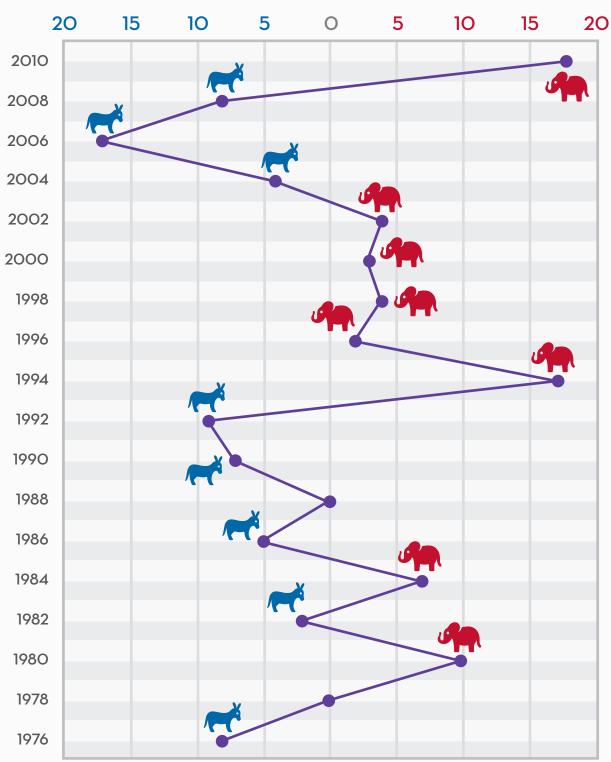






DEMOCRATIC MARGIN WITH INDEPENDENTS

REPUBLICAN MARGIN WITH INDEPENDENTS



Historically, Independents tended to split their vote for House members between the Democratic and Republican Parties by only a few points. But recently, Independents have become more volatile. In 2006, Independents voted for Democrats by 17 points. But in 2010, they picked Republicans by 18 points. Independents aren't party loyalists. They swing between the parties more dramatically now than any time in the past 30 years.





