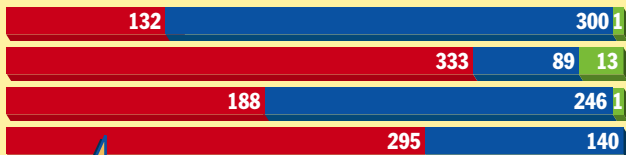


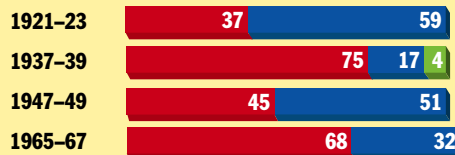
## Swings in Control of Congress\*\*

### Political Division of the House to 1967



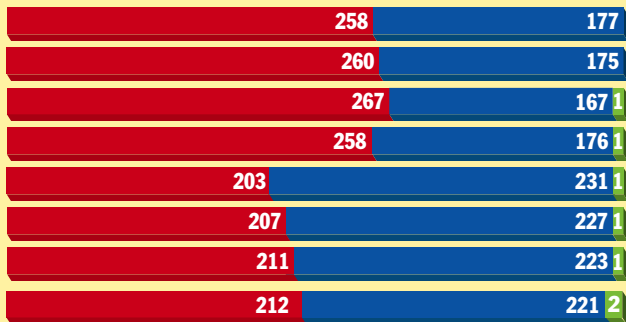
Republicans controlled Congress in the 1920s, but their power ended dramatically during the Great Depression. Democrats lost control briefly in 1947-49, but dominated Congress in the 1960s.

### Political Division of the Senate to 1967

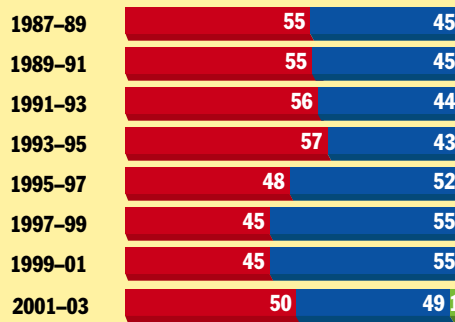


■ Democrats    ■ Republicans  
■ Independents

### Political Division of the House Since 1987\*



### Political Division of the Senate Since 1987



\* These results are the results on Election Day, except for 2001-03 Senate, in which party control changed soon after the election.

\*\* Divisions of seats within a Congress change due to death, retirement, and party switching.

Sources: Stanley and Niemi, *Vital Statistics on American Politics 1997-1998* (Washington, D.C.: CQ Inc., 1997); *CQ Member Profiles* (Washington, D.C.: CQ Inc., 2000).

### Critical Thinking

Democrats and Republicans historically have had periods of dominance in the House and Senate. **When was the most lopsided division? Why?**