House Democrats Remain United

Matching the record set a year ago, House Democrats voted with their party's majority 92 percent of the time in 2008 on roll call votes where the two parties divided. Senate Democrats, too, held at a high level of party unity this year. Their average score of 87 percent matched 2007, although it fell below the 89 percent performance of almost a decade ago. House Republicans voted with their party's majority 87 percent of the time this year, and Senate Republicans had an average 83 percent party unity score. Average House and Senate GOP scores were higher in 2008 than a year ago, which was the lowest for both since 1994.

