

A LOOK AT VOTING PATTERNS BY WOMEN IN THE 1980'S

- o Presidential Elections**
- o Congressional Elections**
- o 1990 Elections by State**

**Based on Election Day Exit Polls
conducted by CBS\NYT**

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Presidential Elections (1976-1988)

	VOTE CAST BY		DEMOCRATIC
	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
			<u>GAP</u>
1988			
Dukakis (D)	41	49	
Bush (R)	57	50	
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Dem Advantage	-18	- 1	+17
1984			
Mondale (D)	37	44	
Reagan (R)	62	56	
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Dem Advantage	-25	-12	+13
1980			
Carter (D)	36	45	
Reagan (R)	55	47	
Anderson(I)	7	7	
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Dem Advantage (Over GOP\Ind)	-26	- 9	+17
Dem Advantage (Over GOP)	-19	- 2	+17
1976			
Carter (D)	50	50	
Ford (R)	48	48	
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Dem Advantage	+ 2	+ 2	+ 0

Congressional Elections (1982-1990)

	VOTE CAST BY		DEMOCRATIC
	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>GAP</u>
 1990*			
Democrats	51	54	
Republicans	49	46	
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Dem Advantage	+ 2	+ 8	+ 6
 1988			
Democrats	52	57	
Republicans	48	43	
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Dem Advantage	+ 4	+14	+10
 1986			
Democrats	51	54	
Republicans	49	46	
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Dem Advantage	+ 2	+ 8	+ 6

* Based on corrected tabulations from Voter Research and Surveys (May 91).

Congressional Elections (1982-1990)

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	VOTE CAST BY		DEMOCRATIC
	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	GENDER
			<u>GAP</u>
1984			
Democrats	48	54	
Republicans	52	46	
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Dem Advantage	- 4	+ 8	+12
1982			
Democrats	55	58	
Republicans	45	42	
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Dem Advantage	+10	+16	+ 6

1990 Elections by State

	VOTE CAST BY		DEMOCRATIC
	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	GENDER
			<u>GAP</u>
California Governor			
Feinstein (D)	42	58	
Wilson (R)	58	42	
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Dem Advantage	-16	+16	+32
Hawaii Senate			
Akaka(D)	51	52	
Saiki (R)	49	48	
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Dem Advantage	+ 2	+ 4	+ 2
Idaho Governor			
Andrus (D)	67	73	
Fairchild (R)	33	27	
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Dem Advantage	+34	+46	+12
Iowa Senate			
Harkin (D)	52	57	
Tauke (R)	48	43	
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Dem Advantage	+ 4	+14	+10

1990 Elections by State (Continued)

	VOTE CAST BY		DEMOCRATIC
	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
			<u>GAP</u>
Michigan Governor			
Blanchard (D)	44	51	
Engler (R)	56	49	
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Dem Advantage	-12	+ 2	+14
Michigan Senate			
Levin (D)	55	61	
Schuette (R)	45	39	
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Dem Advantage	+10	+22	+12
Minnesota Senate			
Wellstone (D)	46	52	
Boschwitz (R)	54	48	
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Dem Advantage	- 8	+ 4	+12
New Jersey Senate			
Bradley (D)	49	54	
Whitman (R)	51	46	
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Dem Advantage	- 2	+ 8	+10

1990 Elections by State (Continued)

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	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>GENDER</u>
			<u>GAP</u>
North Carolina Senate			
Gantt (D)	42	50	
Helms (R)	58	50	
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Dem Advantage	-16	+ 0	+16
Ohio Governor			
Celebreeze (D)	45	48	
Voinovich (R)	55	52	
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Dem Advantage	-10	- 4	+ 6
Oregon Governor			
Roberts (D)	40	56	
Frohnmayr (R)	45	29	
Mobley (I)	15	14	
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Dem Advantage (Over GOP\Ind)	-20	+13	+33
Dem Advantage (Over GOP)	- 5	+27	+32

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	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	GENDER
			<u>GAP</u>
Oregon Senate			
Lonsdale (D)	45	48	
Hatfield (R)	55	52	
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Dem Advantage	-10	- 4	+ 6
Texas Governor			
Richards (D)	44	59	
Williams (R)	56	41	
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Dem Advantage	-12	+18	+30
Texas Attorney General			
Morales (D)	51	59	
Brown (R)	49	41	
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Dem Advantage	+ 2	+18	+16