

POLITICAL PARTIES, IDEOLOGY AND THE U.S. ECONOMY

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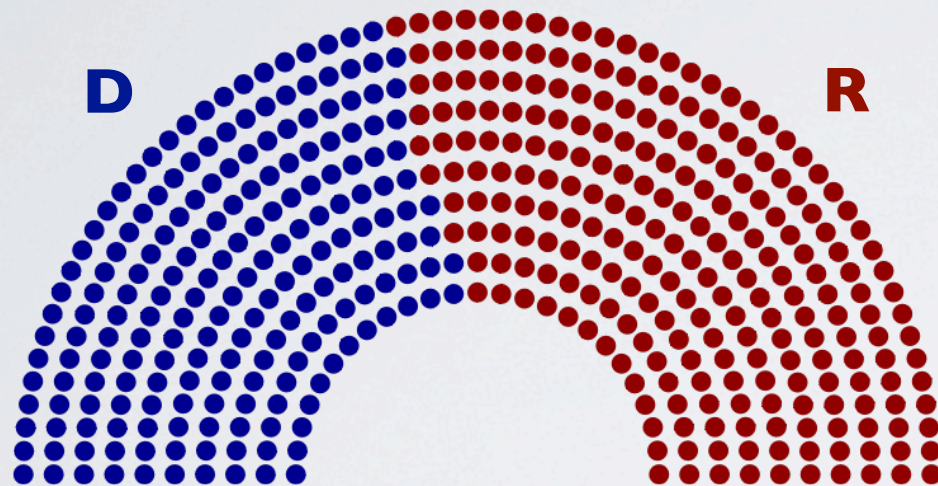
I. U.S. Party System

Ideological Alignment: “Polarization”

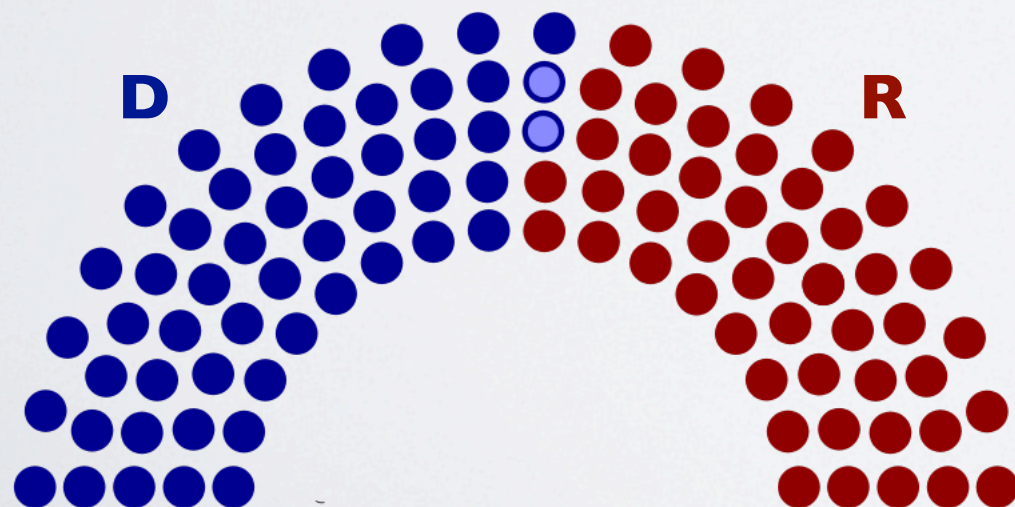
II. The Economy and the Party System

PARTY SYSTEMS

United States Congress

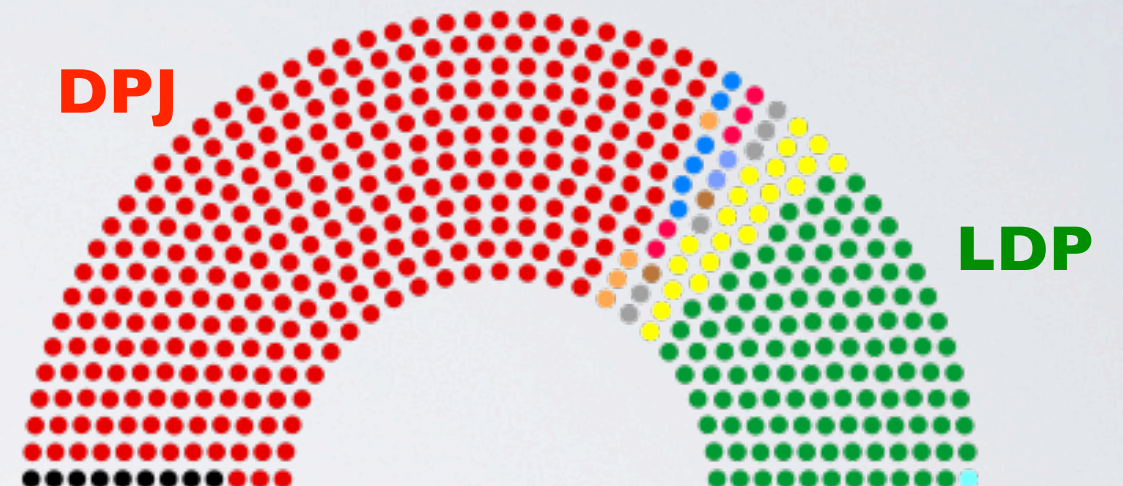


House of Representatives

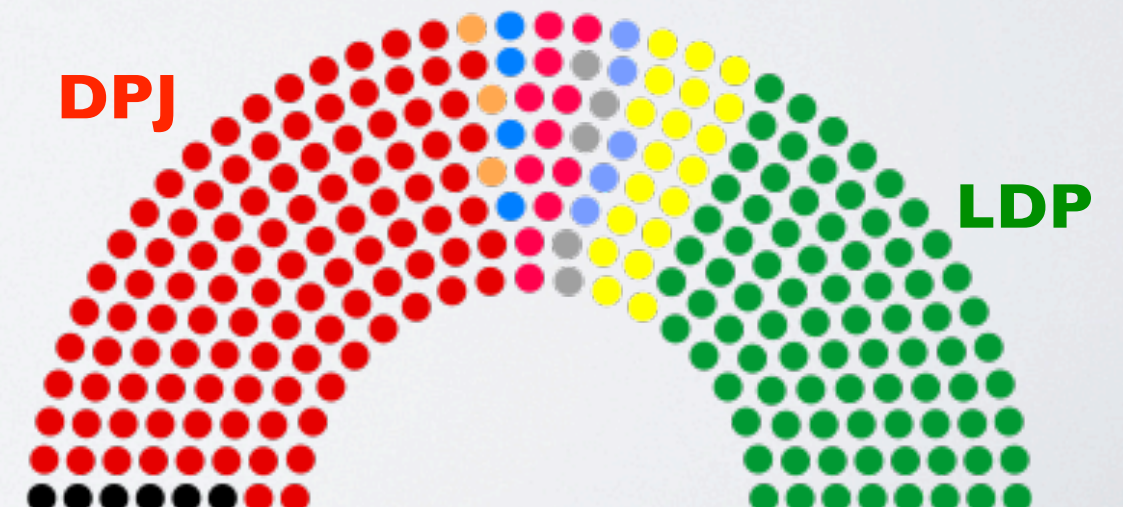


Senate

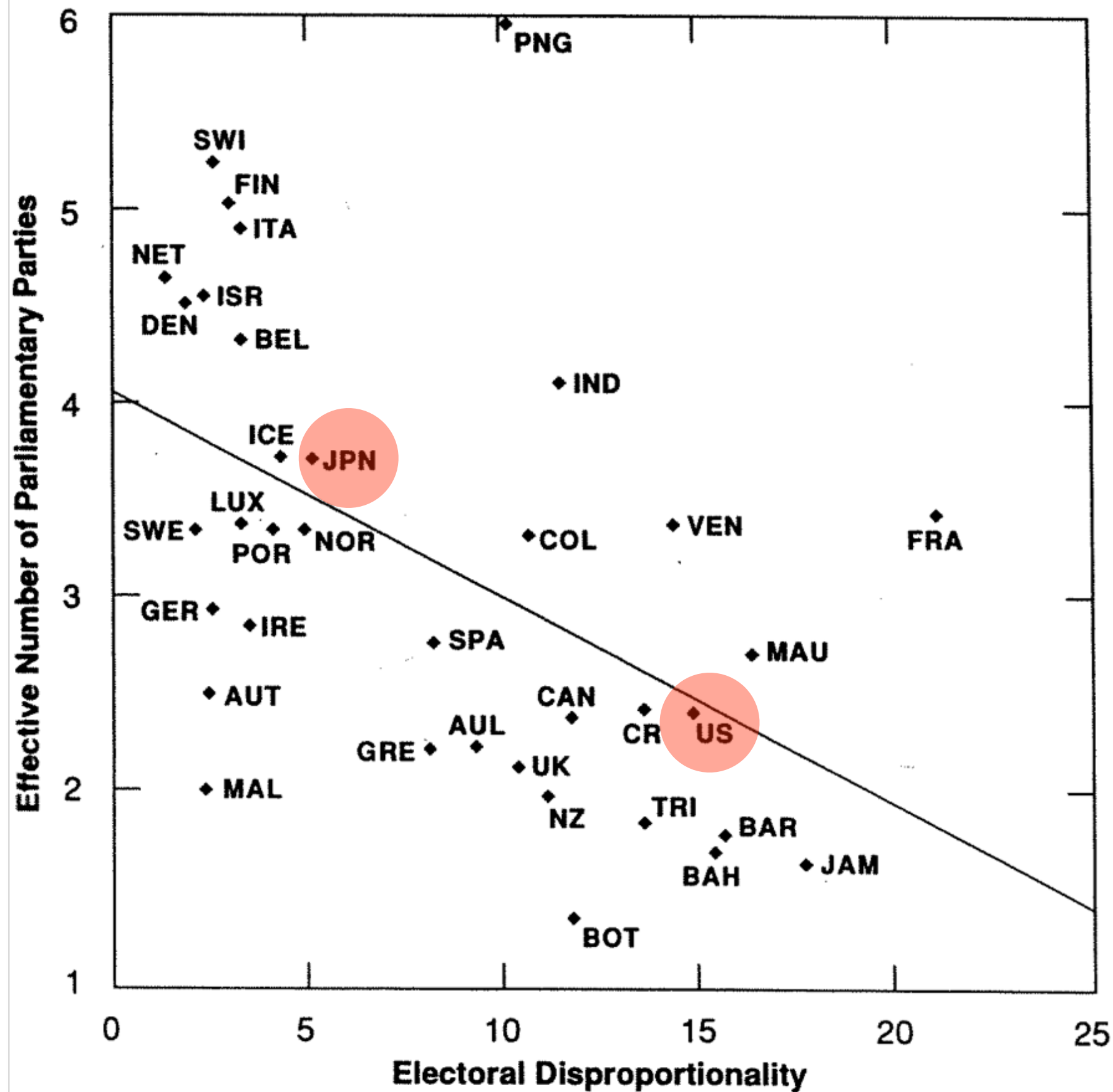
Japanese Diet



House of Representatives



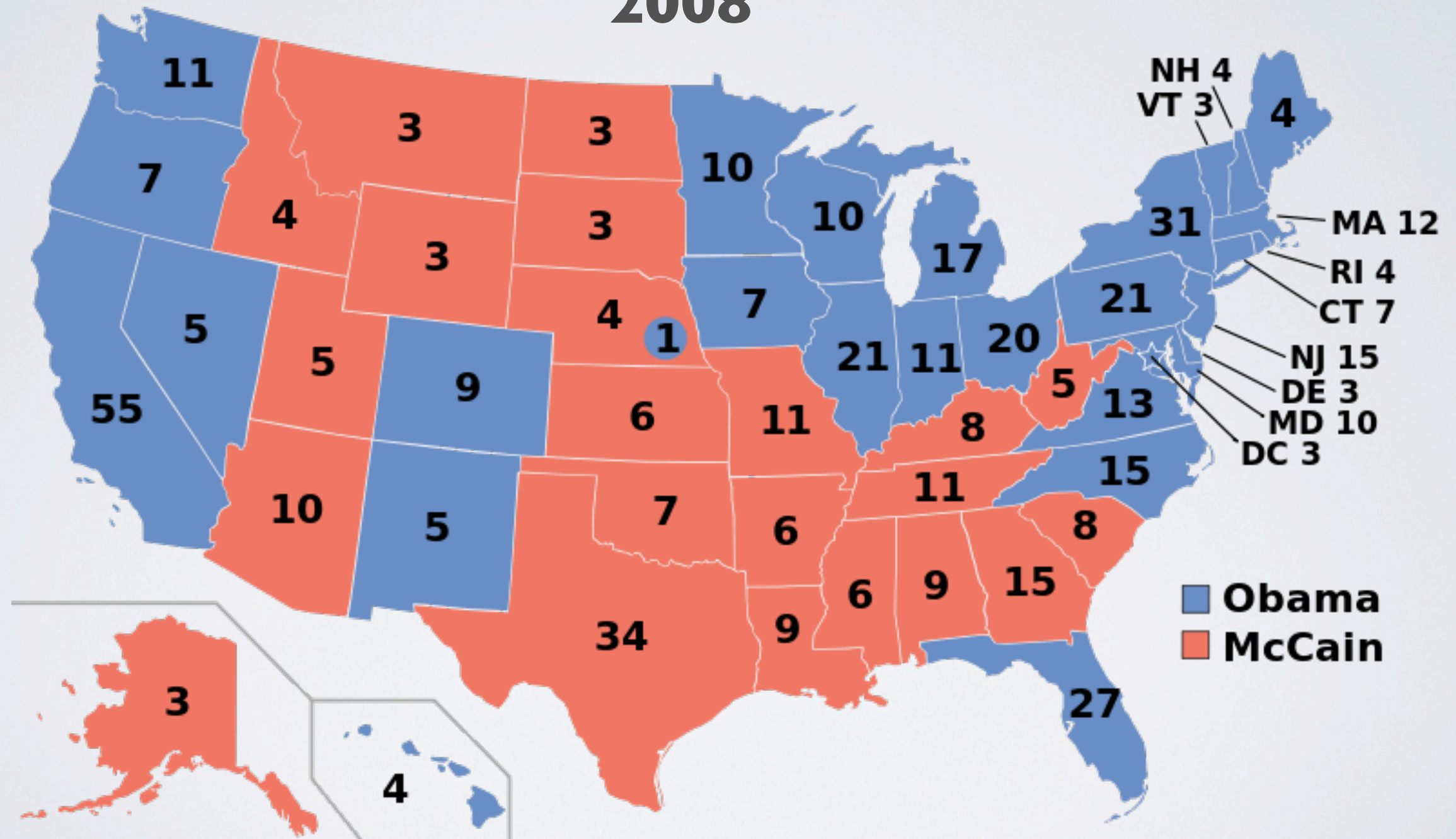
House of Councillors



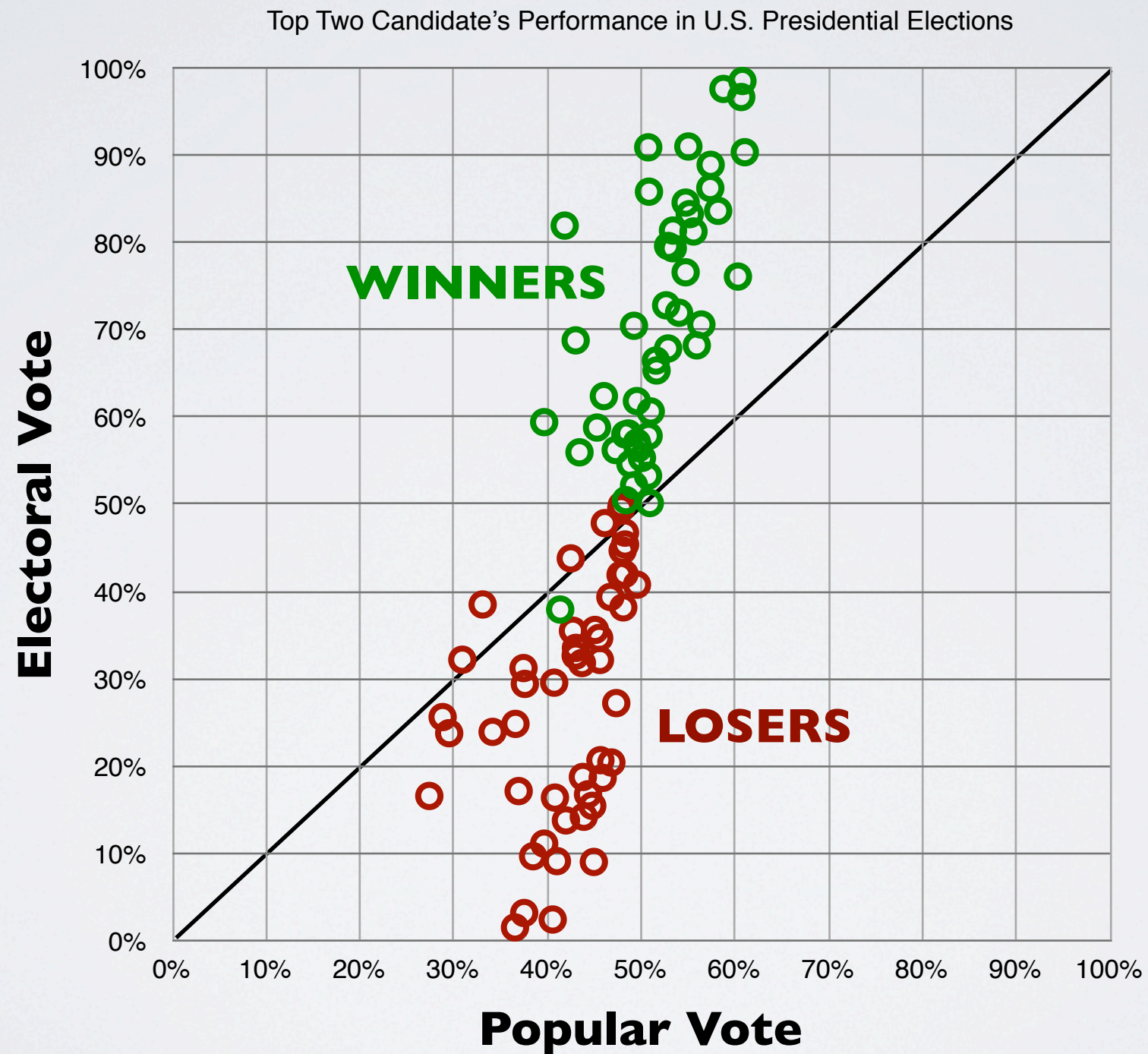
Duverger's Law: "The simple-majority single-ballot system favors the two-party system"

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

2008



THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE



A bundle of several dark, rough-textured sticks of varying lengths, tied together in the middle with a white string. The bundle is positioned diagonally on the left side of the slide.

BIG-TENT PARTIES

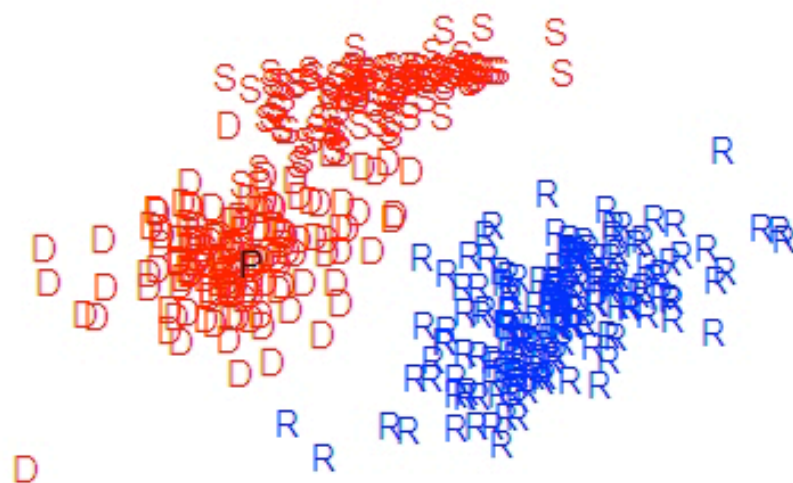
Parties are like a bundle of sticks. A bundle is stronger than an individual stick

What holds that bundle together?

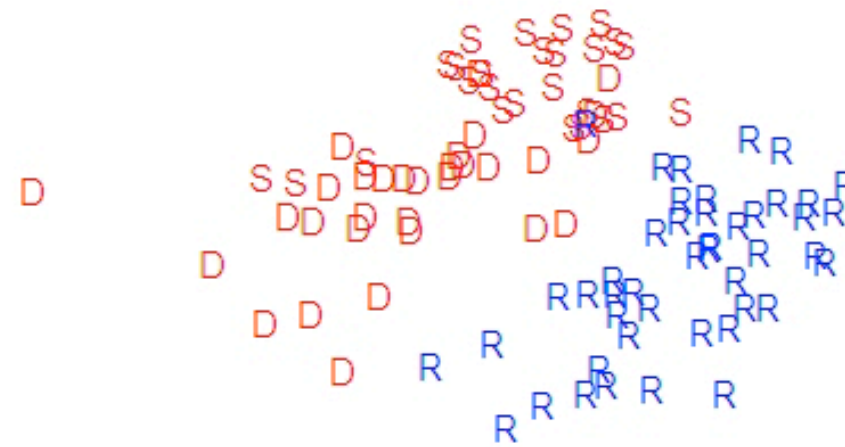
Who is in the bundle, and who is excluded (or in the other bundle)?

PARTY POLARIZATION

House 81
1949-1950

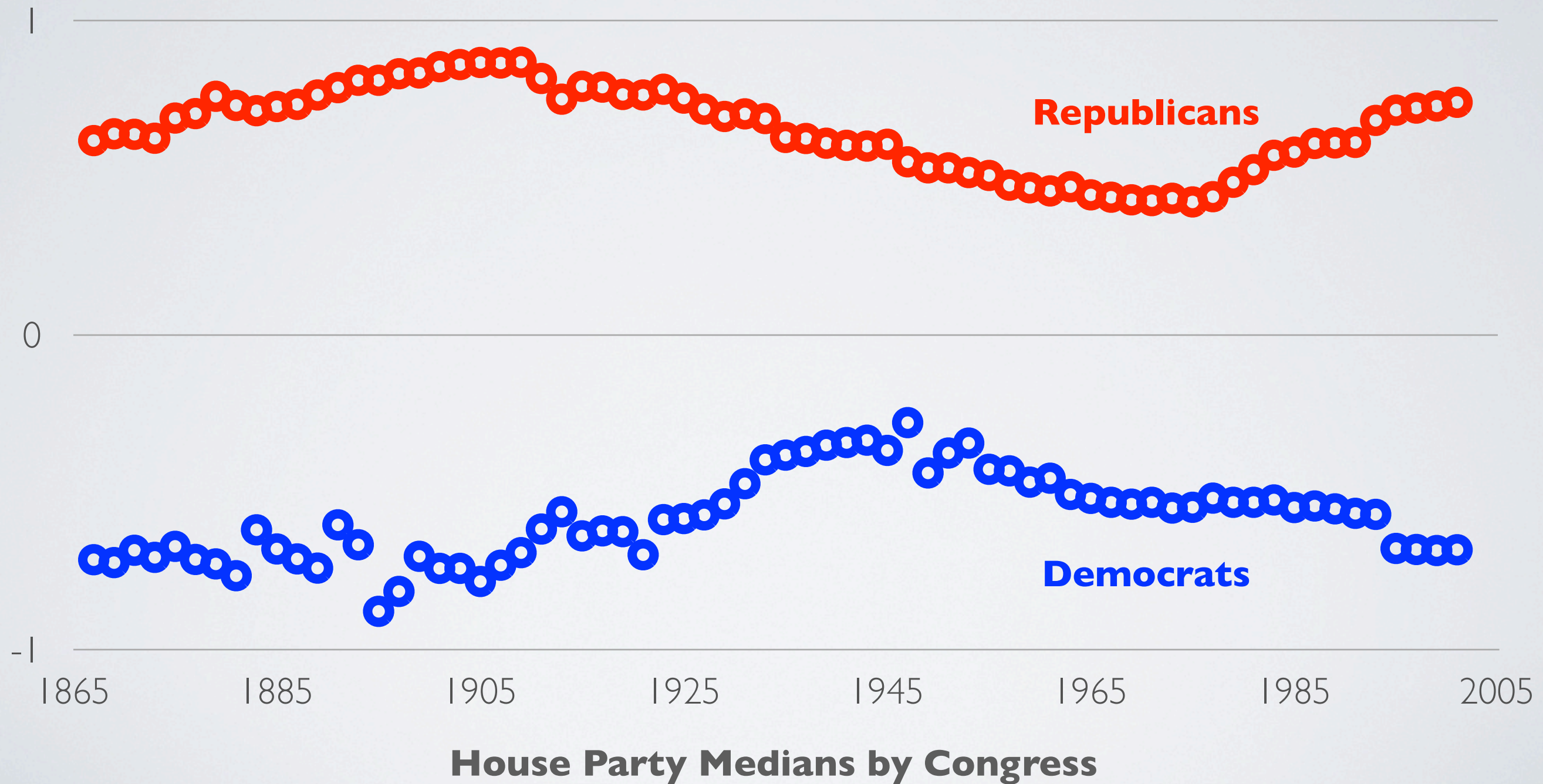


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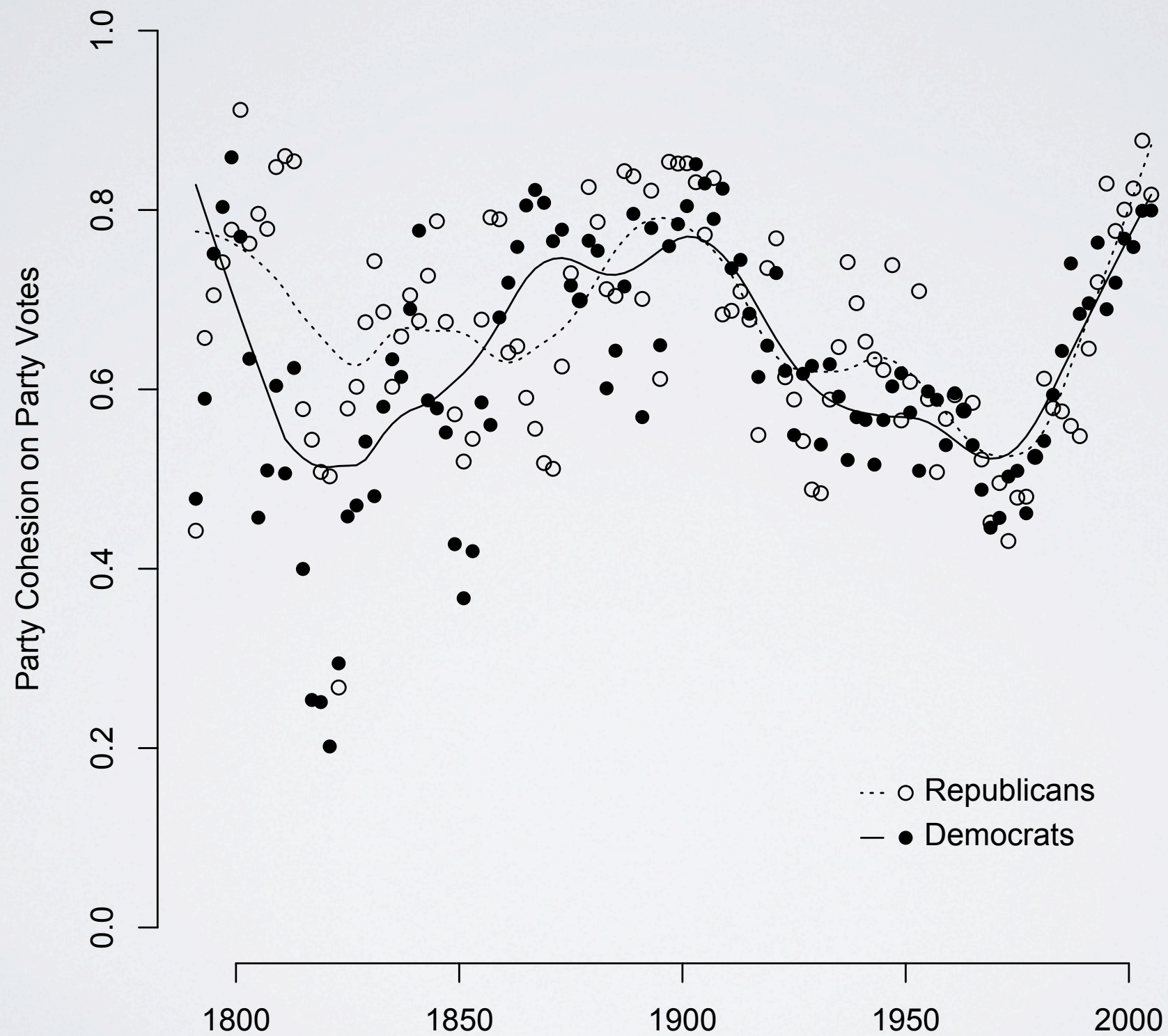


D = N. Democrat
S = S. Democrat
R = Republican

PARTY POLARIZATION



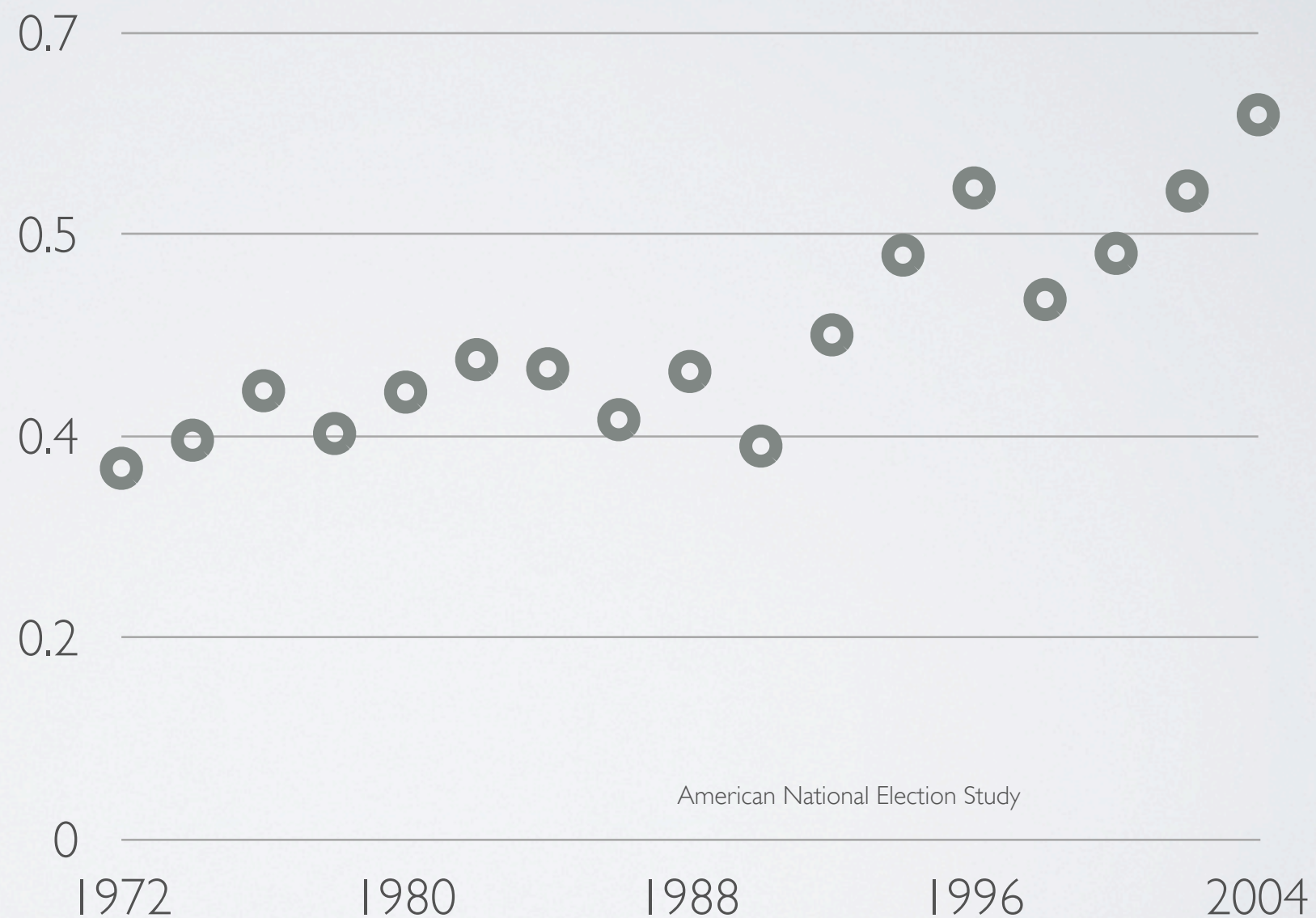
GREATER PARTY COHESION



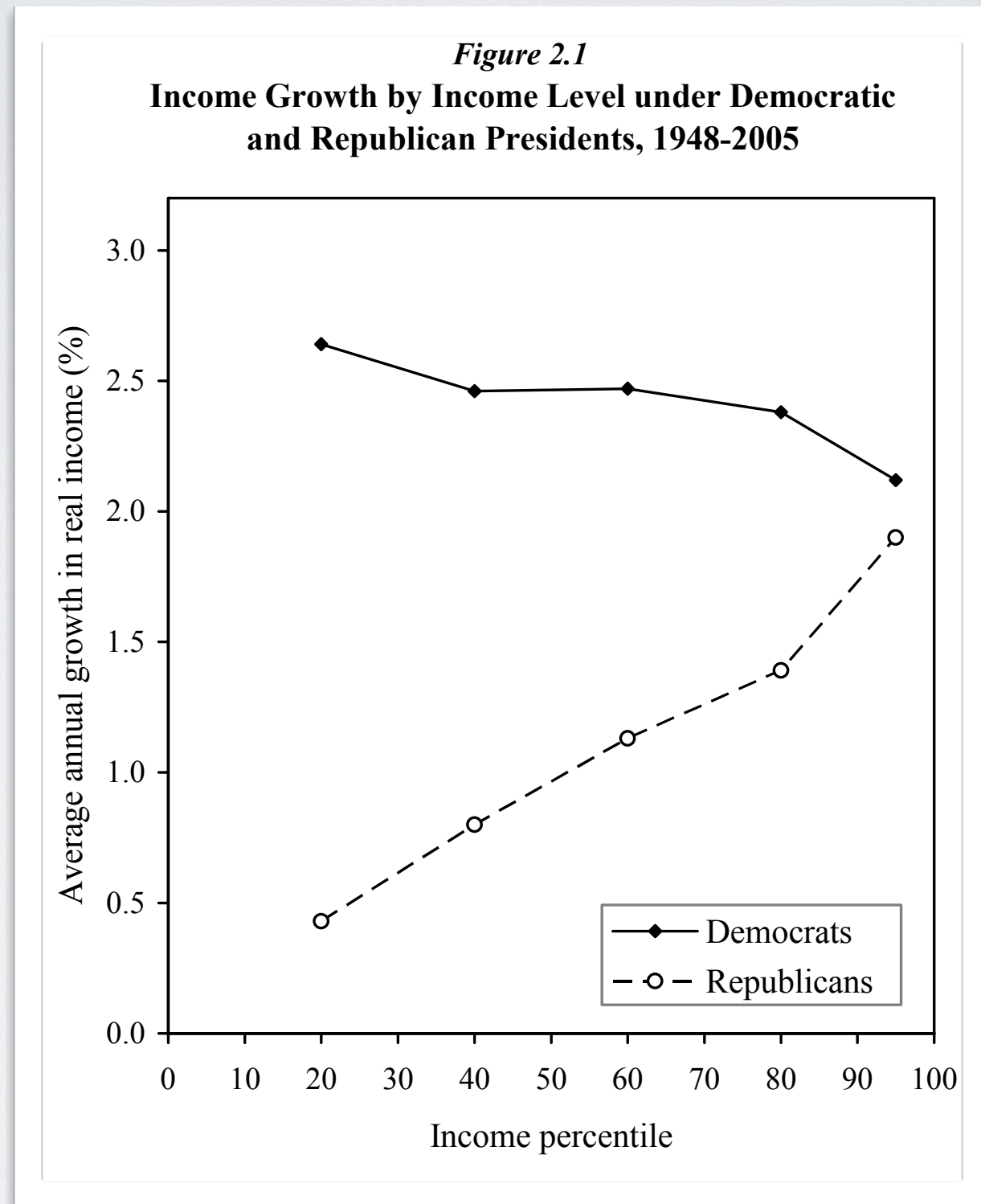
IDEOLOGICAL SORTING



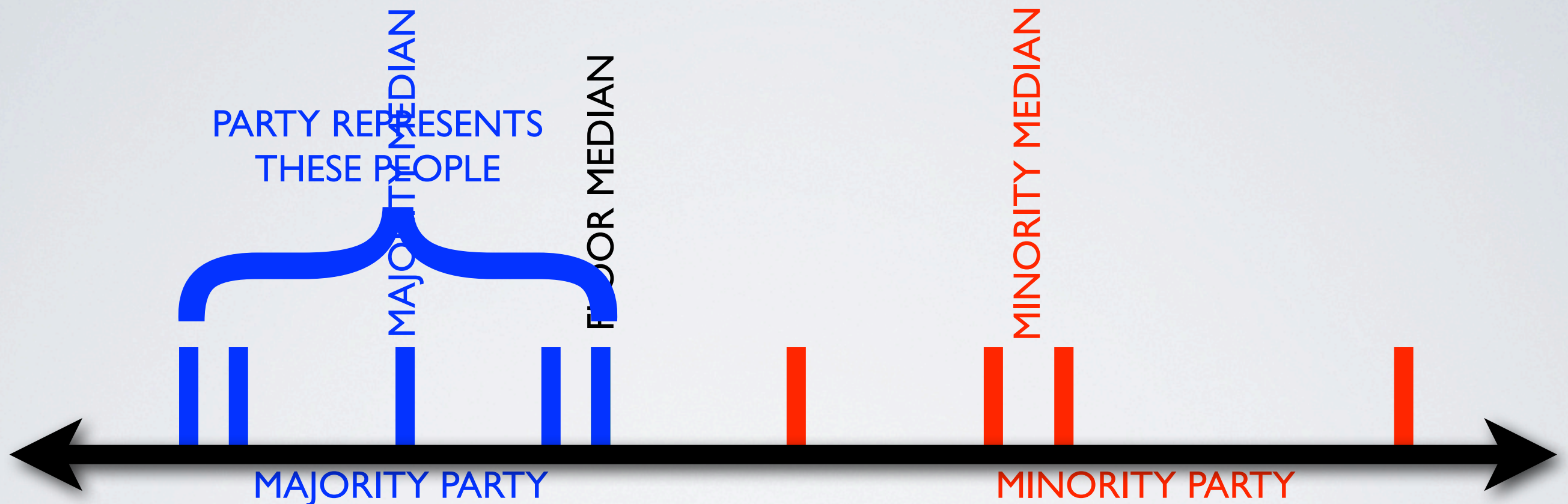
Correlation of Ideology and Party ID among Voters



PARTISAN ECONOMICS

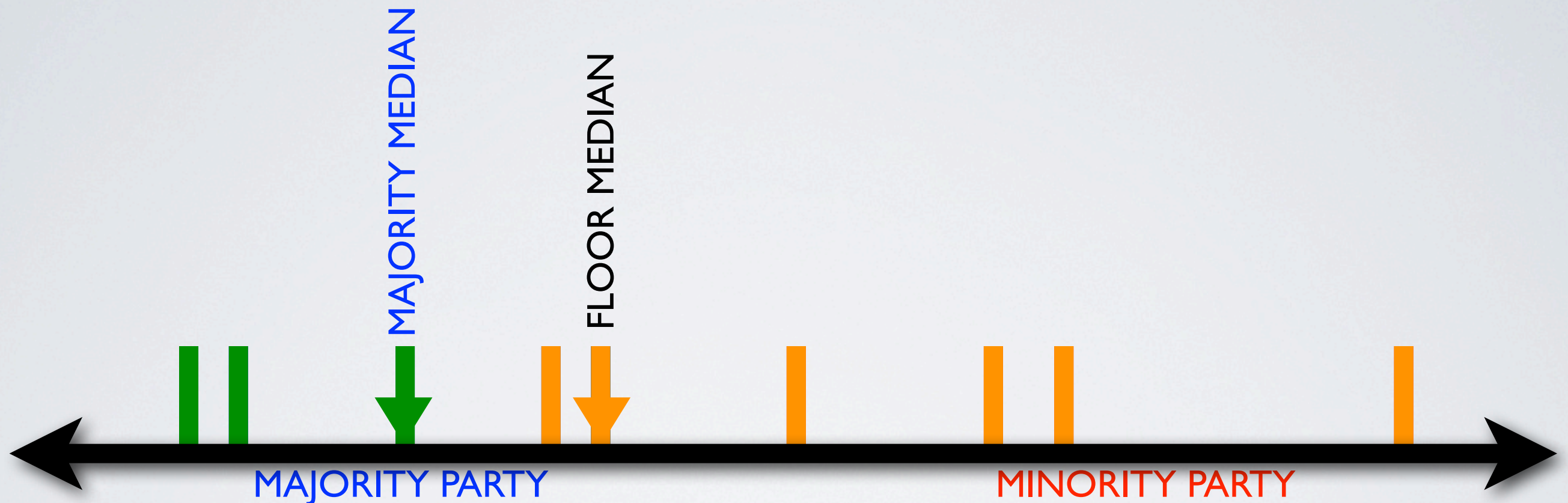


AGENDA CONTROL



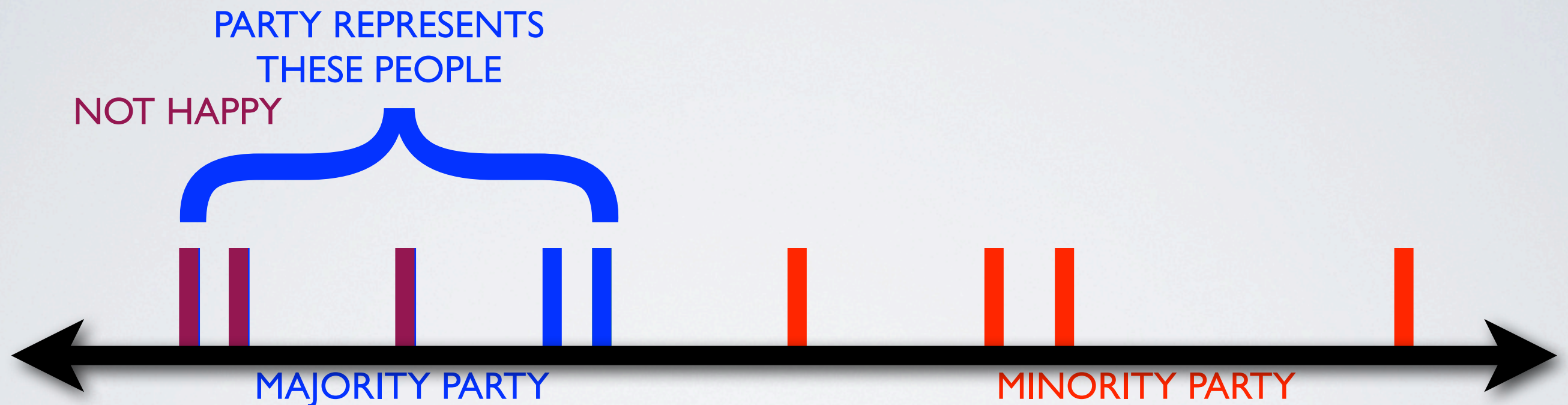
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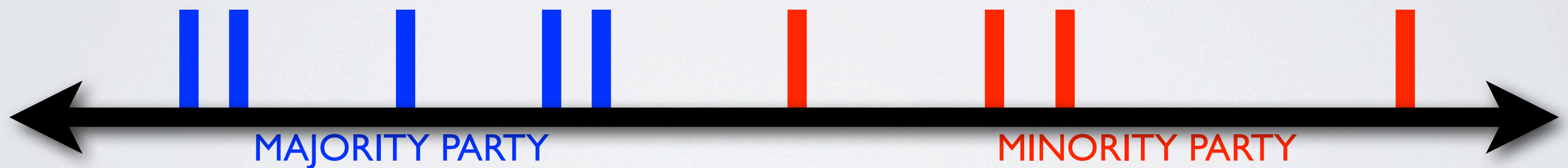
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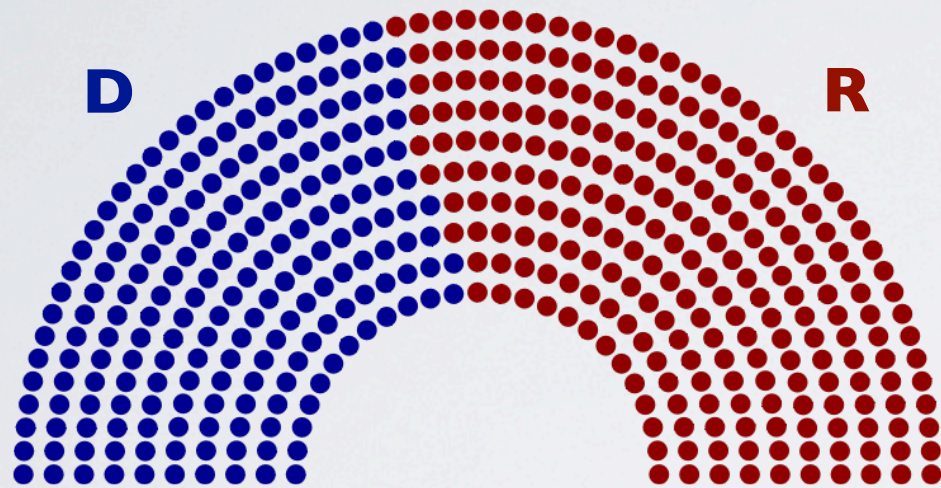
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EASIER WITH POLARIZATION

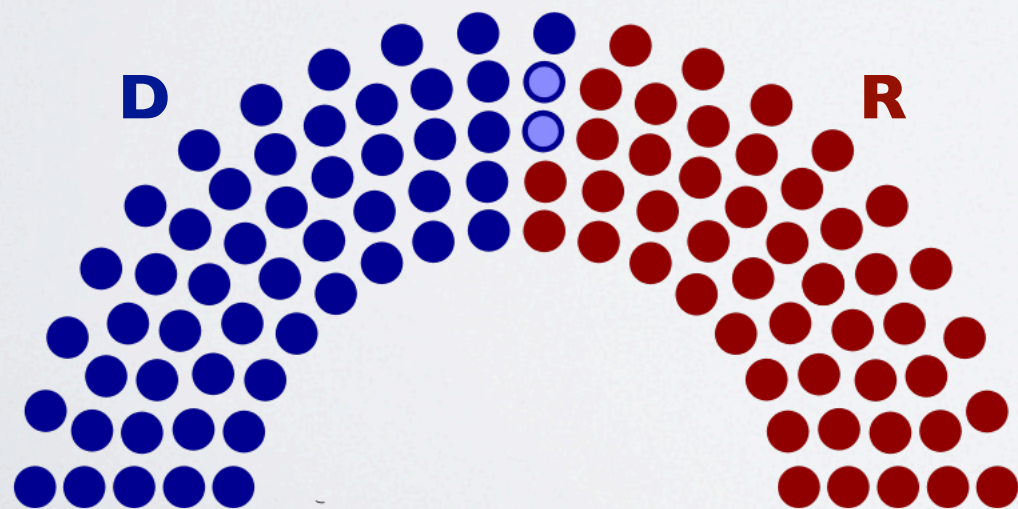


DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

United States Congress



House of Representatives



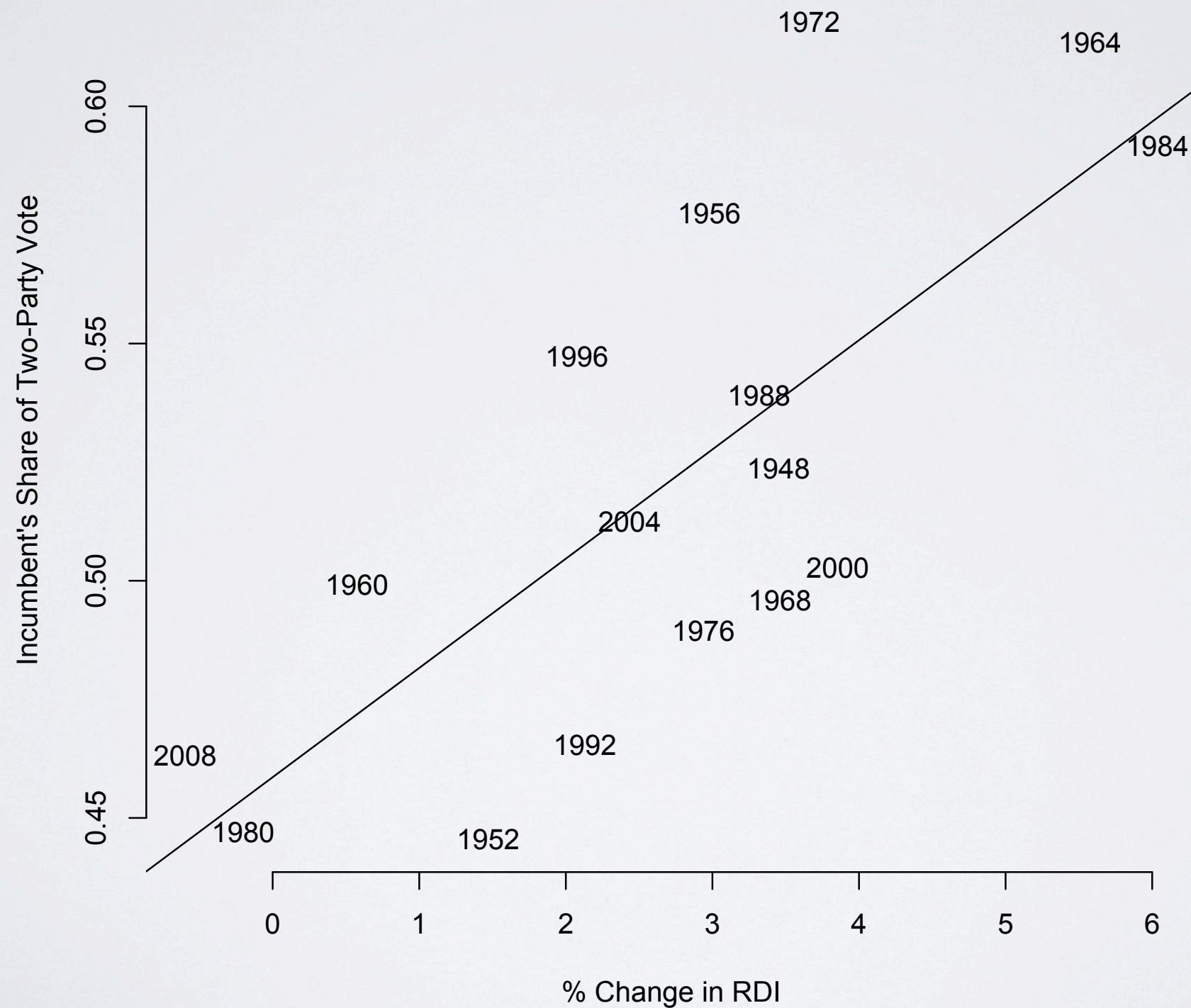
Senate



President

ECONOMY AS CAUSE

Presidential Vote vs. Economy, 1948-2008



IDEOLOGY AS CAUSE

Presidential Vote vs. Ideology, 1948-2008

