

Table 8-9 Average Ideological Positions of House Party Coalitions, 80th-114th Congresses, 1947-2015

Congress	Entire chamber	Democrats	Republicans	Nonsouthern Democrats	Southern Democrats
80th (1947)	0.072	-0.147	0.248	-0.303	-0.046
81st (1949)	-0.025	-0.197	0.242	-0.312	-0.054
82nd (1951)	0.014	-0.183	0.239	-0.315	-0.047
83rd (1953)	0.026	-0.187	0.234	-0.336	-0.046
84th (1955)	-0.006	-0.215	0.233	-0.353	-0.057
85th (1957)	-0.017	-0.221	0.221	-0.357	-0.065
86th (1959)	-0.079	-0.245	0.221	-0.355	-0.071
87th (1961)	-0.055	-0.232	0.221	-0.347	-0.076
88th (1963)	-0.063	-0.255	0.214	-0.371	-0.086
89th (1965)	-0.115	-0.267	0.204	-0.36	-0.091
90th (1967)	-0.065	-0.263	0.197	-0.375	-0.071
91st (1969)	-0.066	-0.28	0.207	-0.386	-0.087
92nd (1971)	-0.081	-0.286	0.203	-0.387	-0.096
93rd (1973)	-0.078	-0.303	0.204	-0.388	-0.138
94th (1975)	-0.135	-0.301	0.197	-0.371	-0.15
95th (1977)	-0.129	-0.292	0.194	-0.358	-0.148
96th (1979)	-0.103	-0.289	0.223	-0.352	-0.149
97th (1981)	-0.049	-0.287	0.25	-0.357	-0.141
98th (1983)	-0.07	-0.289	0.281	-0.358	-0.153
99th (1985)	-0.05	-0.301	0.301	-0.357	-0.184
100th (1987)	-0.048	-0.299	0.315	-0.351	-0.195
101st (1989)	-0.046	-0.302	0.327	-0.347	-0.206
102nd (1991)	-0.049	-0.302	0.357	-0.344	-0.21
103rd (1993)	-0.021	-0.314	0.407	-0.347	-0.247
104th (1995)	0.09	-0.339	0.472	-0.371	-0.267
105th (1997)	0.095	-0.346	0.501	-0.369	-0.281
106th (1999)	0.1	-0.345	0.525	-0.371	-0.271
107th (2001)	0.119	-0.35	0.555	-0.374	-0.278
108th (2003)	0.141	-0.349	0.584	-0.383	-0.263
109th (2005)	0.159	-0.359	0.606	-0.385	-0.282
110th (2007)	0.11	-0.34	0.636	-0.365	-0.264
111th (2009)	0.08	-0.329	0.665	-0.35	-0.263
112th (2011)	0.206	-0.378	0.686	-0.391	-0.325
113th (2013)	0.205	-0.371	0.7	-0.376	-0.352
114th (2015)	0.227	-0.384	0.693	-0.387	-0.37

Note: Data in this table has been changed from previous versions. 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.