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National Taxpayers Union

Rates Congress

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UNITED STATES SENATE †

GRADE	SCORE
ALABAMA	
Sessions.....	B+86%
Shelby.....	B80%
State Average.....	83%
ALASKA	
Begich.....	F12%
Murkowski.....	C+66%
State Average.....	39%
ARIZONA	
Flake.....	A96%
McCain.....	C+69%
State Average.....	83%
ARKANSAS	
Boozman.....	B-75%
Pryor.....	D18%
State Average.....	47%
CALIFORNIA	
Boxer.....	F3%
Feinstein.....	F6%
State Average.....	5%
COLORADO	
Bennet.....	F8%
Udall.....	F10%
State Average.....	9%
CONNECTICUT	
Blumenthal.....	F7%
Murphy.....	F7%
State Average.....	7%
DELAWARE	
Carper.....	F9%
Coons.....	F7%
State Average.....	8%
FLORIDA	
Nelson.....	F7%
Rubio.....	B+87%
State Average.....	48%
GEORGIA	
Chambliss.....	C+64%
Isakson.....	C+63%
State Average.....	64%
HAWAII	
Hirono.....	F3%
Schatz.....	F5%
State Average.....	4%
IDAHO	
Crapo.....	A93%
Risch.....	A93%
State Average.....	93%
ILLINOIS	
Durbin.....	F8%
Kirk.....	B84%
State Average.....	46%
INDIANA	
Coats.....	B83%
Donnelly.....	F13%
State Average.....	48%

GRADE	SCORE
IOWA	
Grassley.....	B+87%
Harkin.....	F5%
State Average.....	46%
KANSAS	
Moran.....	B82%
Roberts.....	B+86%
State Average.....	84%
KENTUCKY	
McConnell.....	A91%
Paul.....	A94%
State Average.....	92%
LOUISIANA	
Landrieu.....	F11%
Vitter.....	B+85%
State Average.....	48%
MAINE	
Collins.....	C-48%
King.....	F10%
State Average.....	29%
MARYLAND	
Cardin.....	F6%
Mikulski.....	F5%
State Average.....	6%
MASSACHUSETTS	
Markey.....	n.a. n.a. **
Warren.....	F8%
Cowan.....	F7%*
State Average.....	8%
MICHIGAN	
Levin.....	F4%
Stabenow.....	F4%
State Average.....	4%
MINNESOTA	
Franken.....	F6%
Klobuchar.....	F9%
State Average.....	7%
MISSISSIPPI	
Cochran.....	C+62%
Wicker.....	B-70%
State Average.....	66%
MISSOURI	
Blunt.....	B-75%
McCaskill.....	D17%
State Average.....	46%
MONTANA	
Baucus.....	D23%
Tester.....	D18%
State Average.....	21%
NEBRASKA	
Fischer.....	B-74%
Johanns.....	B-74%
State Average.....	74%
NEVADA	
Heller.....	B+85%
Reid.....	F7%
State Average.....	46%

GRADE	SCORE
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Ayotte.....	B+87%
Shaheen.....	D17%
State Average.....	52%
NEW JERSEY	
Booker.....	n.a. n.a. **
Menendez.....	F7%
State Average.....	7%
NEW MEXICO	
Heinrich.....	F6%
Udall.....	F4%
State Average.....	5%
NEW YORK	
Gillibrand.....	F5%
Schumer.....	F5%
State Average.....	5%
NORTH CAROLINA	
Burr.....	B78%
Hagan.....	D17%
State Average.....	47%
NORTH DAKOTA	
Heitkamp.....	F9%
Hoeven.....	C+64%
State Average.....	37%
OHIO	
Brown.....	F6%
Portman.....	B-70%
State Average.....	38%
OKLAHOMA	
Coburn.....	A96%
Inhofe.....	A91%
State Average.....	94%
OREGON	
Merkley.....	D17%
Wyden.....	D18%
State Average.....	18%
PENNSYLVANIA	
Casey.....	F10%
Toomey.....	A91%
State Average.....	50%
RHODE ISLAND	
Reed.....	F10%
Whitehouse.....	F11%
State Average.....	11%
SOUTH CAROLINA	
Graham.....	C+69%
Scott.....	A95%
State Average.....	82%
SOUTH DAKOTA	
Johnson.....	F8%
Thune.....	B80%
State Average.....	44%
TENNESSEE	
Alexander.....	B-73%
Corker.....	B80%
State Average.....	76%

GRADE	SCORE
TEXAS	
Cornyn.....	A94%
Cruz.....	A95%
State Average.....	95%
UTAH	
Hatch.....	B79%
Lee.....	A95%
State Average.....	87%
VERMONT	
Leahy.....	F4%
Sanders.....	F5%
State Average.....	5%
VIRGINIA	
Kaine.....	F11%
Warner.....	F14%
State Average.....	12%
WASHINGTON	
Cantwell.....	F5%
Murray.....	F7%
State Average.....	6%
WEST VIRGINIA	
Manchin.....	D24%
Rockefeller.....	F7%
State Average.....	16%
WISCONSIN	
Baldwin.....	F7%
Johnson.....	B+88%
State Average.....	47%
WYOMING	
Barrasso.....	A94%
Enzi.....	B+86%
State Average.....	90%

SENATE KEY

SCORE	GRADE	COMMENTS
90% or more	A	Taxpayers' Friend
85% - 89%	B+	
78% - 84%	B	Good
70% - 77%	B-	
60% - 69%	C+	
50% - 59%	C	Satisfactory
40% - 49%	C-	
16% - 39%	D	Poor
15% or less	F	Big Spender

*Score based on less than 75%, but more than 50%, of weighted total of votes cast.

** Voted on 50% or less of weighted total of votes cast; score and grade not issued.

#: Resigned; seat was vacant prior to end of voting.

† Based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy; see back page for methodology.

	GRADE	SCORE
ALABAMA		
Aderholt	C+	66%
Bachus	C+	69%
Bonner	C	64%*
Brooks	B+	80%
Roby	C+	68%
Rogers	C+	68%
Sewell	F	15%
State Average		61%
ALASKA		
Young	C	58%
ARIZONA		
Barber	D	26%
Franks	A	89%
Gosar	B+	81%
Grijalva	F	21%
Kirkpatrick	D	25%
Pastor	F	11%
Salmon	A	90%
Schweikert	A	89%
Sinema	D	27%
State Average		51%
ARKANSAS		
Cotton	B+	82%
Crawford	C+	69%
Griffin	B-	73%
Womack	B-	70%
State Average		74%
CALIFORNIA		
Bass	F	24%
Becerra	F	20%
Bera	F	22%
Brownley	F	19%
Calvert	C+	68%
Campbell	B+	81%*
Capps	F	19%
Cardenas	F	15%
Chu	F	19%
Cook	B	75%
Costa	D	32%
Davis	F	18%
Denham	C+	66%
Eshoo	F	18%
Farr	F	14%
Garamendi	F	20%
Hahn	F	22%
Honda	F	19%
Huffman	F	22%
Hunter	B	77%
Issa	B	76%
LaMalfa	B	75%
Lee	D	26%
Lofgren	F	24%
Lowenthal	F	19%
Matsui	F	18%
McCarthy	C+	68%
McClintock	A	95%
McKeon	C+	67%
McNerney	F	17%
Miller, Ge.	D	26%
Miller, Ga.	B	74%
Napolitano	F	21%
Negrete McLeod	F	18%
Nunes	C+	69%
Pelosi	F	17%
Peters	D	35%
Rohrabacher	A	92%
Roybal-Allard	F	18%
Royce	B+	82%

	GRADE	SCORE
Ruiz	F	23%
Sánchez, Li	F	22%
Sanchez, Lo.	F	16%
Schiff	F	22%
Sherman	F	19%
Speier	D	26%
Swalwell	F	22%
Takano	F	12%
Thompson	F	18%
Valadao	C	64%
Vargas	F	9%
Waters	F	23%
Waxman	F	18%
State Average		36%
COLORADO		
Coffman	A	83%
DeGette	D	27%
Gardner	B	76%
Lamborn	B+	81%
Perlmutter	F	22%
Polis	D	36%
Tipton	B-	72%
State Average		58%
CONNECTICUT		
Courtney	F	19%
DeLauro	F	20%
Esty	F	24%
Himes	D	30%
Larson	F	22%
State Average		23%
DELAWARE		
Carney	D	25%
FLORIDA		
Bilirakis	B	79%
Brown	F	15%
Buchanan	B-	73%
Castor	F	18%
Crenshaw	C+	67%
DeSantis	A	88%
Deutch	F	16%
Diaz-Balart	C	61%
Frankel	F	17%
Garcia	D	25%
Grayson	F	21%
Hastings	F	17%
Mica	B+	80%
Miller	B+	80%
Murphy	D	31%
Nugent	B	75%
Posey	B+	82%
Radel		[Resigned]
Rooney	B-	71%
Ros-Lehtinen	C	62%
Ross	B	77%
Southerland	B	74%
Wasserman Schultz	F	15%
Webster	B	74%
Wilson	F	16%
Yoho	B+	80%
Young		[Deceased 10/18/2013]
State Average		51%
GEORGIA		
Barrow	C-	45%
Bishop	F	24%
Broun	A	86%
Collins	A	83%
Gingrey	A	85%
Graves	A	83%
Johnson	F	12%

	GRADE	SCORE
Kingston	A	83%
Lewis	F	21%
Price	A	85%
Scott, A.	B	74%
Scott, D.	F	17%
Westmoreland	B	78%
Woodall	A	85%
State Average		62%
HAWAII		
Gabbard	F	16%
Hanabusa	F	18%
State Average		17%
IDAHO		
Labrador	A	87%
Simpson	C+	66%
State Average		76%
ILLINOIS		
Bustos	F	22%
Davis, D.	F	18%
Davis, R.	C+	65%
Duckworth	F	19%
Enyart	F	22%
Foster	D	25%
Gutierrez	F	20%
Hultgren	B	79%
Kelly	F	20%
Kinzinger	C+	66%
Lipinski	F	23%
Quigley	D	28%
Roskam	B-	71%
Rush	F	22%*
Schakowsky	D	25%
Schneider	D	28%
Schock	C+	69%
Shimkus	C+	65%
State Average		39%
INDIANA		
Brooks	B	74%
Bucshon	B	76%
Carson	F	16%
Messer	B	79%
Rokita	A	85%
Stutzman	A	83%
Visclosky	F	20%
Walorski	B-	72%
Young	B	76%
State Average		65%
IOWA		
Braley	F	23%
King	B	76%
Latham	C+	67%
Loeb	F	22%
State Average		47%
KANSAS		
Huelskamp	A	86%
Jenkins	B	75%
Pompeo	A	83%
Yoder	B	76%
State Average		80%
KENTUCKY		
Barr	B	76%
Guthrie	B-	73%
Massie	A	89%
Rogers	C+	68%
Whitfield	C+	66%
Yarmuth	F	20%
State Average		66%
LOUISIANA		
Alexander	C	61%
Boustany	C+	68%

	GRADE	SCORE
Cassidy	B	75%
Fleming	B	78%
Richmond	F	21%
Scalise	A	83%
State Average		65%
MAINE		
Michaud	F	24%
Pingree	F	23%
State Average		23%
MARYLAND		
Cummings	F	18%
Delaney	F	24%
Edwards	F	21%
Harris	B+	81%
Hoyer	F	19%
Ruppersberger	F	18%
Sarbanes	F	18%
Van Hollen	F	20%
State Average		28%
MASSACHUSETTS		
Capuano	F	20%
Clark	n.a.	n.a.**
Keating	F	20%
Kennedy	F	16%
Lynch	F	18%
McGovern	F	21%
Neal	F	15%
Tierney	F	23%
Tsongas	F	16%
State Average		19%
MICHIGAN		
Amash	A	95%
Benishek	B	75%
Bentivolio	A	85%
Camp	B	75%
Conyers	D	26%
Dingell	F	18%
Huizenga	B+	81%
Kildee	F	16%
Levin	F	19%
Miller	B	76%
Peters	F	21%
Rogers	B	76%
Upton	B	76%
Walberg	B	78%
State Average		58%
MINNESOTA		
Bachmann	A	86%
Ellison	D	25%
Kline	B-	73%
McCollum	F	17%
Nolan	F	20%
Paulsen	B	78%
Peterson	C-	44%
Walz	F	21%
State Average		45%
MISSISSIPPI		
Harper	C	64%
Nunnelee	B-	73%
Palazzo	B-	73%
Thompson	F	17%
State Average		57%
MISSOURI		
Clay	F	20%
Cleaver	F	16%
Graves	B-	73%

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES †

	GRADE	SCORE
Hartzler	B-	71%
Long	B	76%
Luetkemeyer	B-	72%
Smith	C+	68%*
Wagner	B	74%
State Average		59%

MONTANA

Daines	B	77%
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NEBRASKA

Fortenberry	C+	67%
Smith	B	74%
Terry	B	77%
State Average		73%

NEVADA

Amodei	B-	72%
Heck	B	75%
Horsford	F	19%
Titus	F	20%
State Average		48%

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Kuster	F	23%
Shea-Porter	F	17%
State Average		20%

NEW JERSEY

Andrews	F	17%
Frelinghuysen	C+	66%
Garrett	A	85%
Holt	D	25%
Lance	B-	71%
LoBiondo	C+	66%
Pallone	D	27%
Pascarell	F	20%
Payne	F	23%
Runyan	C	62%
Sires	F	18%
Smith	C	64%
State Average		46%

NEW MEXICO

Lujan	F	14%
Lujan Grisham	F	16%
Pearce	B	75%
State Average		35%

NEW YORK

Bishop	F	18%
Clarke	F	23%
Collins	C+	67%
Crowley	F	16%
Engel	F	15%
Gibson	C	57%
Grimm	C	56%
Hanna	C	64%
Higgins	F	19%
Israel	F	18%
Jeffries	F	19%
King	C	59%
Lowe	F	18%
Maffei	D	32%
Maloney, C.	F	19%
Maloney, S.	D	28%
McCarthy	n.a.	n.a.**
Meeks	F	21%
Meng	F	18%
Nadler	F	21%
Owens	D	30%
Rangel	F	19%
Reed	C	64%

	GRADE	SCORE
Serrano	F	22%
Slaughter	F	17%
Tonko	F	19%
Velazquez	F	24%
State Average		30%

NORTH CAROLINA

Butterfield	F	13%
Coble	B-	72%
Ellmers	B-	71%
Fox	B+	82%
Holding	A	84%
Hudson	B	78%
Jones	B	76%
McHenry	B	78%
McIntyre	C	50%
Meadows	A	84%
Pittenger	A	83%
Price	F	14%
Watt	F	23%
State Average		62%

NORTH DAKOTA

Cramer	C+	65%
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OHIO

Beatty	F	17%
Boehner	n.a.	n.a.**
Chabot	A	87%
Fudge	F	22%
Gibbs	B	74%
Johnson	B	74%
Jordan	A	88%
Joyce	C+	65%
Kaptur	F	15%
Latta	B	76%
Renacci	B-	72%
Ryan	F	16%
Stivers	B-	72%
Tiberi	B-	73%
Turner	C+	65%
Wenstrup	B+	81%
State Average		60%

OKLAHOMA

Bridenstine	A	83%
Cole	C	64%
Lankford	B	76%
Lucas	C	64%
Mullin	B	74%
State Average		73%

OREGON

Blumenauer	D	26%
Bonamici	F	22%
DeFazio	D	28%
Schrader	D	35%
Walden	B-	71%
State Average		36%

PENNSYLVANIA

Barletta	C+	65%
Brady	F	18%
Cartwright	F	16%
Dent	C+	66%
Doyle	F	24%
Fattah	F	18%
Fitzpatrick	C	60%
Gerlach	C	64%
Kelly	B-	70%
Marino	C+	69%
Meehan	C	64%
Murphy	B-	72%
Perry	B+	82%
Pitts	B+	82%

	GRADE	SCORE
Rothfus	B	79%
Schwartz	F	19%
Shuster	B	74%
Thompson	B-	70%
State Average		57%

RHODE ISLAND

Cicilline	F	22%
Langevin	F	17%
State Average		20%

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clyburn	F	16%
Duncan	A	90%
Gowdy	A	86%
Mulvaney	A	90%
Rice	B	79%
Sanford	A	90%*
Wilson	B	78%
State Average		77%

SOUTH DAKOTA

Noem	C+	69%
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TENNESSEE

Black	B	79%
Blackburn	B	79%
Cohen	F	24%
Cooper	D	38%
DesJarlais	B	77%
Duncan	A	94%
Fincher	B-	73%
Fleischmann	B+	80%
Roe	B	76%
State Average		69%

TEXAS

Barton	B	79%
Brady	B	79%
Burgess	A	85%
Carter	C+	68%
Castro	F	15%
Conaway	B	74%
Cuellar	D	31%
Culberson	B	74%
Doggett	D	25%
Farenthold	B	75%
Flores	B+	80%
Gallego	D	28%
Gohmert	A	89%
Granger	C+	69%
Green, A.	F	19%
Green, E.	D	30%
Hall	B	77%
Hensarling	A	83%
Hinojosa	F	20%
Jackson Lee	F	18%
Johnson, S.	B	78%
Johnson, E.	F	14%
Marchant	A	84%
McCaul	B	76%
Neugebauer	B+	81%
Olson	B+	80%
O'Rourke	F	23%
Poe	B+	80%
Sessions	B	76%
Smith	B	76%
Stockman	A	86%
Thornberry	B	74%
Veasey	F	14%
Vela	D	25%
Weber	B+	81%
Williams	B	77%
State Average		60%

GRADE SCORE

UTAH

Bishop	B	75%
Chaffetz	B+	82%
Matheson	C	64%
Stewart	B	76%
State Average		74%

VERMONT

Welch	F	20%
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VIRGINIA

Cantor	B	75%
Connolly	F	20%
Forbes	C+	68%
Goodlatte	B	79%
Griffith	B+	81%
Hurt	B+	80%
Moran	F	20%
Rigell	B+	80%
Scott	F	19%
Wittman	B-	71%
Wolf	C+	67%
State Average		60%

WASHINGTON

DelBene	F	21%
Hastings	B-	70%
Heck	F	19%
Herrera Beutler	C	62%*
Kilmer	F	21%
Larsen	F	15%
McDermott	F	19%
McMorris Rodgers	B-	70%
Reichert	C+	65%
Smith	F	18%
State Average		37%

WEST VIRGINIA

Capito	C+	69%
McKinley	B-	72%
Rahall	D	27%
State Average		56%

WISCONSIN

Duffy	B	74%
Kind	D	26%
Moore	F	23%
Petri	A	83%
Pocan	F	22%
Ribble	A	83%
Ryan	B+	80%
Sensenbrenner	A	87%
State Average		60%

WYOMING

Lummis	A	86%
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HOUSE KEY

SCORE	GRADE	COMMENTS
83% or more	A	Taxpayers' Friend
80%-82%	B+	
74%-79%	B	Good
70%-73%	B-	
65%-69%	C+	
50%-64%	C	Satisfactory
41%-49%	C-	
25%-40%	D	Poor
24% or less	F	Big Spender

* Score based on less than 75%, but more than 50%, of weighted total of votes cast.

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: Resigned; seat was vacant prior to end of voting.

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Every year National Taxpayers Union (NTU) rates U.S. Representatives and Senators on their actual votes — every vote that significantly affects taxes, spending, debt, and regulatory burdens on consumers and taxpayers. Unlike most organizations that publish ratings, we refuse to play the “rating game” of focusing on only a handful of Congressional votes on selected issues. The NTU voting study is the fairest and most accurate guide available on Congressional fiscal policies. It is a completely unbiased accounting of votes.

NTU assigned weights to the votes, reflecting the importance of each vote’s effect.*

NTU has no partisan ax to grind. All Members of Congress are treated the same regardless of political affiliation. Our only constituency is the overburdened American taxpayer. Grades are given impartially, based on the Taxpayer Score.

TAXPAYER SCORE

The Taxpayer Score measures the strength of support for reducing spending and regulation and opposing higher taxes. In general, a higher score is better because it means a Member of Congress voted to lessen or limit the burden on taxpayers. The Taxpayer Score can range between 0 and 100. We do not expect anyone to score a 100, nor has any legislator ever achieved a 100 in the multi-year history of the comprehensive NTU scoring system. A high score does not mean that the Member of Congress was opposed to all spending or all programs. High-scoring Members have indicated that they would vote for many programs if the amount of spending were lower. A Member who wants to increase spending on some programs can achieve a high score if he or she votes for offsetting cuts in other programs. A zero score would indicate that the Member of Congress approved every spending proposal and opposed every pro-taxpayer reform.

NTU believes a score qualifying for a grade of “A” indicates the Member is one of

the strongest supporters of responsible tax and spending policies. We are pleased to give these Members of Congress our “Taxpayers’ Friend Award” (subject to minimum attendance criteria).

A score qualifying for a grade of “B” represents a “good” voting record on controlling spending and taxes. A “B” grade indicates that the Member voted for taxpayers most of the time, but slightly less than those who attained the grade of “A.”

A score qualifying for a grade of “C” represents a minimally acceptable voting record on controlling taxes and spending. While such a score may be “satisfactory,” there is clearly room for improvement.

We are also issuing pluses and minuses for the grades of “B” and “C” in order to better recognize the differences in the voting records of Members with these grades.

A score qualifying for a grade of “D” indicates the Member has a “poor” voting record on controlling taxes and spending.

A score significantly below average qualifies for a grade of “F.” This failing grade places the Member into the “Big Spender” category.

VOTE SELECTION

We analyzed every roll call vote taken in the First Session of the 113th Congress and selected all votes that could significantly affect the amounts of federal taxes, spending, debt, or regulatory impact. A total of 253 House and 90 Senate votes were selected. We included votes cast on appropriations bills, authorization bills, budget target resolutions, tax bills, amendments, and certain procedural votes that could affect the burden on taxpayers. Votes that simply shifted equal amounts of spending from one area to another were excluded. Also excluded were votes where there was a significant difference of opinion on how to vote to reduce or control government and unanimous votes.

We believe the number of votes used in the analysis, the objective and nonpartisan weighting of the votes, computerized calculations, and many error checks all combine to ensure the highest possible standards of accuracy.

OTHER FACTORS

Although we believe this voting analysis is the most accurate guide available on Congressional fiscal performance, no study of roll call votes can fully evaluate a Member’s overall record. A Member’s committee work, leadership, and effectiveness with other Members also affect his or her influence on the amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulatory impact. Because of the complexity of the calculations and the number of votes involved, we do not have space to reprint the votes of each Representative and Senator here. A list of votes used in the study, including the weight assigned to each, is available on our website at www.ntu.org.

* Computation

NTU’s federal budget experts assigned a weight to each vote ranging from 0 to 100. A low weight was assigned to votes that had relatively little effect, while a high weight was assigned to votes with the most significant effect on federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation.

Weights were based solely on the relative effect of each vote on the total amount of federal spending, taxes, debt, or regulatory impact. Consideration was given to the long-term effect of a vote, even though relatively little might be immediately at issue. A vote with average importance should have a weight close to 10.

Scores were computed by dividing the weighted total of votes cast against higher spending, taxes, or regulation or for lower spending, taxes, or regulation, by the weighted total number of fiscal issues on which the Member of Congress voted. Average state scores were also computed, using the weighted total of votes cast by each delegation.

In computing these scores, we included only those votes on which the Member actually voted for or against a bill, resolution, or amendment. Paired votes, announced positions, and absences were excluded. Because some Members were absent frequently (or otherwise failed to vote yes or no), their scores and grades, based on relatively few votes, may not accurately reflect fiscal attitudes. The Members falling into this category are noted.

TAXPAYER SCORES

SENATE		HOUSE	
42%	Average	51%	
17%	Median	64%	
96%	High	95%	
3%	Low	9%	

PARTY SCORES

9%	Democratic Average	21%
7%	Democratic Median	20%
81%	Republican Average	75%
84%	Republican Median	76%
8%	Independent Average	