


Government Overview



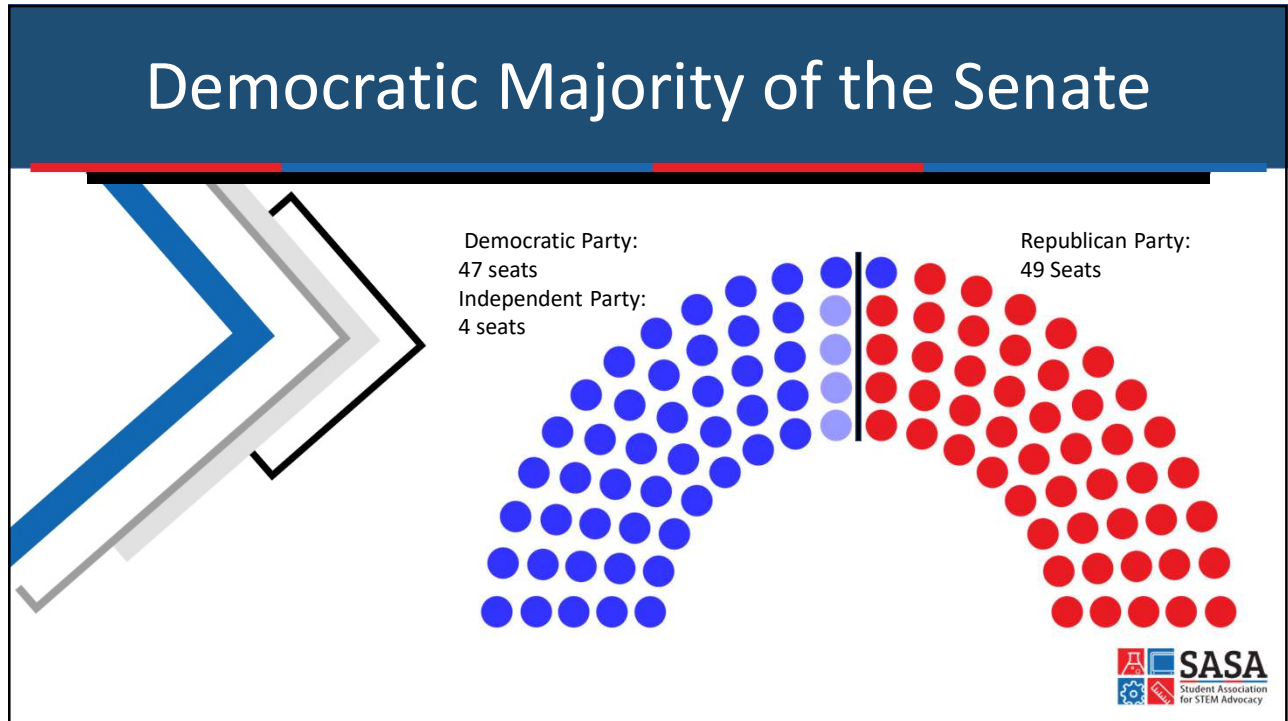
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Federal Branches

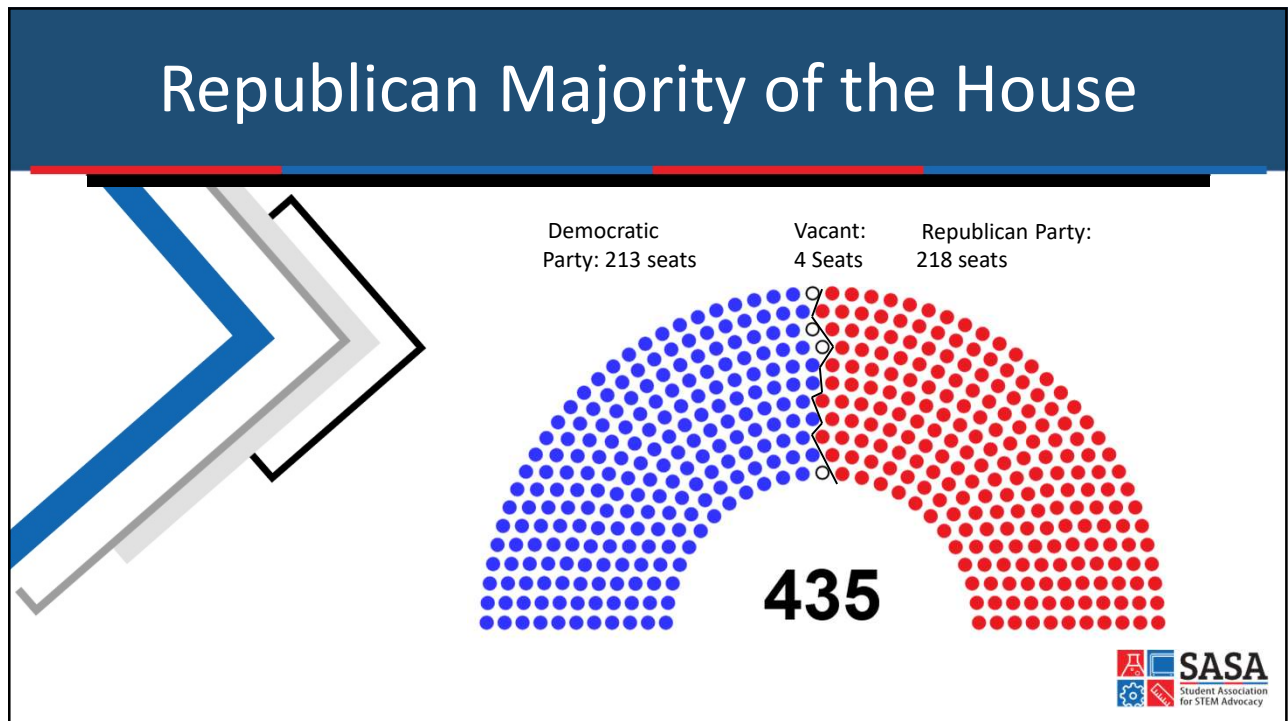
- Legislative Branch**
 - 118th Congress (2 years, each session 1 year)
 - House
 - 2-year term
 - Senate
 - 6-year term
- Executive Branch**
 - President (White House, Administration)
 - 4 Year Term
- Judicial Branch**



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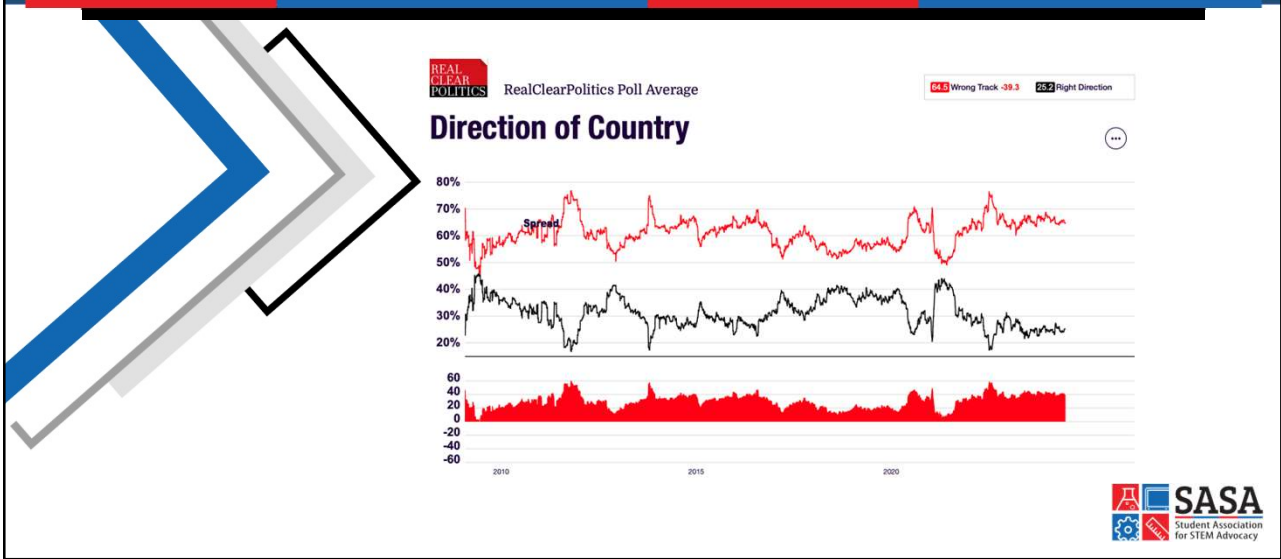


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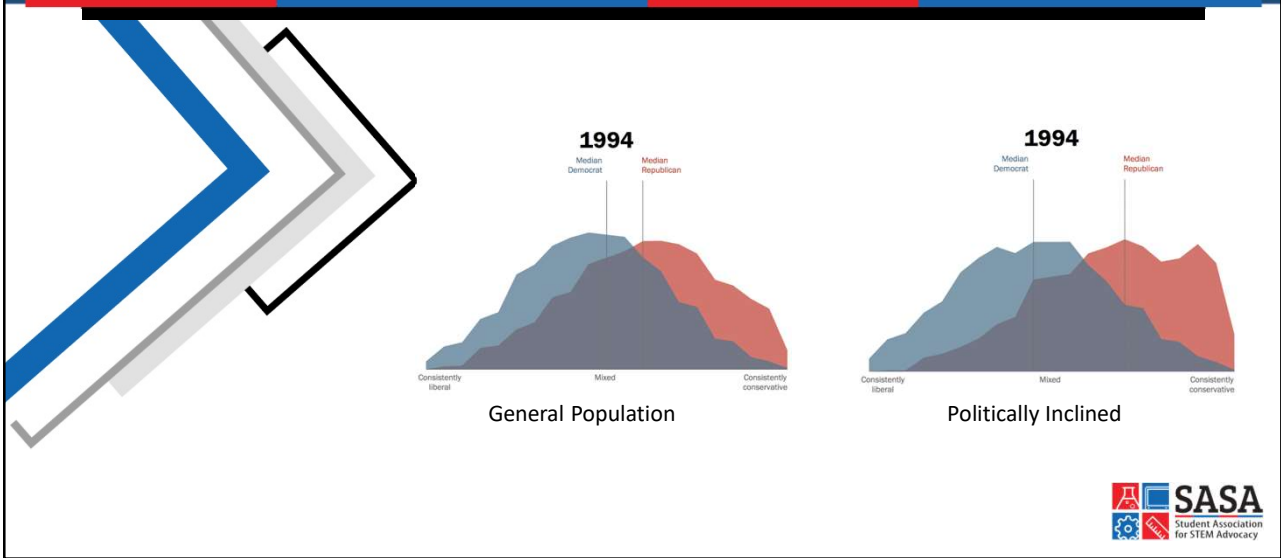
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The Mood



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Polarization

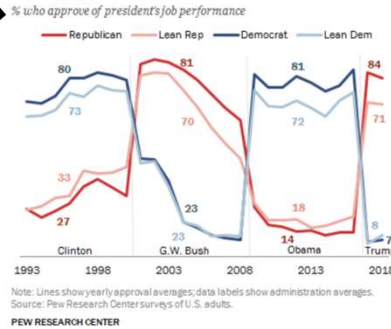


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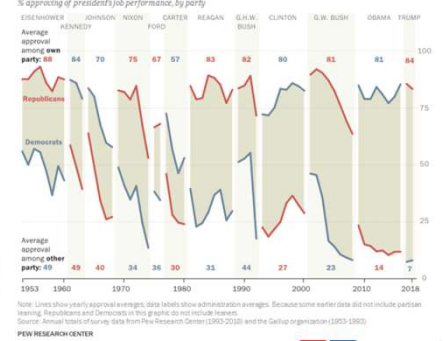
Polarization

- Americans are also divided...but this isn't new.

Broad majority of Republican-leaning independents say they approve of Trump



Trump approval more polarized than for any other president dating to Eisenhower



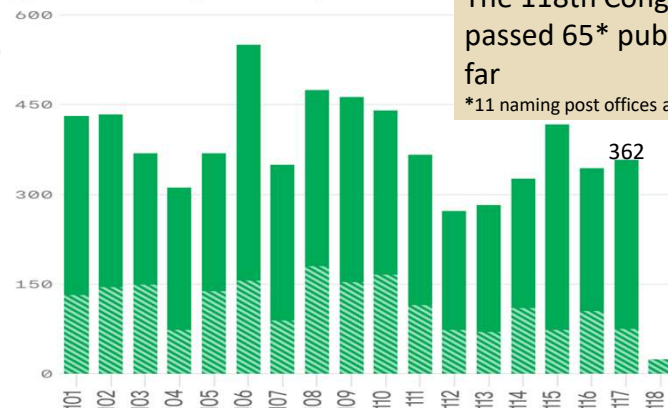
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Congressional Productivity

Bills enacted, by congressional session

101st Congress (1989) to 118th Congress (2023); As of Dec. 18, 2023

Enacted in first year of two-year session



The 118th Congress has passed 65* public laws so far

*11 naming post offices and federal buildings

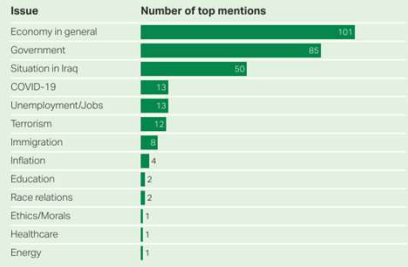


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The Context

Issues Named Most Often as the Most Important U.S. Problem, 2001-2024

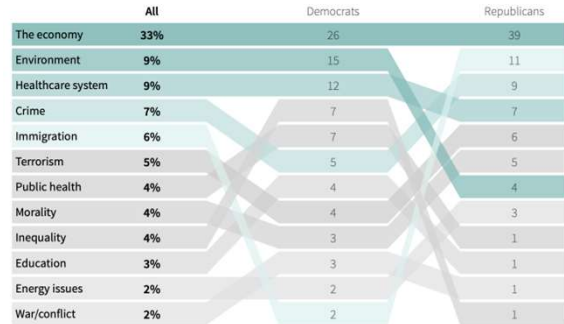
Number of times each issue has been named as the most important problem facing the U.S., either alone or tied with another issue



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THE TOP ISSUE

The economy continues to be the most important issue concerning Americans, 47 weeks running.




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The Senate




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Senate Democratic Leadership (Majority)



Senate Majority Leader,
Chuck Schumer (D-NY)




Senate Majority Whip,
Dick Durbin (D-IL)




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Senate Republican Leadership (Minority)



Senate Minority Leader,
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)



Senate Minority Whip,
John Thune (R-SD)



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Other Senate Leaders



President of the Senate,
Vice President
Kamala Harris



President Pro Tempore,
Patty Murray (D-WA)



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Senate HELP Committee Leadership



Chairman,
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



Ranking Member,
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



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Senate Appropriations Committee Leadership



Chairwoman,
Patty Murray (D-WA)

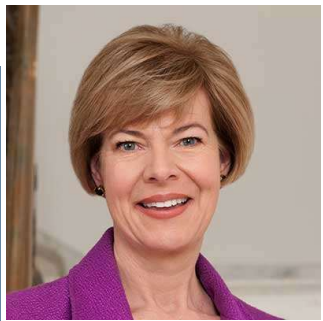


Vice Chair,
Susan Collins (R-ME)



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Senate Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee Leadership



Chairwoman,
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

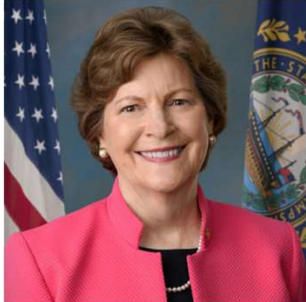


Ranking Member,
Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV)

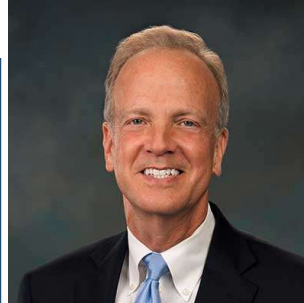


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Senate Appropriations Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee Leadership



Chairwoman,
Jeane Shaheen (D-NH)



Ranking Member,
Jerry Moran (R-KS)



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Senate Armed Services Committee



Chairman Jack
Reed (D-RI)





Ranking Member
Roger Wicker (R-MS)






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House of Representatives



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House Republican Leadership (Majority)

- Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson (R-LA) 
- Majority Leader, Steve Scalise (R-LA) 
- Majority Whip, Tom Emmer (R-MN) 



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House Democratic Leadership (Minority)



Minority Leader,
Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)



Minority Whip,
Katherine Clark (D-MA)

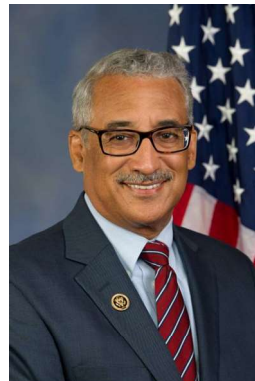


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House Education and Workforce Committee Leadership



Chairwoman,
Virginia Foxx (R-NC)




Ranking Member,
Bobby Scott (D-VA)




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House Appropriations Committee Leadership



Chairman,
Tom Cole (R-OK)




Ranking Member,
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)




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House Appropriations Labor-H Subcommittee Leadership



Chairman,
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)



Ranking Member,
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)



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House Appropriations Commerce, Justice, & Science Subcommittee Leadership



Chairman
Hal Rogers (R-KY)



Ranking Member
Matt Cartwright (D-PA)



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House Armed Services Committee



Chairman Mike
Rogers (R-AL)



Ranking Member
Adam Smith (D-
WA)




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The Administration

President,
Joe Biden

Secretary of Education,
Dr. Miguel Cardona




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The Administration

NSF Director,
Sethuraman
Panchanathan

Secretary of Defense,
Lloyd J. Austin III



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Roles of Administration & Agencies

Administration

-The executive branch of the federal government headed by the President

Agencies

-Departments in the executive branch carry out legislative programs

-The secretary of the department is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate

-Departments write regulations interpreting laws and implementing programs



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Executive Departments

- Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Department of Commerce (DOC)
- **Department of Defense (DOD)**
- **Department of Education (USED)**
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Department of the Interior (DOI)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Department of the Treasury (TREAS)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)



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