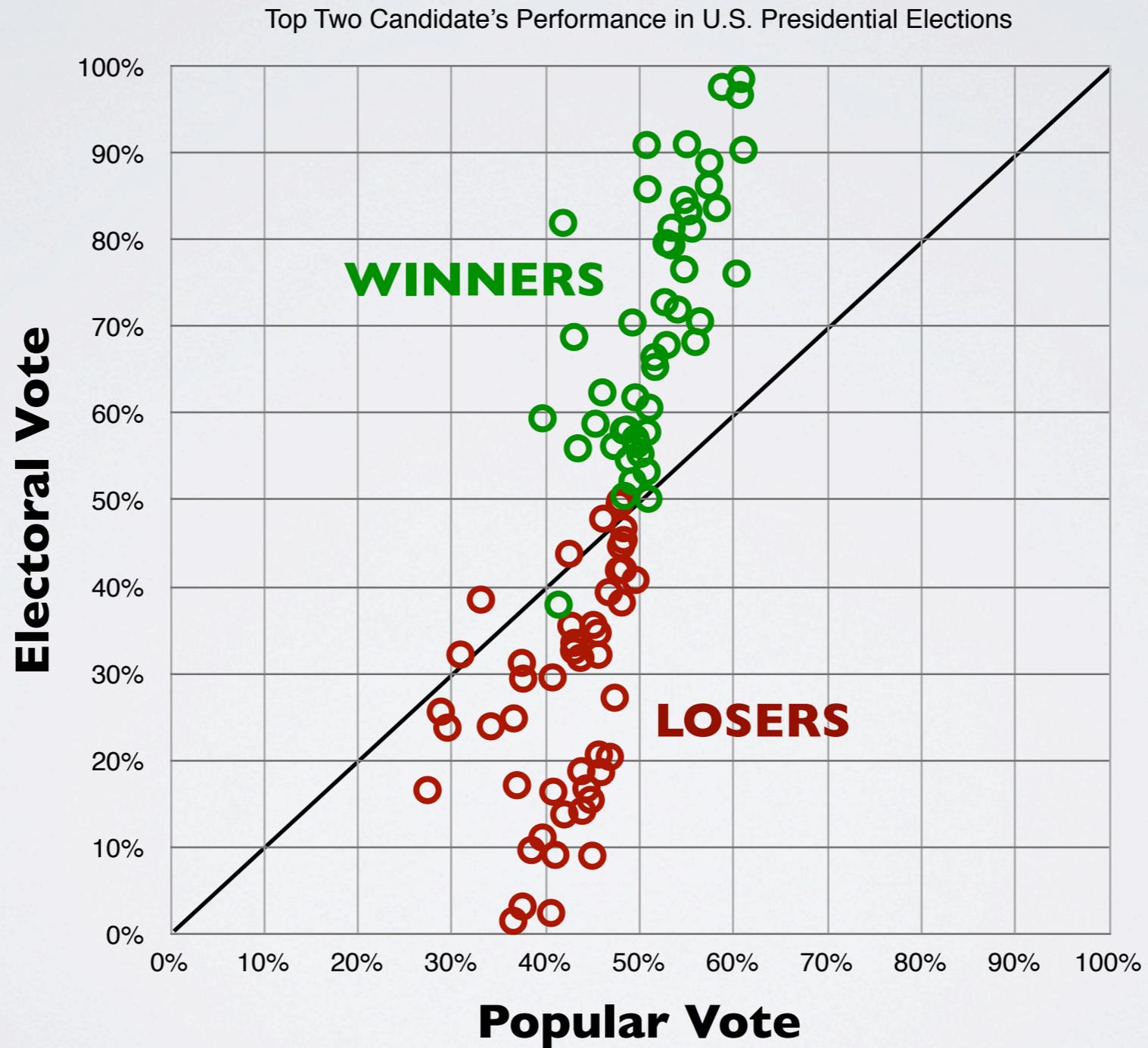
Duverger's Law: "The simple-majority single-ballot system favors the two-party system"

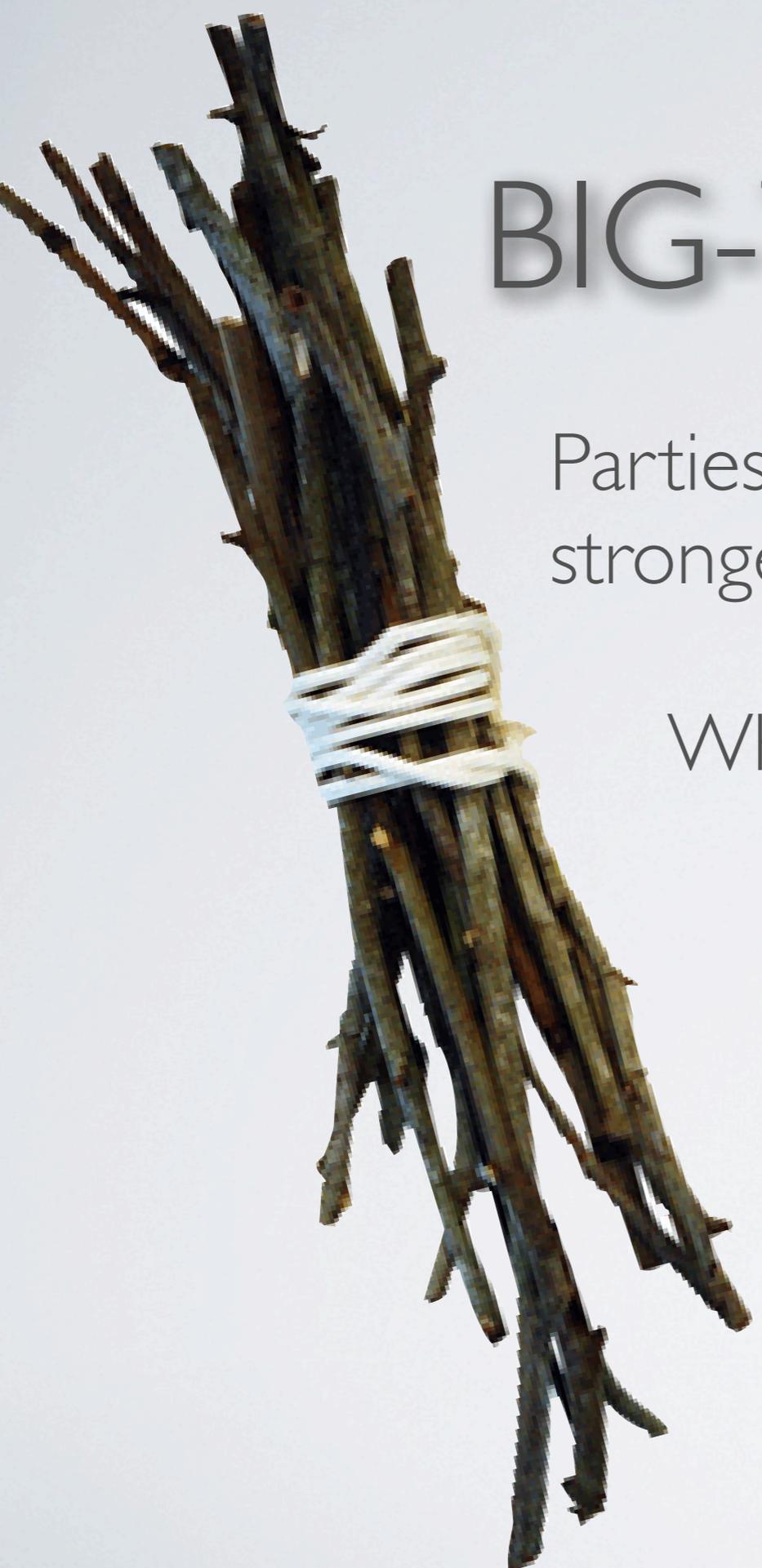
THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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A bundle of several dark, weathered sticks of varying lengths and thicknesses, tied together with white string in the middle. The bundle is positioned on the left side of the slide, extending from the top left towards the bottom center.

BIG-TENT PARTIES

Parties are like a bundle of sticks. A bundle is stronger than an individual stick

What holds that bundle together?

Who is in the bundle, and who is excluded (or in the other bundle)?

PARTY POLARIZATION

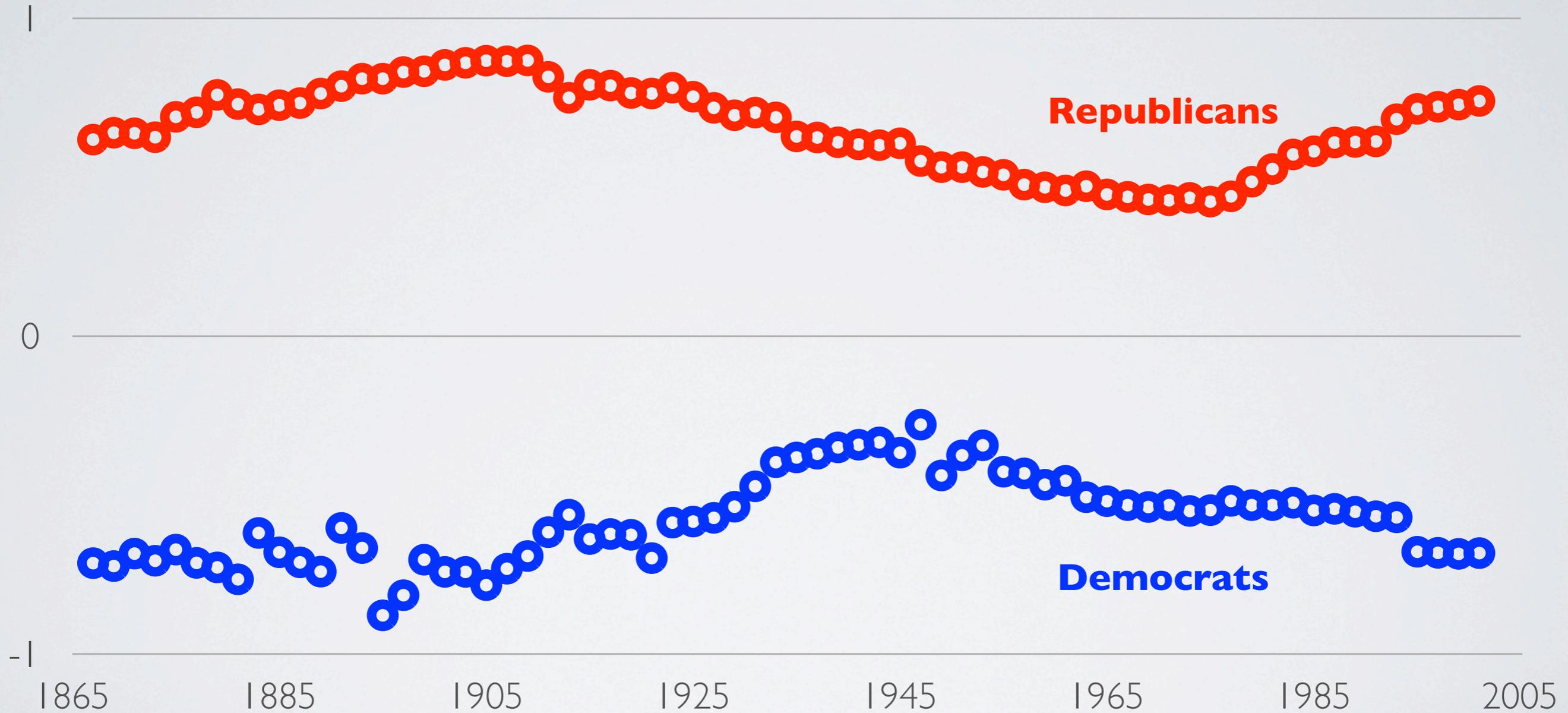
House 81
1949-1950

Senate 81
1949-1950



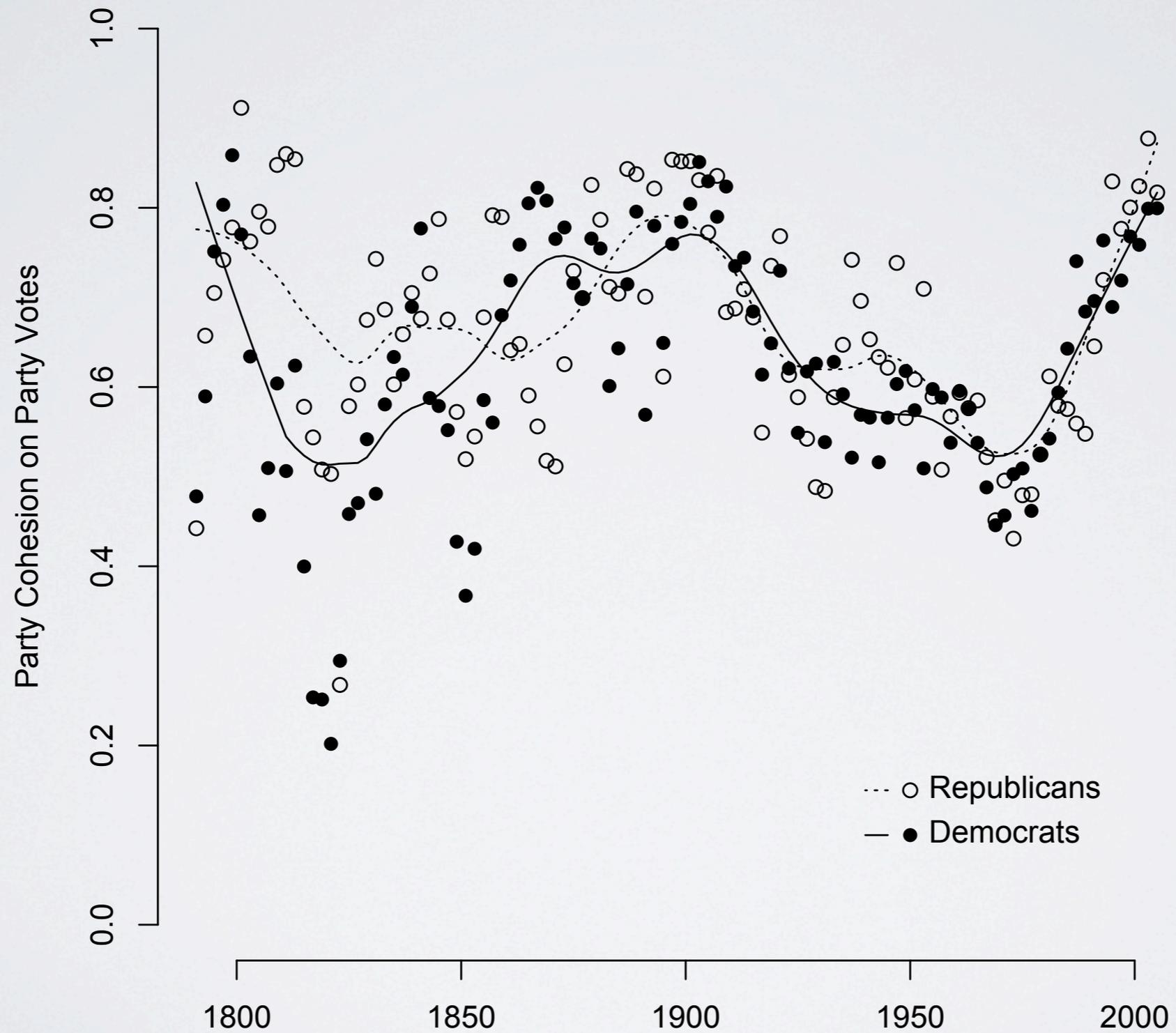
D = N. Democrat
S = S. Democrat
R = Republican

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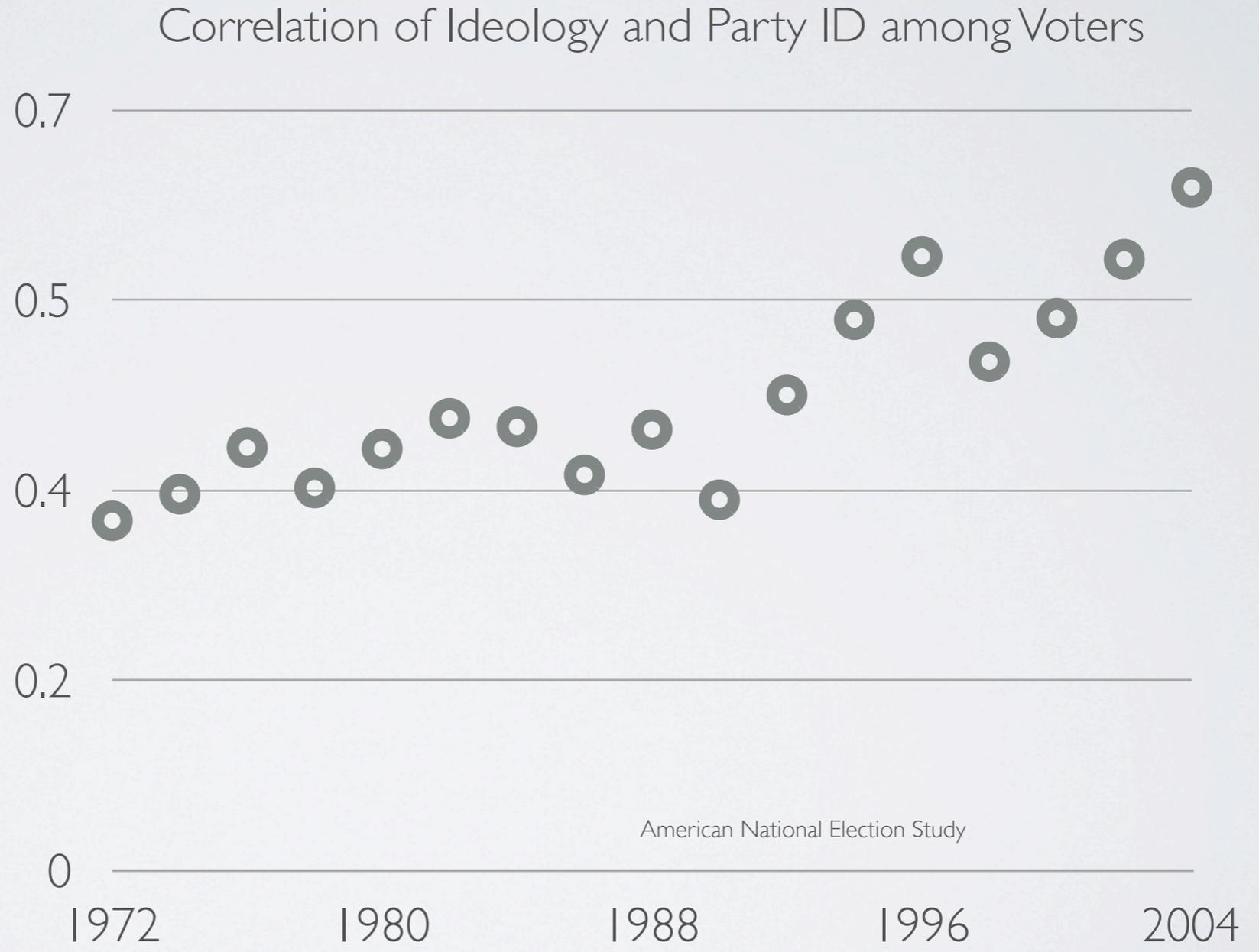


House Party Medians by Congress

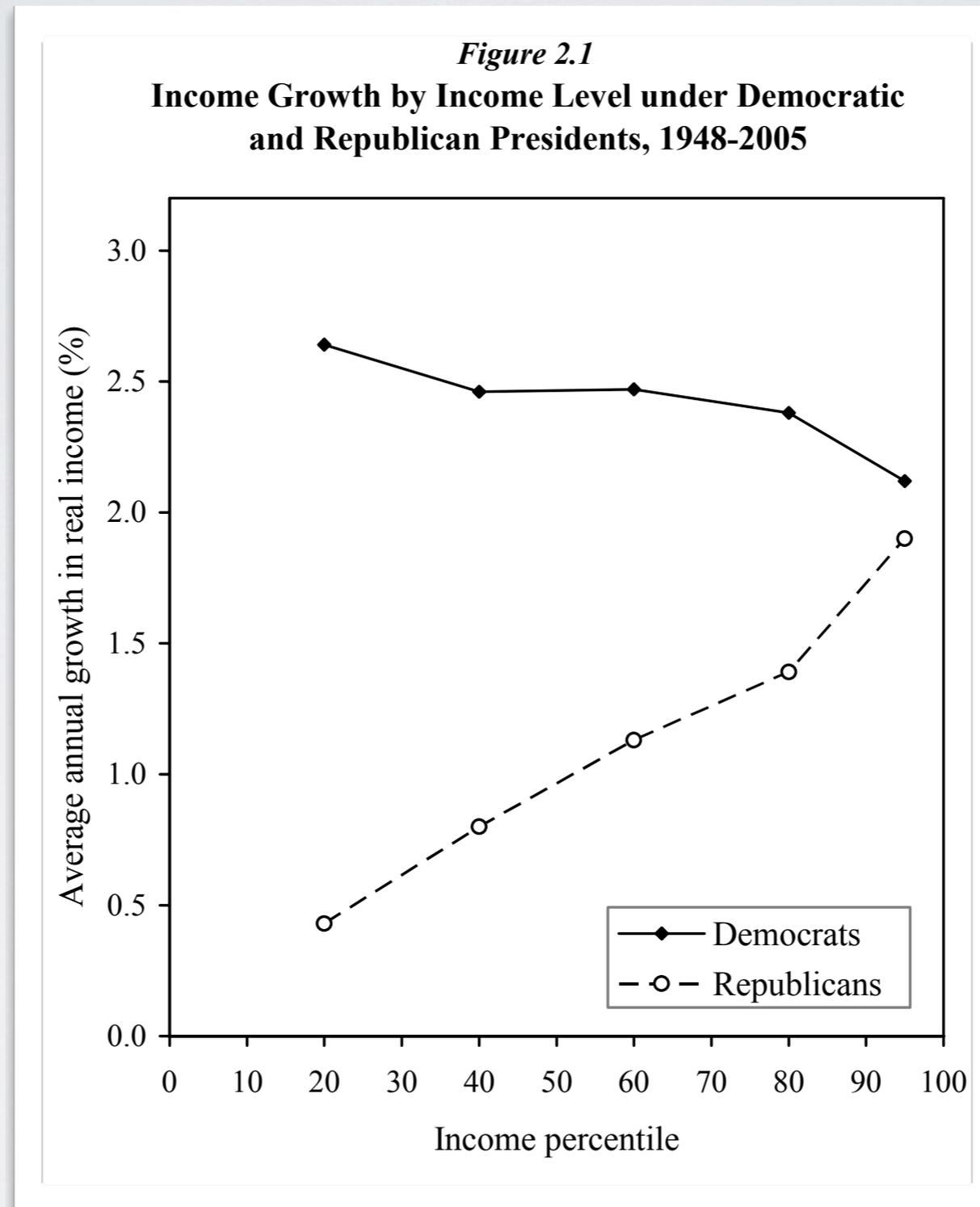
GREATER PARTY COHESION



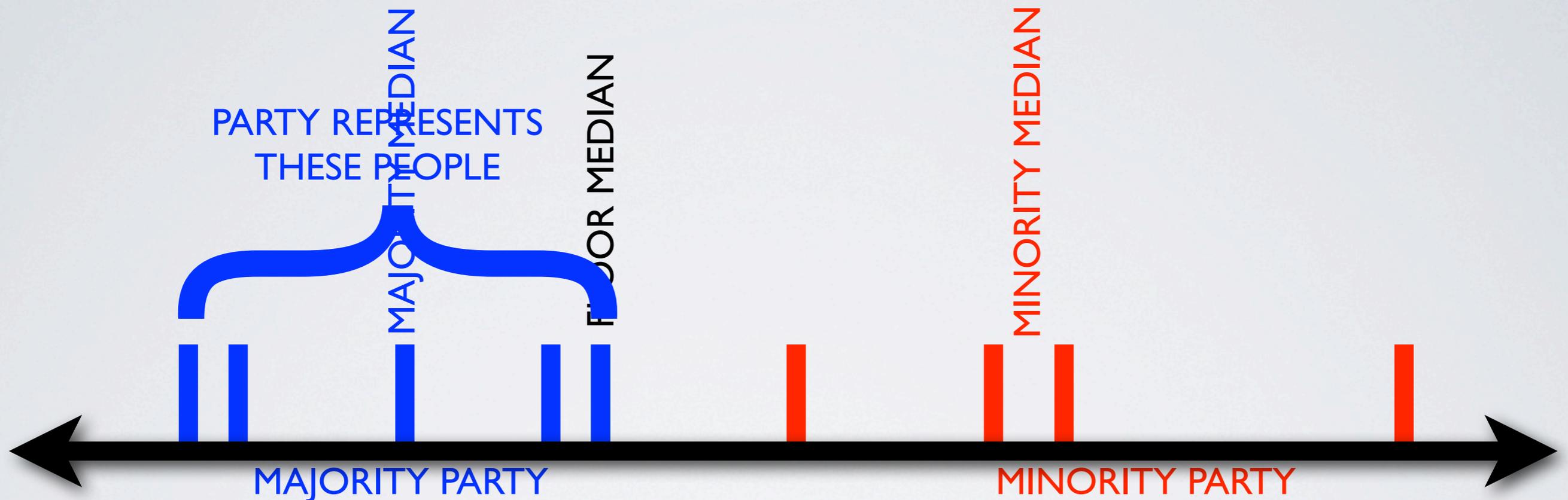
IDEOLOGICAL SORTING



PARTISAN ECONOMICS

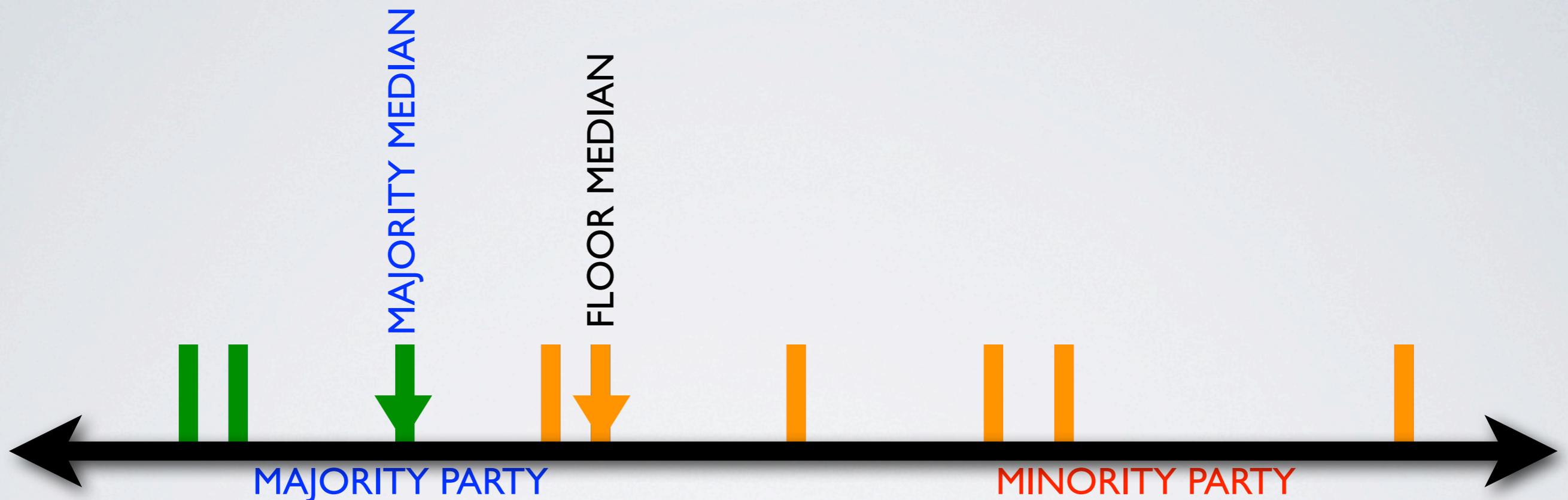


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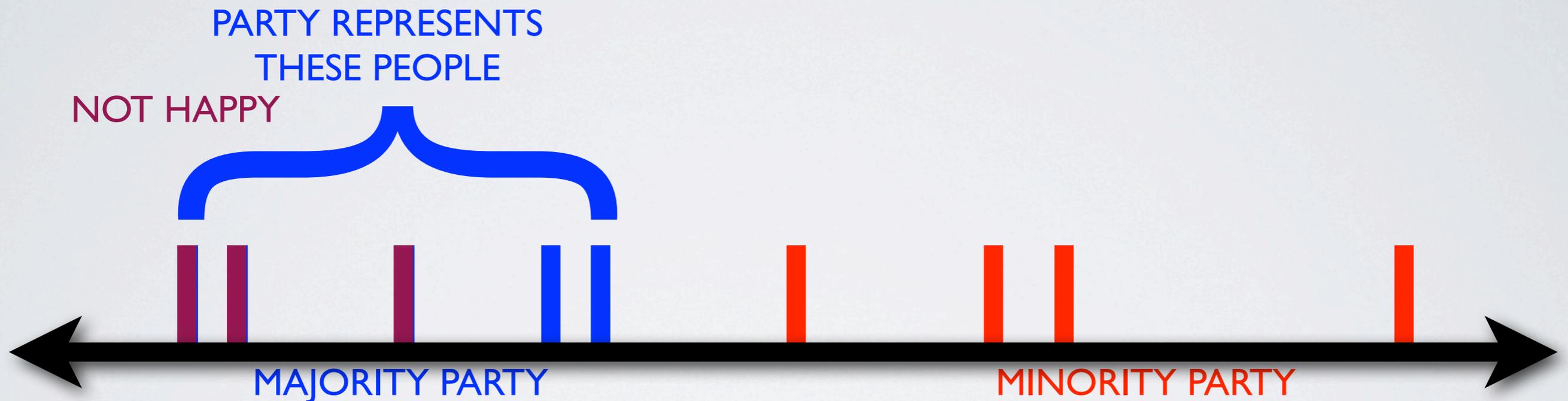
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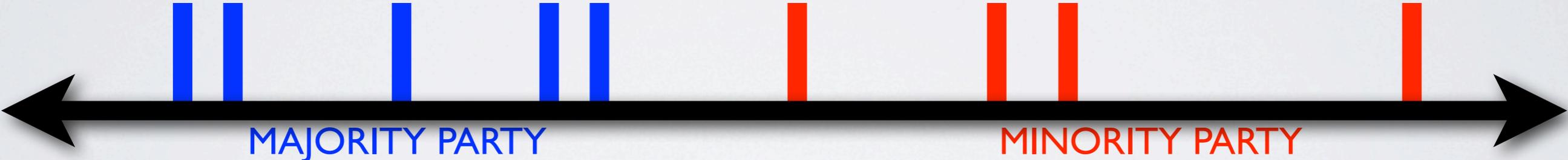
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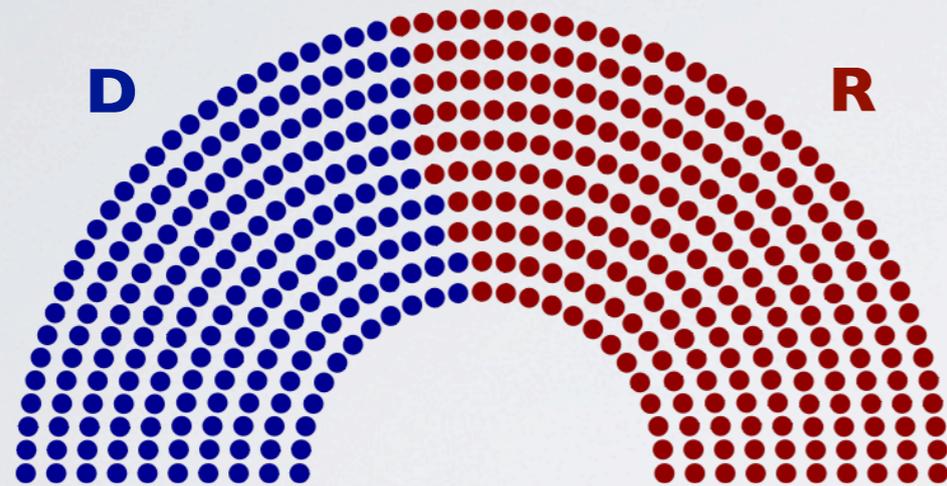
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EASIER WITH POLARIZATION

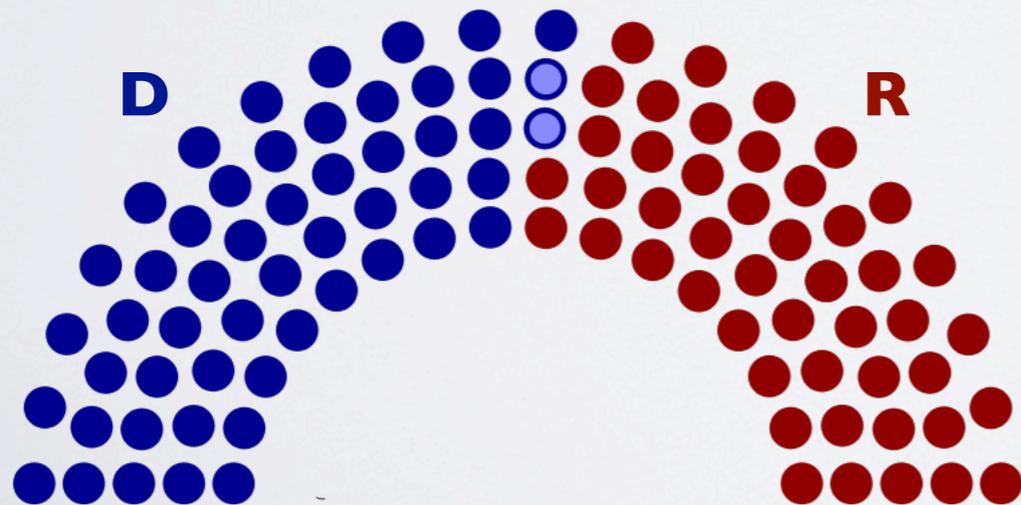


DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

United States Congress



House of Representatives



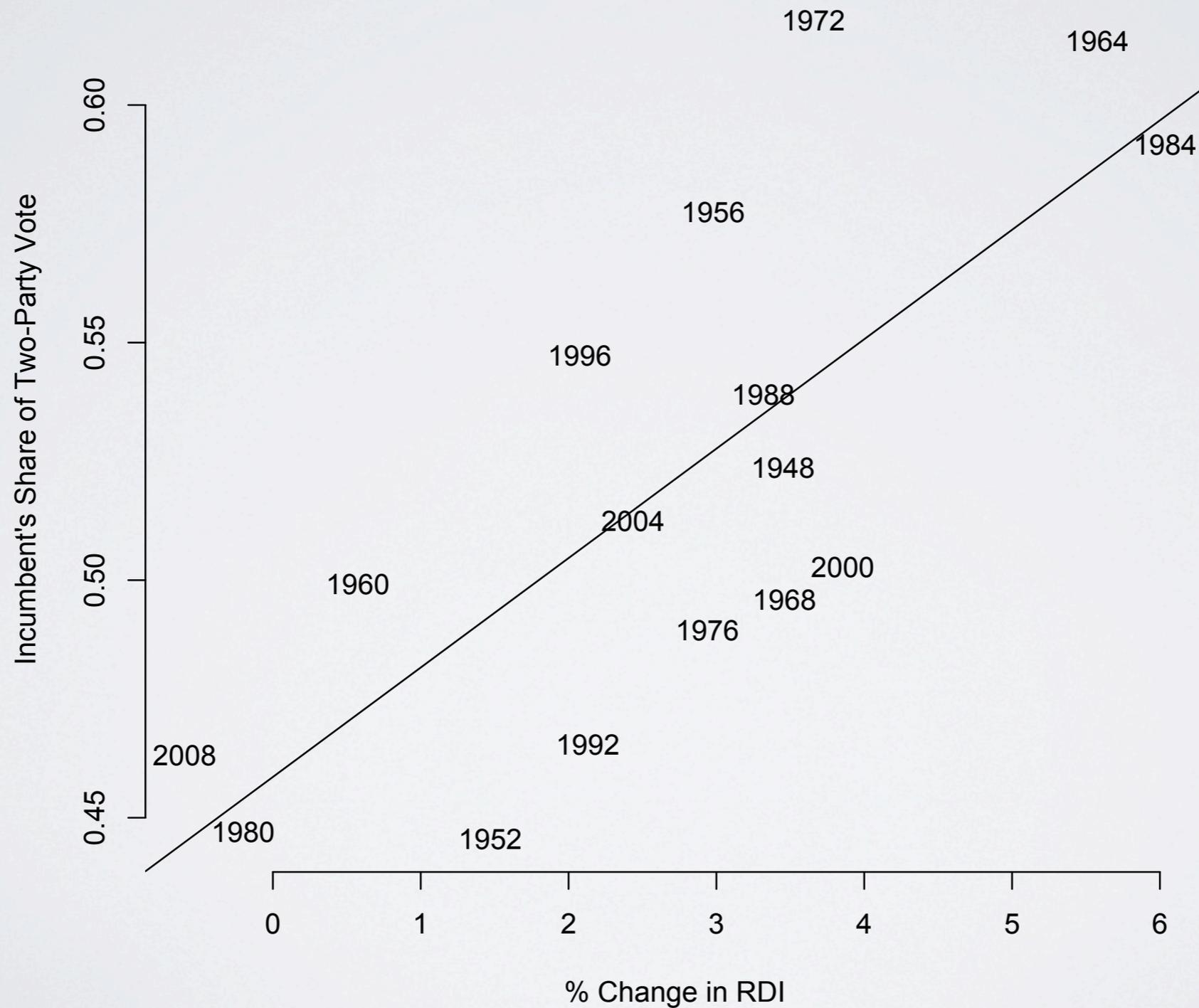
Senate



President

ECONOMY AS CAUSE

Presidential Vote vs. Economy, 1948-2008



IDEOLOGY AS CAUSE

Presidential Vote vs. Ideology, 1948-2008

