

COMPETITIVE RACES

Redistricting used to increase competition. More recently, it has stifled competition.

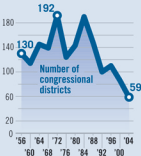


Note: A competitive race is defined as one in which the winner garners less than 52 percent of the vote; redistricting traditionally occurs within two years of the census.

Source: Brookings Institution

SPLIT TICKETS

The number of districts that support a presidential candidate of one party and a congressional candidate of another has dropped.



Source: The Rhodes Cook Letter

COST OF BEATING A U.S. HOUSE INCUMBENT

Campaigns have become increasingly expensive, while the number of successful challengers has dropped.



Source: Center for Responsive Politics