



The Centrists

These are the members at the ideological center of the Senate and the House, according to National Journal's 2005 vote ratings. The members with composite scores closest to 50 are at the exact center of each chamber.

Most conservative Democrat



Senate		COMPOSITE SCORE	
		Liberal	Conservative
Lindsey Graham, S.C.	R	35.7	64.3
John Warner, Va.	R	40.2	59.8
John McCain, Ariz.	R	40.8	59.2
Judd Gregg, N.H.	R	41.5	58.5
Mike DeWine, Ohio	R	44.5	55.5
George Voinovich, Ohio	R	44.7	55.3
Richard Lugar, Ind.	R	47.2	52.8
John Sununu, N.H.	R	47.2	52.8
Ben Nelson, Neb.	D	49.7	50.3
Gordon Smith, Ore.	R	49.8	50.2
Olympia Snowe, Maine	R	52.7	47.3
Arlen Specter, Pa.	R	53.2	46.8
Susan Collins, Maine	R	53.3	46.7
Mary Landrieu, La.	D	58.3	41.7
Lincoln Chafee, R.I.	R	59.2	40.8
Kent Conrad, N.D.	D	59.7	40.3
Mark Pryor, Ark.	D	59.8	40.2
Ken Salazar, Colo.	D	60.2	39.8
Max Baucus, Mont.	D	60.7	39.3
Robert Byrd, W.Va.	D	65.5	34.5
Joe Lieberman, Conn.	D	65.7	34.3

Liberal Conservative
COMPOSITE SCORE

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At the center of the Senate



Most liberal Republican

House

COMPOSITE SCORE
Liberal Conservative

Bill Young, Fla.	R	35.0	65.0
Phil English, Pa.	R	35.2	64.8
Ralph Regula, Ohio	R	35.3	64.7
Paul Gillmor, Ohio	R	35.5	64.5
John Shimkus, Ill.	R	35.5	64.5
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Fla.	R	35.8	64.2
Rodney Frelinghuysen, N.J.	R	36.0	64.0
John Hostettler, Ind.	R	36.2	63.8
Peter King, N.Y.	R	36.2	63.8
Randy Kuhl, N.Y.	R	36.2	63.8
Tom Tancredo, Colo.	R	36.3	63.7
Don Sherwood, Pa.	R	36.5	63.5
Mark Foley, Fla.	R	37.0	63.0
Gil Gutknecht, Minn.	R	37.2	62.8
Jim Sensenbrenner, Wis.	R	38.0	62.0
Bill Thomas, Calif.	R	38.0	62.0
James Walsh, N.Y.	R	38.0	62.0
Tom Reynolds, N.Y.	R	38.2	61.8
Paul Ryan, Wis.	R	38.2	61.8
John McHugh, N.Y.	R	38.5	61.5
Todd Platts, Pa.	R	38.5	61.5
Don Manzullo, Ill.	R	38.7	61.3
Joe Knollenberg, Mich.	R	38.8	61.2
Thaddeus McCotter, Mich.	R	38.8	61.2
Jeb Bradley, N.H.	R	39.2	60.8
Mary Bono, Calif.	R	39.5	60.5
Jo Ann Emerson, Mo.	R	40.3	59.7
Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Fla.	R	40.5	59.5
Shelley Moore Capito, W.Va.	R	40.7	59.3
Michael Ferguson, N.J.	R	40.7	59.3
Frank Wolf, Va.	R	41.0	59.0
Bob Ney, Ohio	R	41.8	58.2
Fred Upton, Mich.	R	42.3	57.7
John Duncan, Tenn.	R	42.8	57.2
Jim Saxton, N.J.	R	43.2	56.8
Curt Weldon, Pa.	R	43.2	56.8
Tom Davis, Va.	R	43.8	56.2
Tom Petri, Wis.	R	43.8	56.2
Jim Kolbe, Ariz.	R	44.0	56.0
Jim Gerlach, Pa.	R	44.2	55.8
John Sweeney, N.Y.	R	44.2	55.8
Sue Kelly, N.Y.	R	44.5	55.5
Dave Reichert, Wash.	R	45.0	55.0
Chris Smith, N.J.	R	45.0	55.0
Charles Bass, N.H.	R	45.5	54.5
Mike Fitzpatrick, Pa.	R	45.5	54.5
Gene Taylor, Miss.	D	45.7	54.3
Butch Otter, Idaho	R	45.8	54.2
Ray LaHood, Ill.	R	46.2	53.8
Steven LaTourette, Ohio	R	46.3	53.7
Roscoe Bartlett, Md.	R	46.8	53.2
Frank LoBiondo, N.J.	R	46.8	53.2
Joe Schwarz, Mich.	R	47.2	52.8
Judy Biggert, Ill.	R	48.7	51.3
Jim Ramstad, Minn.	R	48.8	51.2
Walter Jones, N.C.	R	49.0	51.0
Wayne Gilchrest, Md.	R	49.5	50.5
Jeff Flake, Ariz.	R	49.7	50.3
Bud Cramer, Ala.	D	50.3	49.7
Heather Wilson, N.M.	R	50.5	49.5
Rob Simmons, Conn.	R	50.8	49.2
Tim Johnson, Ill.	R	51.0	49.0
Jim Marshall, Ga.	D	51.0	49.0
Vernon Ehlers, Mich.	R	51.2	48.8
Nancy Johnson, Conn.	R	51.8	48.2
Mark Kirk, Ill.	R	51.8	48.2
Dan Boren, Okla.	D	52.0	48.0
Sherwood Boehlert, N.Y.	R	52.2	47.8
Mike McIntyre, N.C.	D	52.3	47.7
Michael Castle, Del.	R	52.7	47.3
Lincoln Davis, Tenn.	D	52.7	47.3
Collin Peterson, Minn.	D	53.0	47.0
Christopher Shays, Conn.	R	54.0	46.0
Jim Matheson, Utah	D	54.2	45.8
Ike Skelton, Mo.	D	54.2	45.8
Charlie Melancon, La.	D	55.0	45.0
John Barrow, Ga.	D	55.7	44.3
John Tanner, Tenn.	D	55.8	44.2
Henry Cuellar, Texas	D	56.0	44.0
Marion Berry, Ark.	D	56.7	43.3
Dennis Cardoza, Calif.	D	57.0	43.0
Bart Gordon, Tenn.	D	57.2	42.8
Allen Boyd, Fla.	D	57.7	42.3
Ben Chandler, Ky.	D	57.7	42.3
Tim Holden, Pa.	D	58.2	41.8
Chet Edwards, Texas	D	58.3	41.7
Harold Ford, Tenn.	D	58.3	41.7
Sanford Bishop, Ga.	D	58.5	41.5
Solomon Ortiz, Texas	D	58.5	41.5
Ed Case, Hawaii	D	58.7	41.3
Mike Ross, Ark.	D	58.7	41.3
Stephanie Herseth, S.D.	D	59.0	41.0
Melissa Bean, Ill.	D	59.3	40.7
Jim Costa, Calif.	D	59.5	40.5
John Salazar, Colo.	D	59.5	40.5
Jim Cooper, Tenn.	D	60.2	39.8
Earl Pomeroy, N.D.	D	60.2	39.8
David Scott, Ga.	D	60.2	39.8
Ron Paul, Texas	R	60.3	39.7
Artur Davis, Ala.	D	60.8	39.2
Jim Leach, Iowa	R	61.5	38.5
Silvestre Reyes, Texas	D	61.5	38.5
Alan Mollohan, W.Va.	D	61.8	38.2
Dennis Moore, Kan.	D	62.0	38.0
John Murtha, Pa.	D	62.0	38.0
Jerry Costello, Ill.	D	62.2	37.8
Daniel Lipinski, Ill.	D	62.8	37.2
Leonard Boswell, Iowa	D	63.2	36.8
Gene Green, Texas	D	63.8	36.2
Rick Boucher, Va.	D	64.0	36.0
Dutch Ruppersberger, Md.	D	64.5	35.5
Paul Kanjorski, Pa.	D	64.8	35.2
John Spratt, S.C.	D	65.0	35.0
Ruben Hinojosa, Texas	D	65.7	34.3
Ron Kind, Wis.	D	65.7	34.3
Bob Etheridge, N.C.	D	65.8	34.2

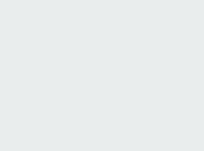
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