State of Politics 2014

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Polarization
The Ideological sorting of the parties

1. Redistricting
   - Residential Sorting
   - Voting Rights Act
   - Gerrymandering

2. Media Business Models
   - Cable News
   - Talk Radio
   - Internet

3. Money in Politics
   - McCain—Feingold
   - Citizens United
Map: North Carolina 12th
Map: Maryland 3rd
Map: Illinois 4th
Map: Maryland 2nd
Map: Pennsylvania 7th
# 2014 Senate races by 2012 presidential result

Senators running in 2014 by 2012 presidential performance (Obama vs. Romney)

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| Hagan (NC) R+2 | | **Senate seat is open**
| Begich (AK) +14 | Source: The Cook Political Report
| Walsh* (MT) +14 | |
The incredible shrinking middle

Based on legislative voting records and analysis by National Journal
US house of representatives

1982

Most Lib
GOP

More Liberal

344
79%

Most Cons
DEM

More Conservative
US house of representatives (cont.)

1994

Most Lib
GOP

More
Liberal

252
58%

Most Cons
DEM

More
Conservative
US house of representatives (cont.)

2002

Most Lib
GOP

Most Cons
DEM

More Liberal

More Conservative

137
31%
US house of representatives (cont.)

2014

Most Cons Most Lib
DEM GOP

More Liberal

More Conservative

3
US Senate

1982

Most Lib
GOP

Most Cons
DEM

More Liberal

58

More Conservative

1982

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US Senate (cont.)

1994

Most Lib
GOP

Most Cons
DEM

More Liberal

More Conservative

34
US Senate (cont.)

2002

Most Lib

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More Liberal

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Presidential Voting by State (1992-2012)

The chart below shows the frequency with which each state has voted Democratic and/or Republican in the last six Presidential elections.

- 19 States | 242 EV
  - California (55 EV)
  - Connecticut (7 EV)
  - Delaware (3 EV)
  - Dist. Columbia (3 EV)
  - Hawaii (4 EV)
  - Illinois (20 EV)
  - Maine (4 EV)
  - Maryland (10 EV)
  - Massachusetts (11 EV)
  - Michigan (16 EV)
  - Minnesota (10 EV)
  - New Jersey (14 EV)
  - New York (29 EV)
  - Oregon (7 EV)
  - Pennsylvania (20 EV)
  - Rhode Island (4 EV)
  - Vermont (3 EV)
  - Washington (12 EV)
  - Wisconsin (10 EV)

- 3 States | 15 EV
  - Iowa (6 EV)
  - New Hampshire (4 EV)
  - New Mexico (5 EV)

- 2 States | 24 EV
  - Nevada (6 EV)
  - Ohio (18 EV)

- 2 States | 38 EV
  - Colorado (9 EV)
  - Florida (29 EV)

- 7 States | 61 EV
  - Arkansas (6 EV)
  - Kentucky (8 EV)
  - Louisiana (8 EV)
  - Missouri (10 EV)
  - Tennessee (11 EV)
  - Virginia (13 EV)
  - West Virginia (5 EV)

- 5 States | 56 EV
  - Arizona (11 EV)
  - Georgia (16 EV)
  - Indiana (11 EV)
  - Montana (3 EV)
  - North Carolina (15 EV)

- 13 States | 102 EV
  - Alabama (9 EV)
  - Alaska (3 EV)
  - Idaho (4 EV)
  - Kansas (6 EV)
  - Mississippi (6 EV)
  - Nebraska (5 EV)
  - North Dakota (3 EV)
  - Oklahoma (7 EV)
  - South Carolina (9 EV)
  - South Dakota (3 EV)
  - Texas (38 EV)
  - Utah (6 EV)
  - Wyoming (3 EV)
2012 Presidential Election
New Senate breakdown by presidential voting

Presidential voting by state (1992–2012)

The chart below shows the frequency with which each state has voted Democratic and/or republican in the last six Presidential elections.

- **Voted DEM 6X**: 32 D, 4 R
  - 19 States | 242 EV
- **Voted DEM 5X**: 3 D, 3 R
  - 3 States | 15 EV
- **Voted DEM 4X**: 2 D, 2 R
  - 2 States | 24 EV
- **Voted DEM 3X**: 2 D, 2 R
  - 2 States | 38 EV
- **Voted DEM 2X**: 4 D, 10 R
  - 7 States | 61 EV
- **Voted DEM 1X**: 2 D, 8 R
  - 5 States | 56 EV
- **Voted GOP 6X**: 13 D
  - 13 States | 102 EV
- **Voted GOP 5X**: 25 R
- **Voted GOP 4X**: 4 D
- **Voted GOP 3X**: 2 D
- **Voted GOP 2X**: 2 D
- **Voted GOP 1X**: 3 States | 15 EV
- **Voted GOP 0X**:
## 2016 Senate Races

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