

Election Boxscore

Women and blacks will be more heavily represented in the Senate, the House, and state legislatures than in the past. The GOP made gains at the state legislative level both in the actual number of seats they won and in the number of state legislatures they control.

	1976		1978		1980		1982		1984		1986		1988		1990		1992				
House of Representatives																					
Total	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	
Women	13	5	11	5	10	9	12	9	11	11	13	11	14	11	20	9	-	35	12	-	
Blacks	15	0	15	0	17	0	21	0	20	0	23	0	24	0	25	1	-	38	1	-	
Senate																					
Total	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	
Women	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1		
Blacks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Governors																					
Total	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.	Dem.	Rep.	Ind.
	37	12	1	32	18	27	23	34	16	34	16	26	24	28	22	28	20	2	30	18	2
Members of state legislatures¹																					
Total	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	
Proportion by party	68	31	64	36	60	39	63	37	59	41	60	40	60	39	60	39	59	41			
Women	688		774		887		966		1,087		1,162		1,260		1,368		1,503				
Blacks	295		307		318		337		384		405		416		440		513				
Control of state legislative chambers by party²																					
National	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	
	80	18	68	27	63	35	71	26	65	31	66	29	68	29	71	23	66	29			
Northeast	13	5	12	6	10	8	12	6	11	7	12	5	12	6	12	5	11	6			
South	32	0	32	0	31	1	32	0	31	1	31	1	31	1	31	1	30	1			
N. Central	17	5	11	10	10	12	14	7	11	11	12	10	13	8	14	7	13	8			
West	18	8	13	11	12	14	13	13	12	12	11	13	12	14	14	10	12	14			
States with both legislative houses and governor of the same party																					
	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	Dem.	Rep.	
	29	1	20	4	17	7	23	4	18	4	14	6	14	5	16	3	16	3			

Note: 1) Nebraska excluded from legislative house calculation because it is a unicameral nonpartisan legislative system. 2) The 1992 totals exclude Pennsylvania's upper house, which split 25-25. Michigan's lower house, which split 55-55, and Florida's upper house, which split 20-20.

Source: *The American Enterprise*, January/February 1991 (for 1976-1990 figures); members of the U.S. Congress—Congressional Quarterly Weekly Report, December 12, 1992; state legislatures—National Conference of State Legislatures and the Center for the American Woman and Politics, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University.

Election Vignettes

When voters said they made up their minds?

- 16% last three days
- 8 last week
- 18 last two weeks
- 24 fall
- 33 earlier than the fall

Perot voters were almost twice as likely to make up their minds in the last three days as Clinton or Bush supporters.

Older voters (65+) made up their minds earlier than other voters. Forty percent of them made up their minds earlier than the fall.

Excited or scared?

When asked to describe their feelings "If Clinton wins today,"

- 15% of voters said they were excited about what he will do as president
- 26 were optimistic
- 28 concerned
- 30 scared

Leaving Arkansas on a high

- 57% of Arkansas voters approved of the job Bill Clinton was doing as governor
- 41 disapproved

Lacking health insurance?

- 29% of voters said they lacked health insurance
- 39 of blacks indicated that they are uninsured compared to 28% of whites
- 41 of those with incomes of less than \$15,000 said they lacked health insurance compared to 19% of those with incomes of over \$75,000

Differences by region and by party were slight.

Owls or jobs in Oregon?

- 27% of Oregon voters said saving owls was more important to them
- 63 said timber jobs were more important to them

A bare majority of Clinton supporters compared to 66% of Perot supporters and 80% of Bush supporters said timber jobs were more important.

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals

2% of voters said they were gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

72% voted for Clinton, 14% for Bush, and 14% for Perot.

Veterans

18% of voters checked this identifier.

41% voted for Clinton, 37% for Bush, and 22% for Perot.