

Table 8-2 Congressional Voting in Support of the President's Position, 1954-2016 (percent)

President and year	House			Senate		
	All Democrats	Southern Democrats	Republicans	All Democrats	Southern Democrats	Republicans
Eisenhower						
1954	54	n.a.	n.a.	45	n.a.	82
1955	58	n.a.	67	65	n.a.	85
1956	58	n.a.	79	44	n.a.	80
1957	54	n.a.	60	60	n.a.	80
1958	63	n.a.	65	51	n.a.	77
1959	44	n.a.	76	44	n.a.	80
1960	49	n.a.	63	52	n.a.	76
Kennedy						
1961	81	n.a.	41	73	n.a.	42
1962	83	71	47	76	63	48
1963	84	71	36	77	65	52
Johnson						
1964	84	70	42	73	63	52
1965	83	65	46	75	60	55
1966	81	64	45	71	59	53
1967	80	65	51	73	69	63
1968	77	63	59	64	50	57
Nixon						
1969	56	55	65	55	56	74
1970	64	64	79	56	62	74
1971	53	69	79	48	59	76
1972	56	59	74	52	71	77
1973	39	49	67	42	55	70
1974	52	64	71	44	60	65
Ford						
1974	48	52	59	45	55	67
1975	40	48	67	53	67	76
1976	36	52	70	47	61	73
Carter						
1977	69	58	46	77	71	58
1978	67	54	40	74	61	47
1979	70	58	37	75	66	51
1980	71	63	44	71	69	50

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Reagan						
1981	46	60	72	52	63	84
1982	43	55	70	46	57	77
1983	30	45	74	45	46	77
1984	37	47	64	45	58	81
1985	31	43	69	36	46	80
1986	26	37	69	39	56	90
1987	26	36	64	38	42	67
1988	27	34	61	51	58	73
Bush						
1989	38	49	72	56	66	84
1990	26	35	65	39	49	72
1991	35	43	74	42	53	83
1992	27	38	75	33	41	75
Clinton						
1993	80	81	39	87	84	30
1994	78	68	49	88	88	44
1995*	75	69	22	81	78	29
1996*	74	70	38	83	75	37
1997	73	68	31	87	84	61
1998	78	72	27	86	84	42
1999	75	70	24	86	84	35
2000	76	68	28	92	88	47
Bush						
2001	32	38	92	67	71	96
2002	33	40	85	73	81	95
2003	27	36	92	52	60	96
2004	31	42	83	63	70	93
2005	24	33	81	41	54	86
2006	32	n.a.	88	55	n.a.	86
2007	8	n.a.	74	40	n.a.	81
2008	17	n.a.	65	36	n.a.	73
Obama						
2009	91	n.a.	28	96	n.a.	52
2010	88	n.a.	31	97	n.a.	44
2011	82	n.a.	23	94	n.a.	55
2012	81	n.a.	19	95	n.a.	50
2013	81	n.a.	16	98	n.a.	42
2014	84	n.a.	12	98	n.a.	58
2015	87	n.a.	13	88	n.a.	59
2016	92	n.a.	8	86	n.a.	48

n.a. = not available

Note: Years marked with an asterisk are calculated using a different methodology than all other years. In all other years, the percentages are normalized to eliminate the effects of absences as follows: support = (support)/(support + opposition). For 1995-96 and 2006-present, the percentages are not normalized, so absences reduce the average score. Updating of this data to match the normalization for other years is in progress.

Source: Presidential Support Tables, CQ Almanac, various issues.