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Voting Behavior in US Presidential Elections

A Graphical Story

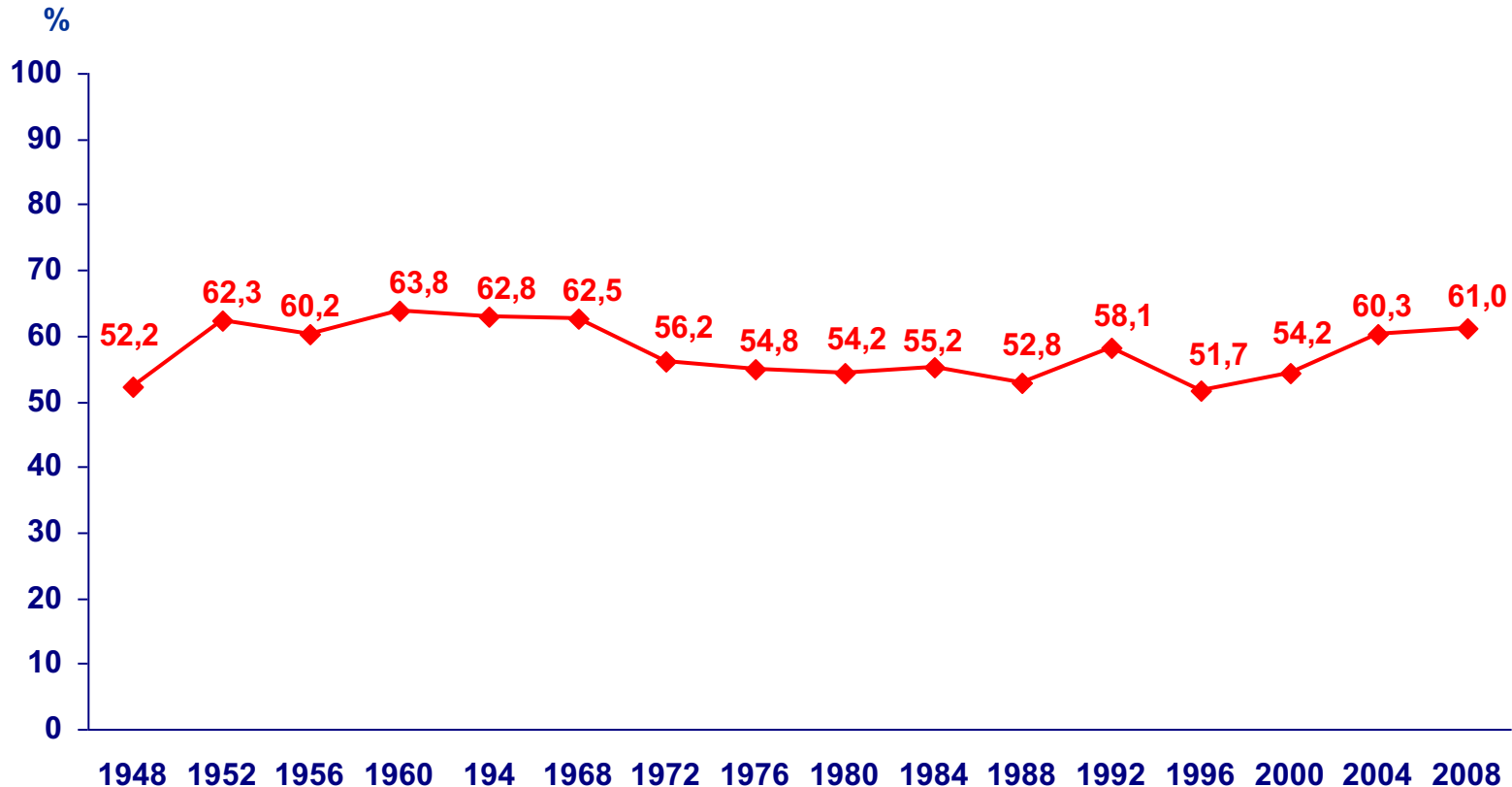
US Presidential Election 2008

Preliminary Outcome

Barack Obama (Democrat)	52,8%
John McCain (Republican)	45,8%
Ralph Nader (Independent)	0,5%
Bob Barr (Libertarian)	0,4%
Others	0,5%
	100%

Estimated Turn-Out: 130 million voters; eligible voters 213 million; turn-out per cent 61.0%

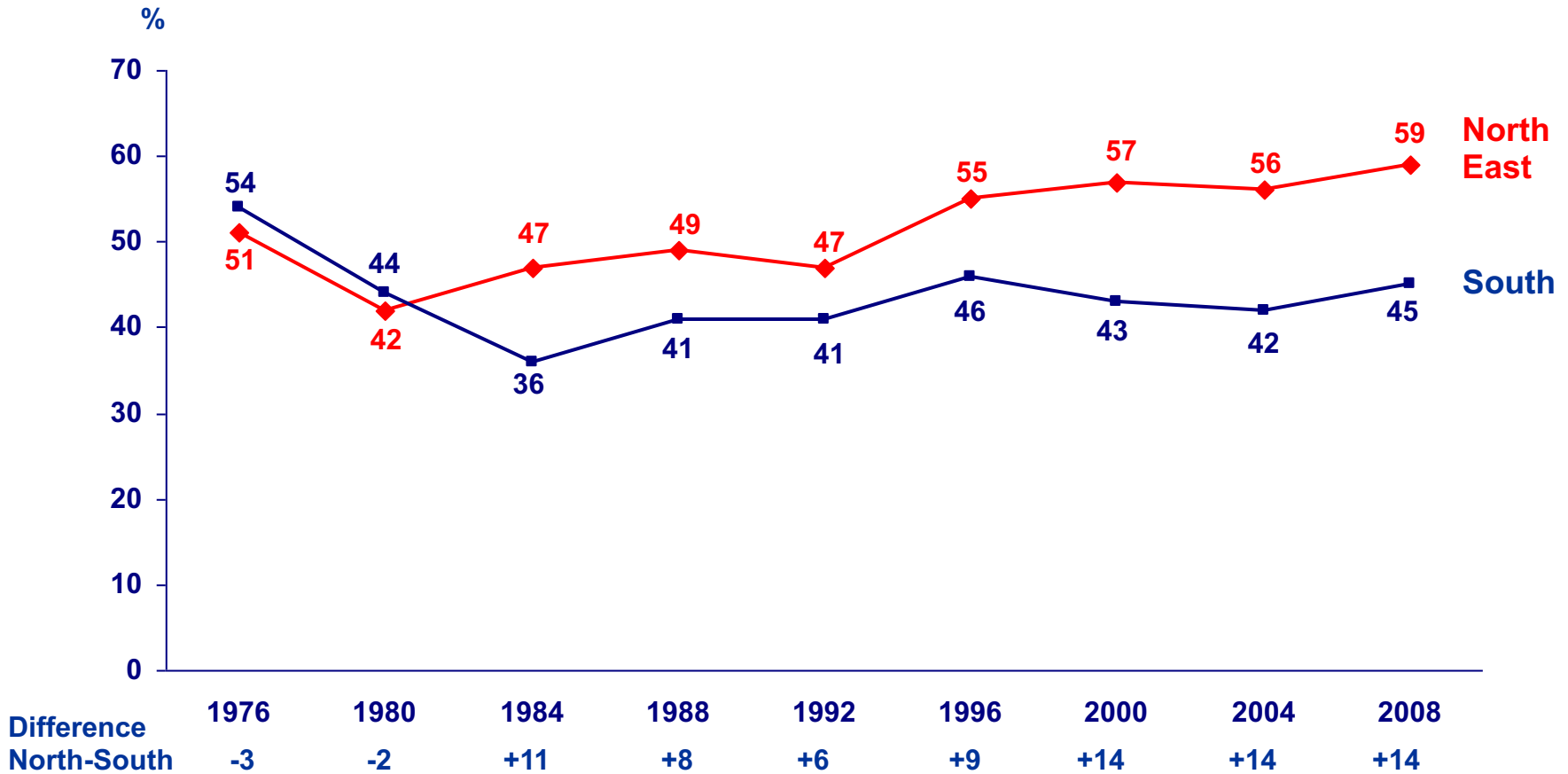
Turn-Out in US Presidential Elections



Source: Stanley and Niemi: *Vital Statistics in American Politics*. The turn-out figures represent the percentage of the eligible electorate that cast votes in presidential elections. The preliminary result for 2008 is based on an estimate of 130 million casted votes among 213 million eligible voters.

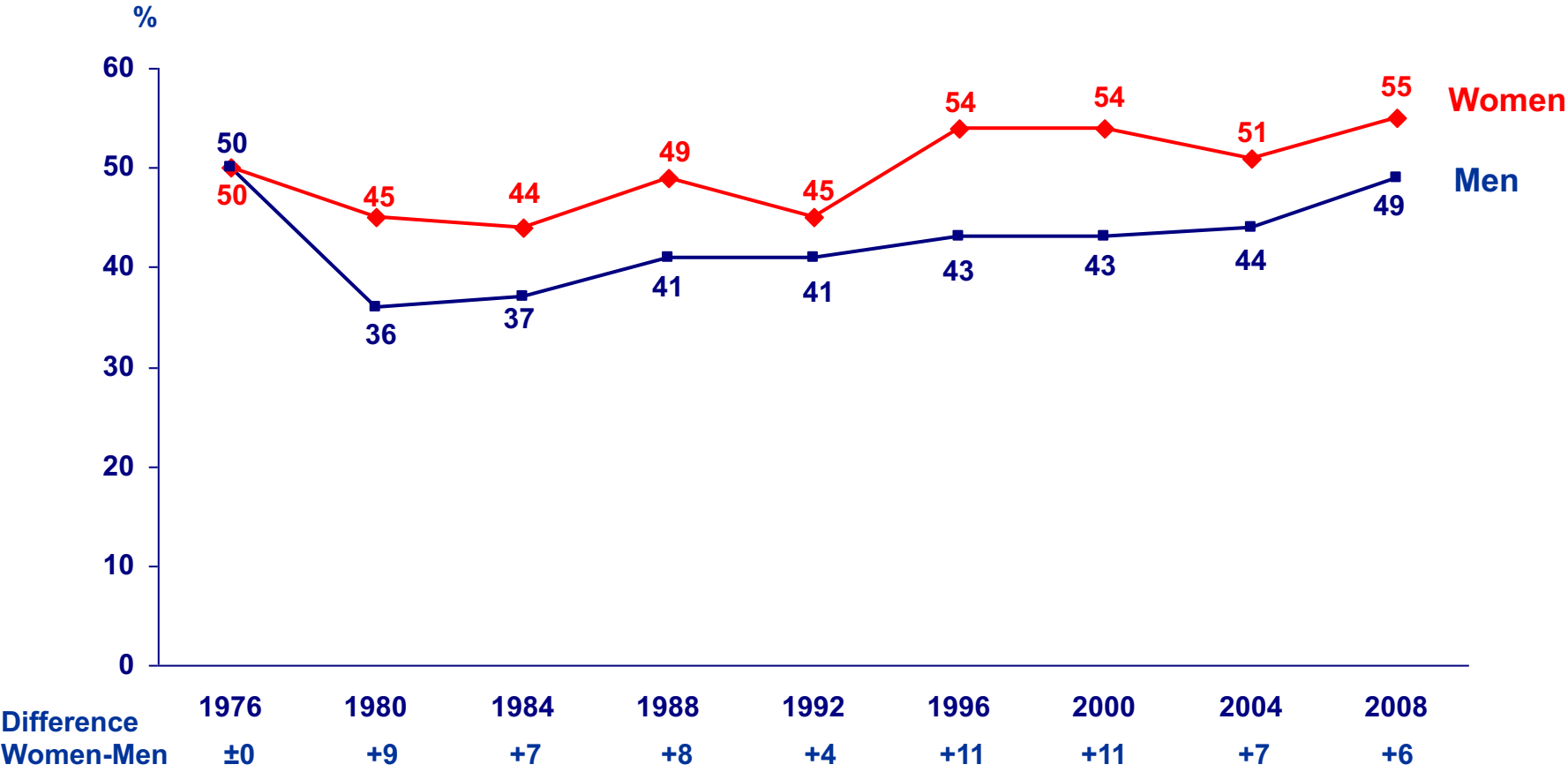
Regional Voting

per cent Democrats



Gender

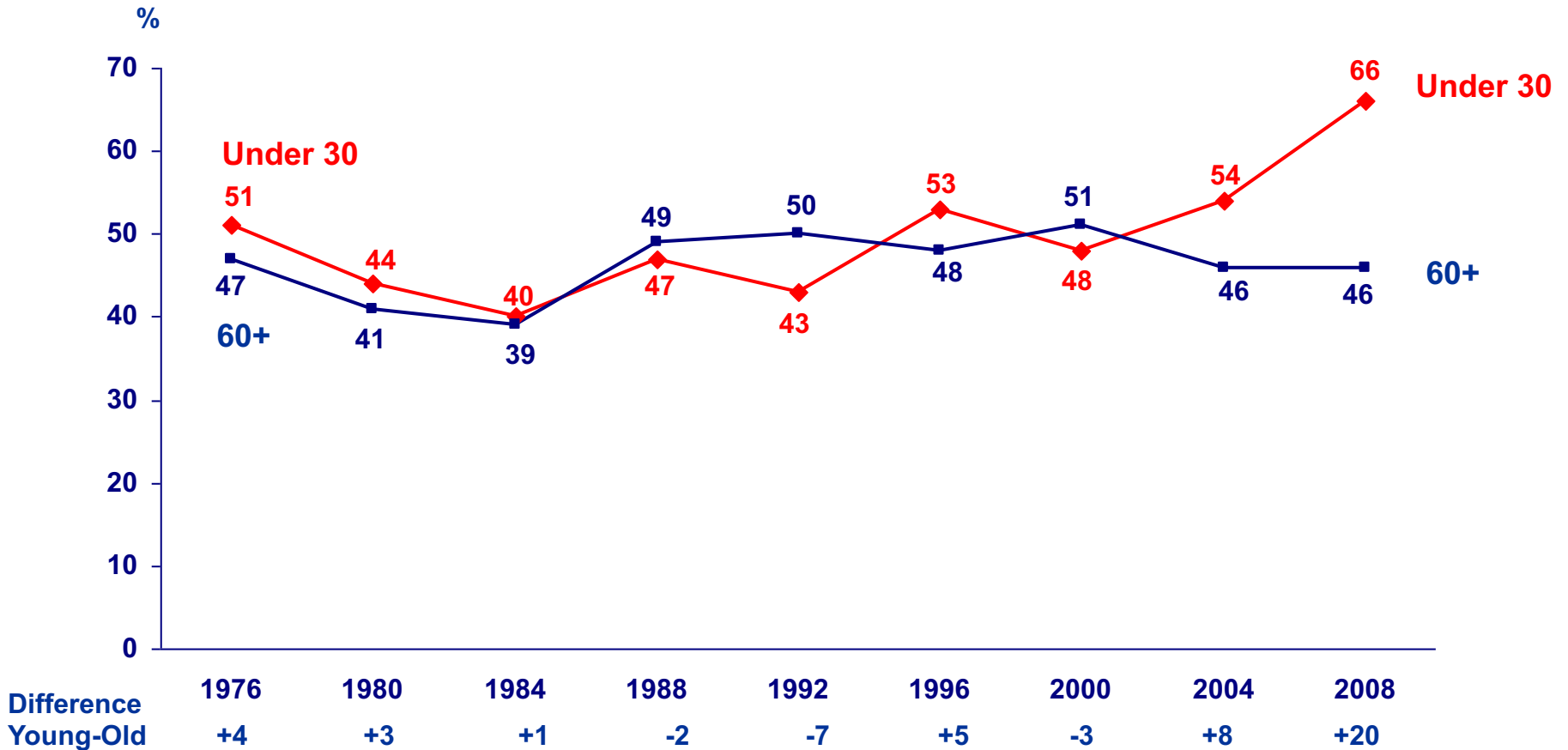
per cent Democrats



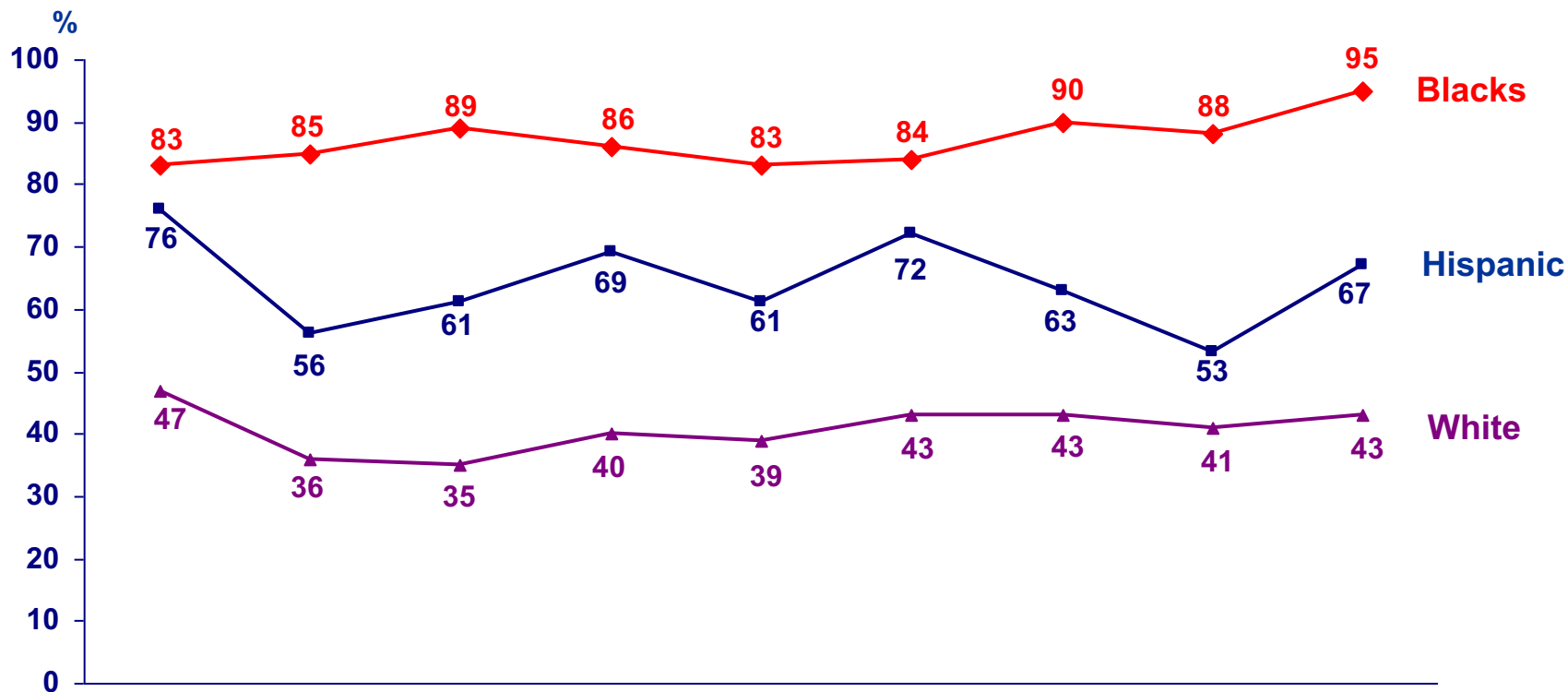
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Age

per cent Democrats



Ethnic Group *per cent Democrats*

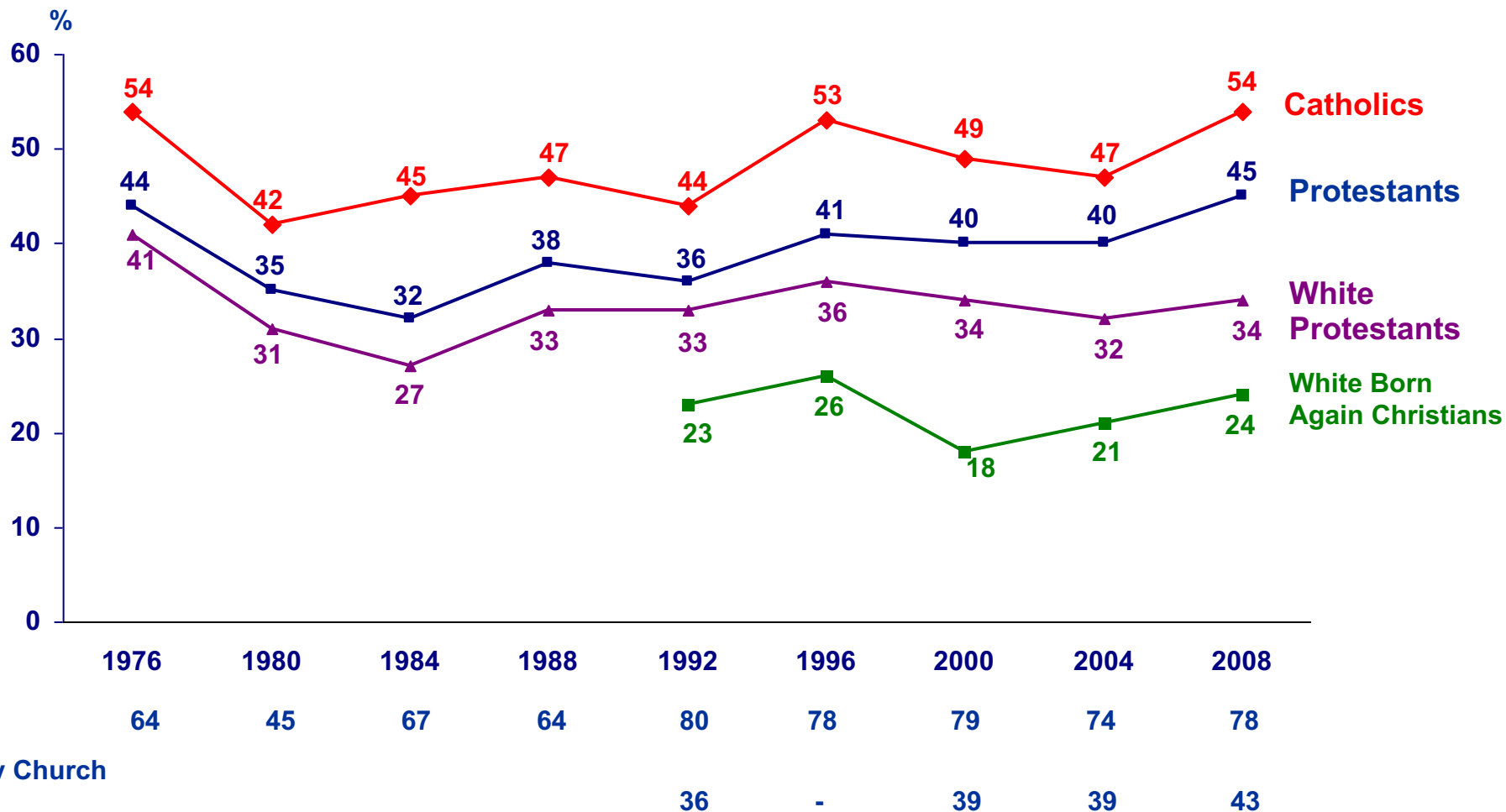


	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008
Difference Black-White	+36	+49	+54	+46	+44	+41	+47	+47	+52
Jews	64	45	67	64	80	78	79	74	78
Asians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	62

Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP 2004; Edison 2008

Religion

per cent Democrats

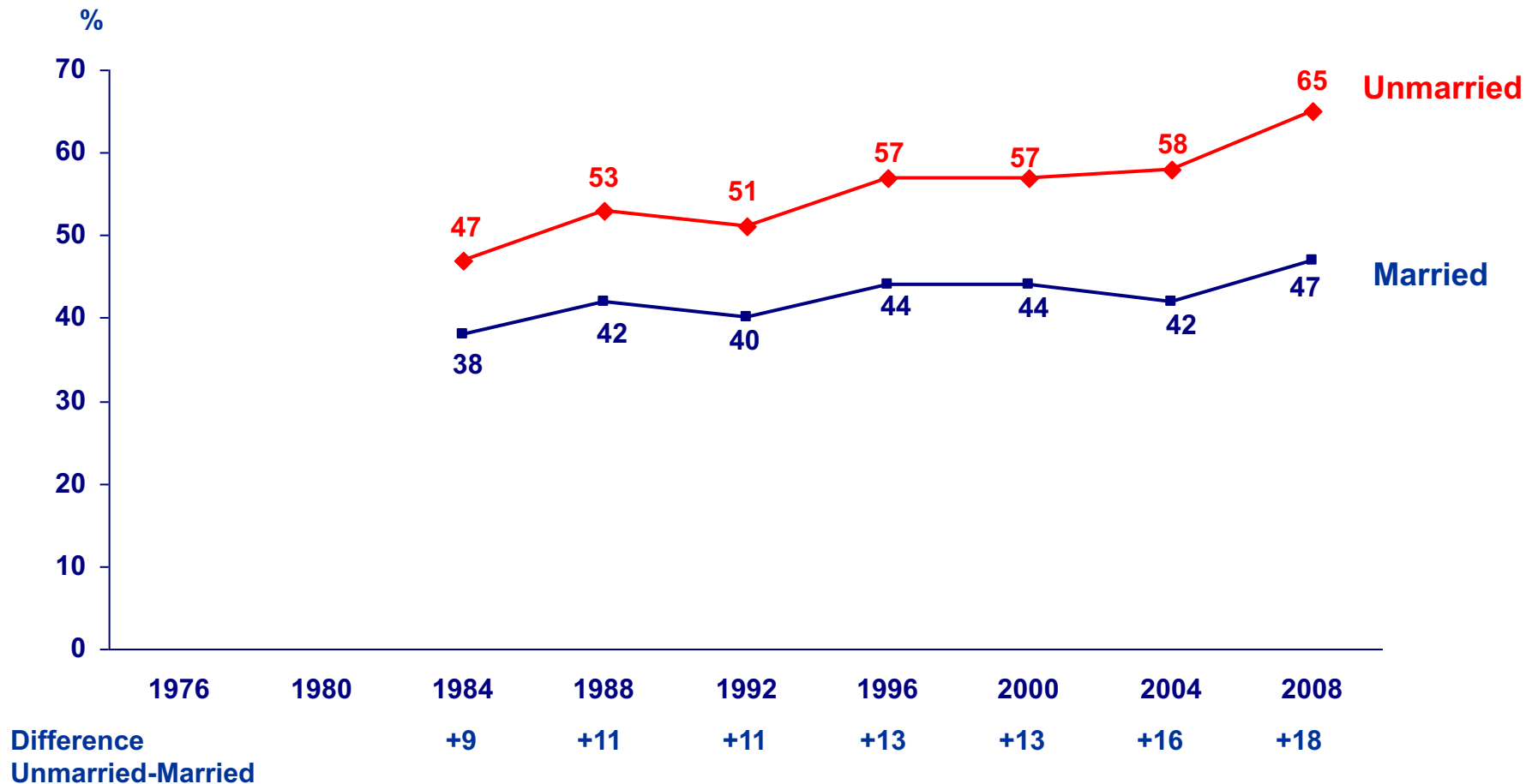


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Weekly Church Goers					36	-	39	39	43

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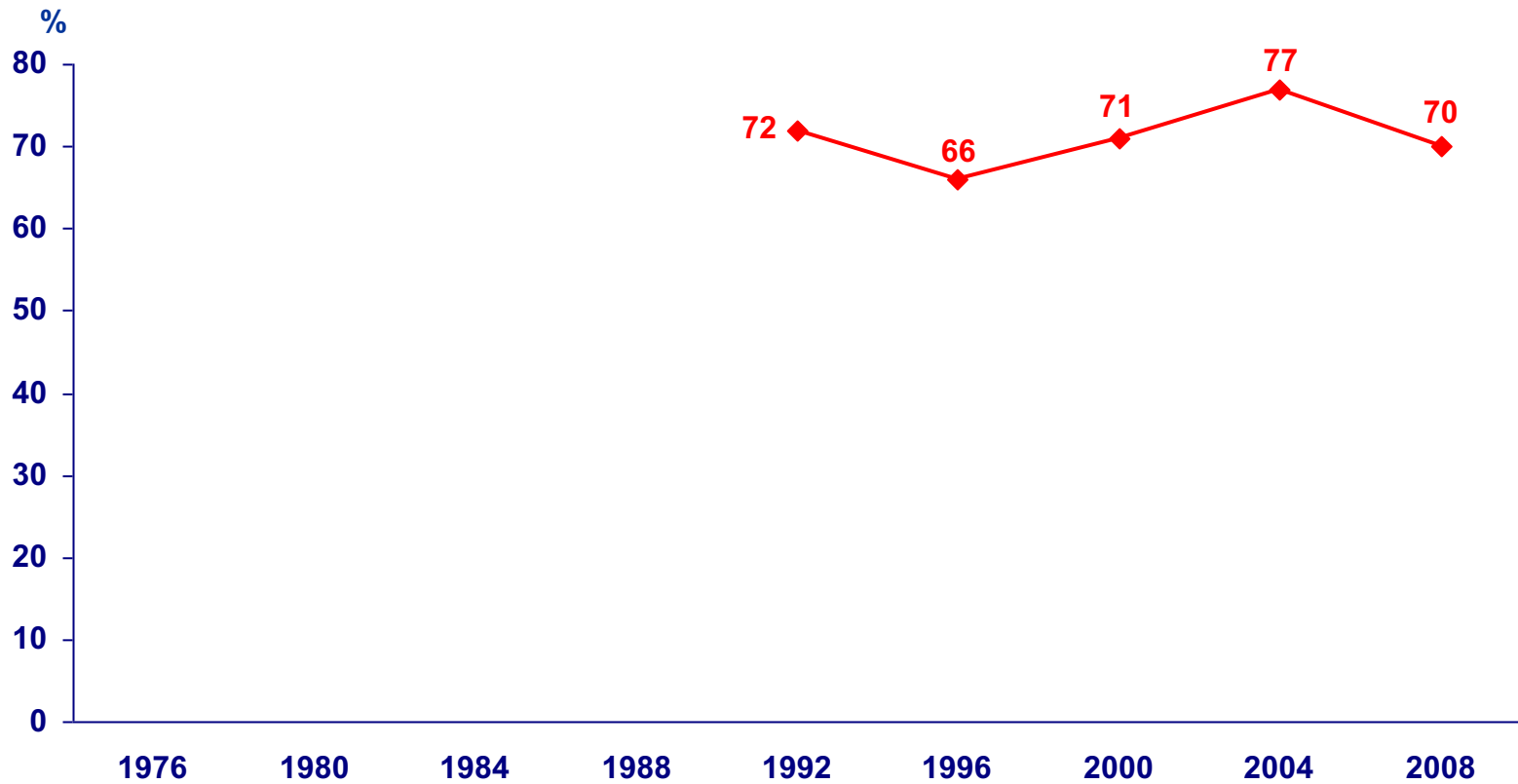
Marital Status

per cent Democrats



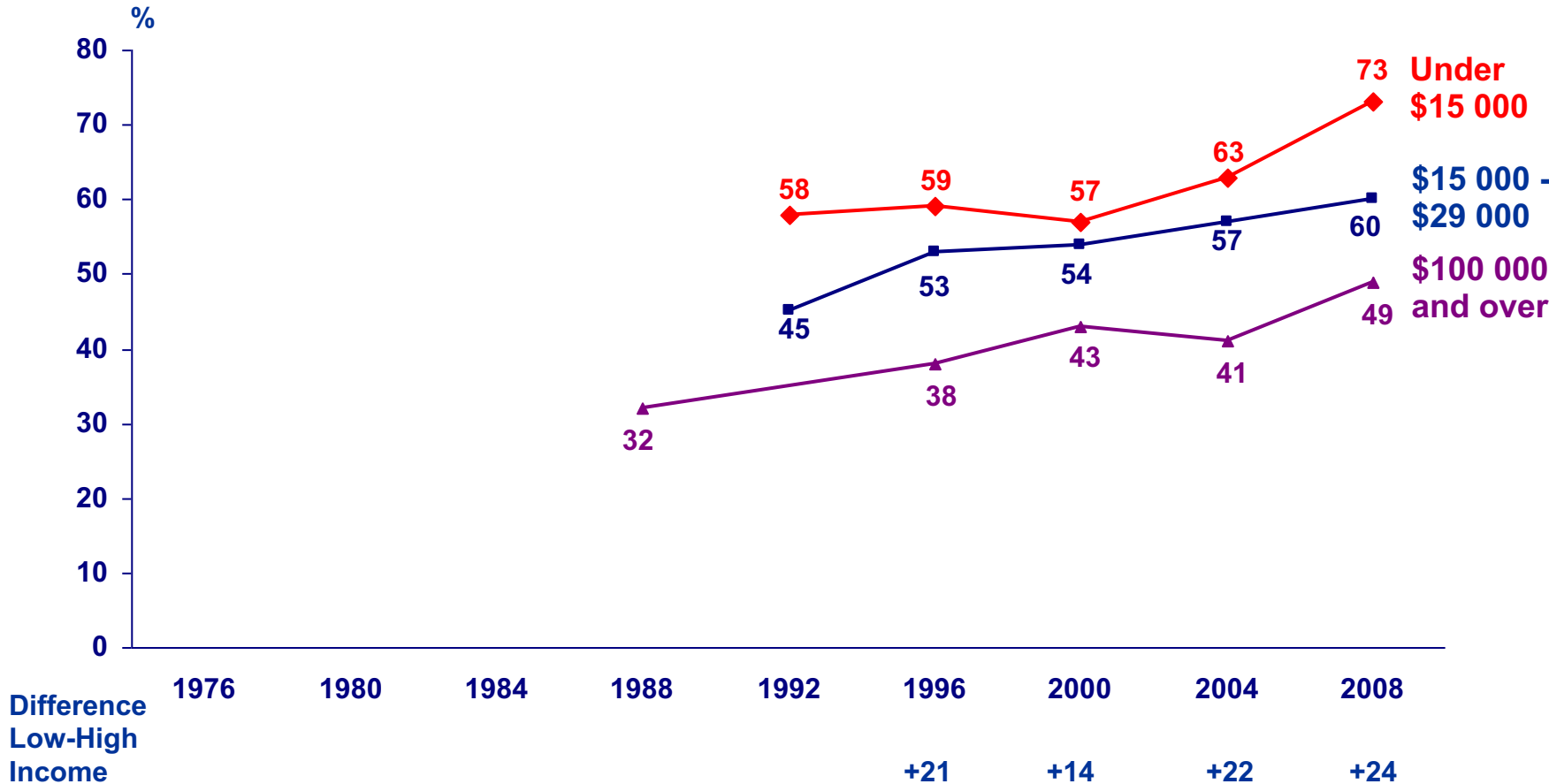
Gays/Lesbians

per cent Democrats



Income

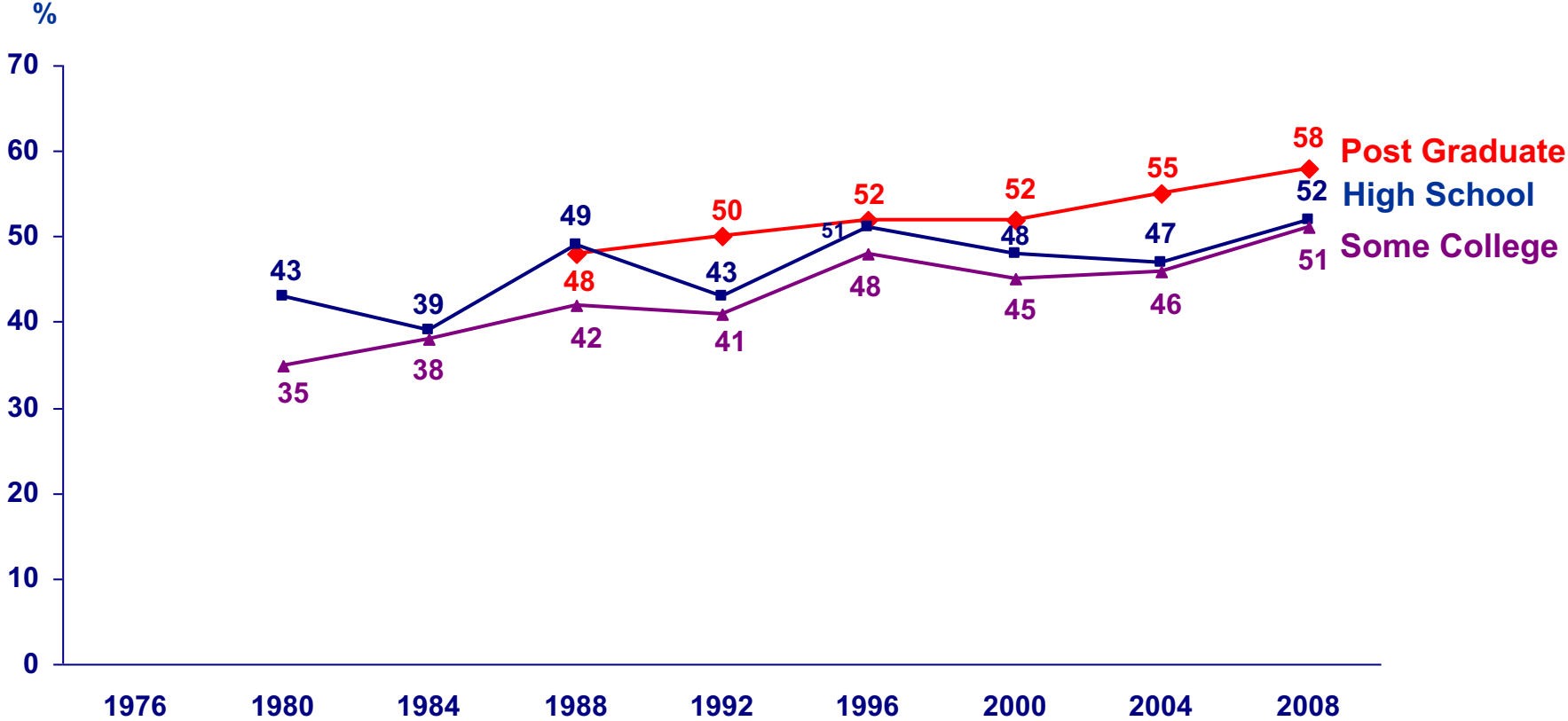
per cent Democrats



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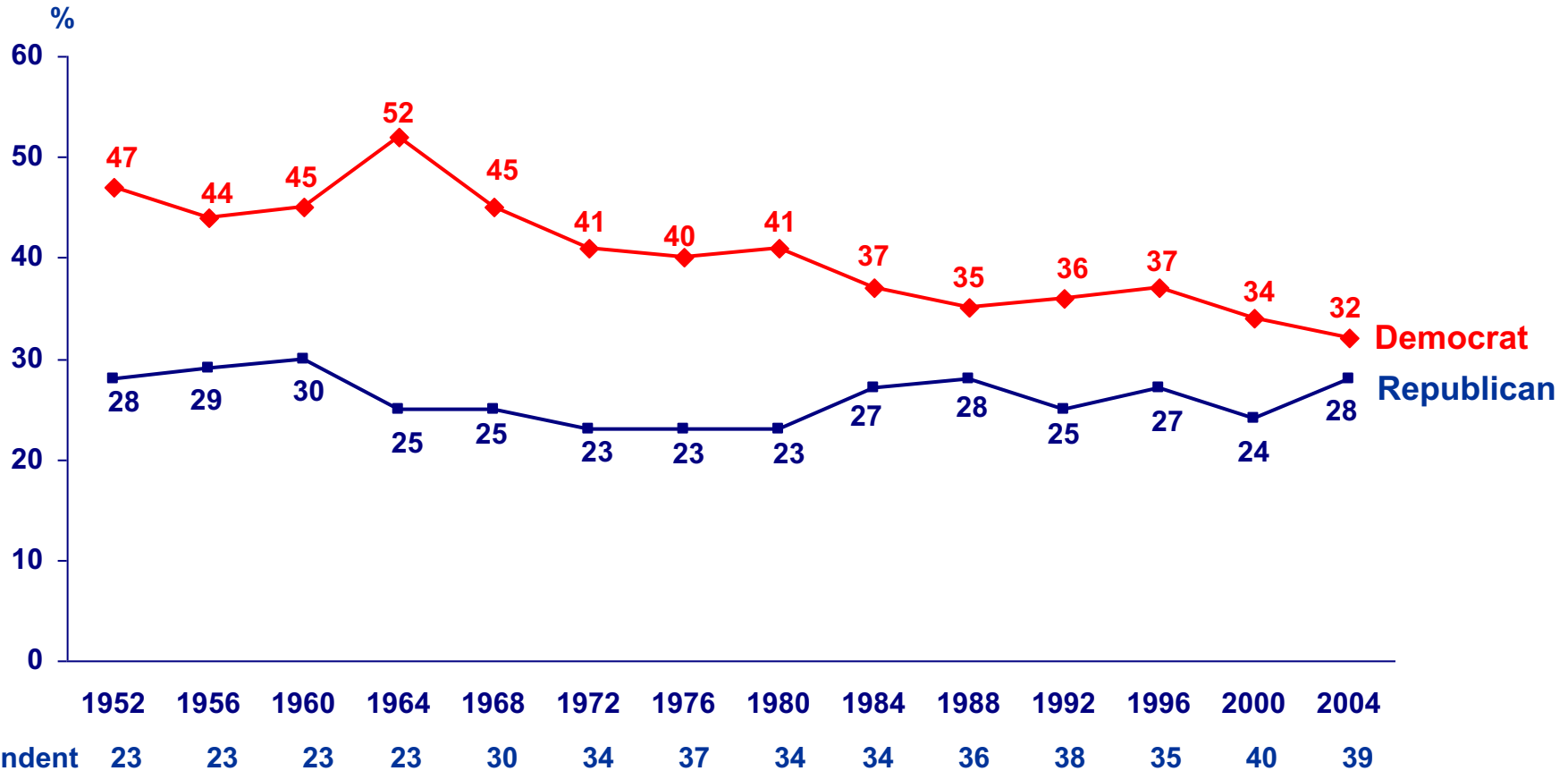
Education

per cent Democrats



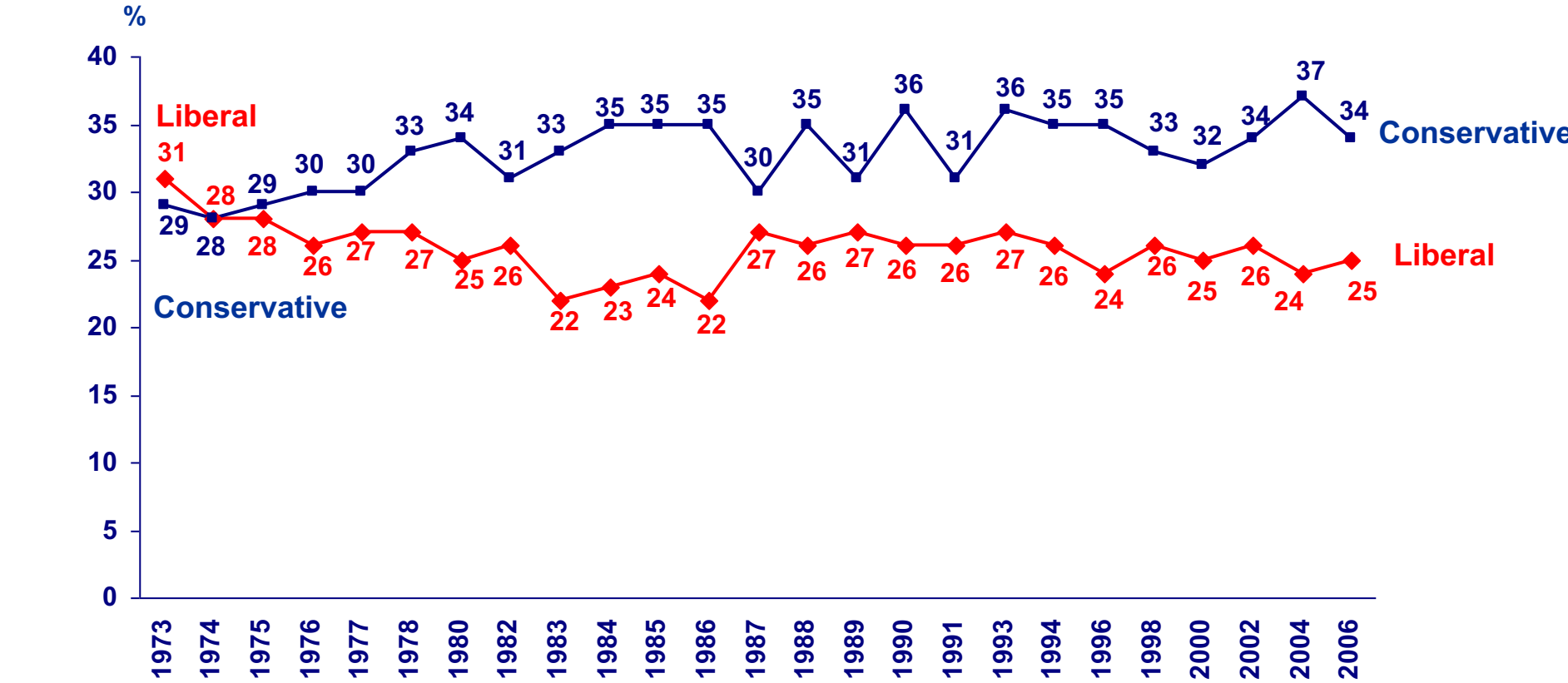
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US Party Identification



	<u>NEP 2004</u>	<u>Edison 2008</u>
Dem	37	Dem 39
Rep	37	Rep 32
Ind	26	Ind 29

US Ideological Self-Identification

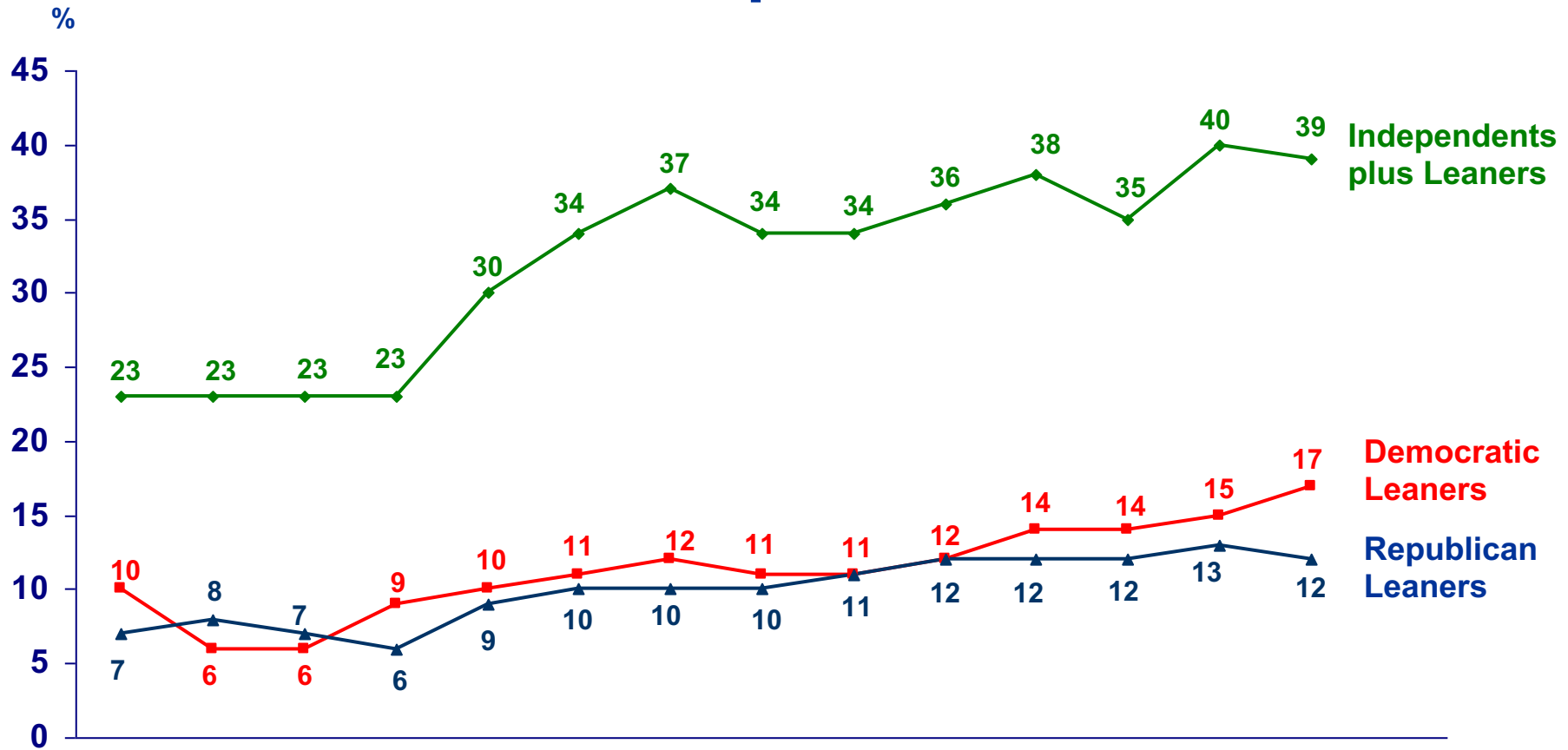


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<u>NEP 2004</u>		<u>Edison 2008</u>	
Cons	34	Cons	34
Mod	45	Mod	44
Lib	21	Lib	22

Source: DKs 1 – 6%; General Social Survey, NORC;

US: Independents



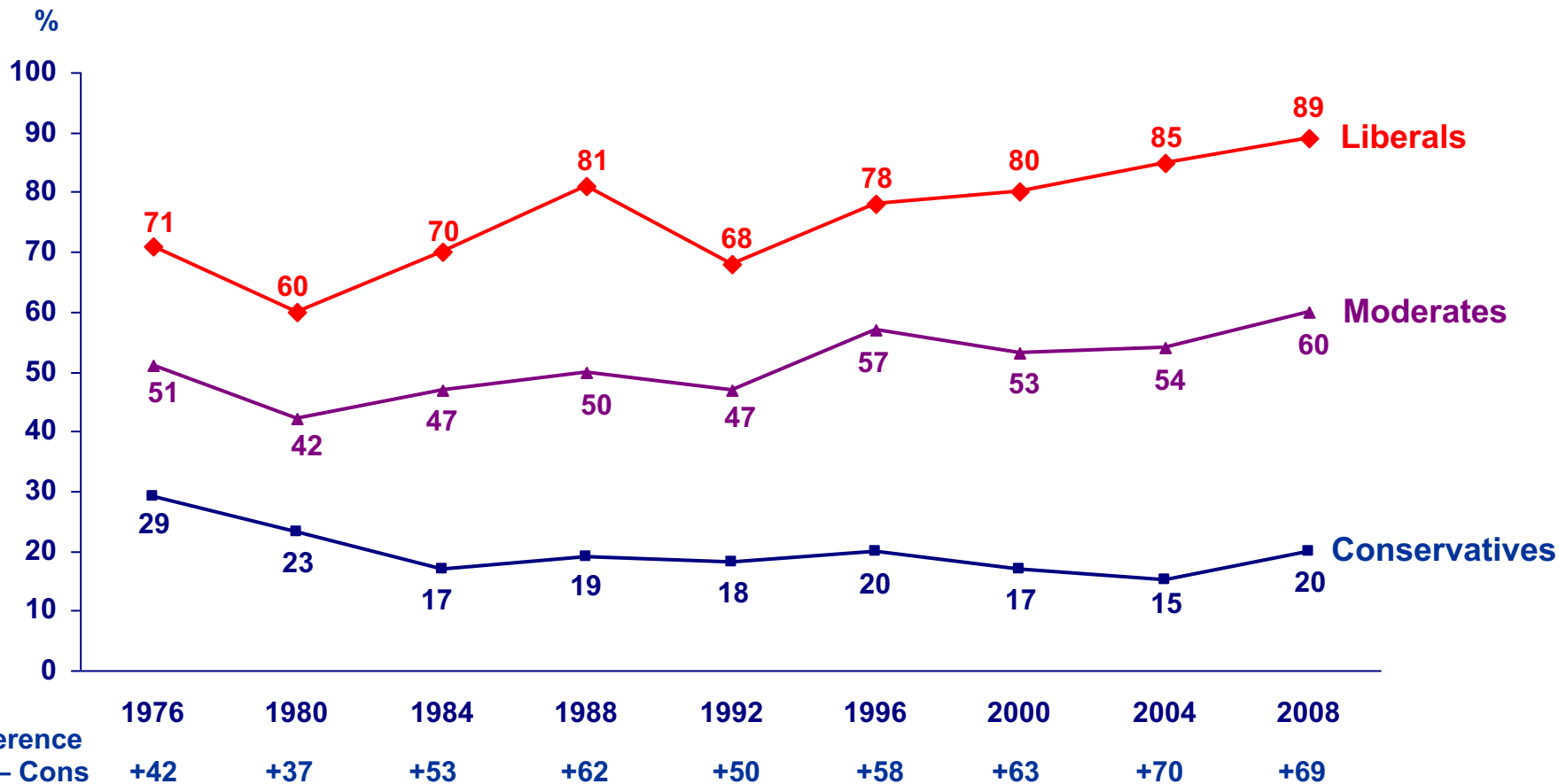
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Independents
Independents
plus
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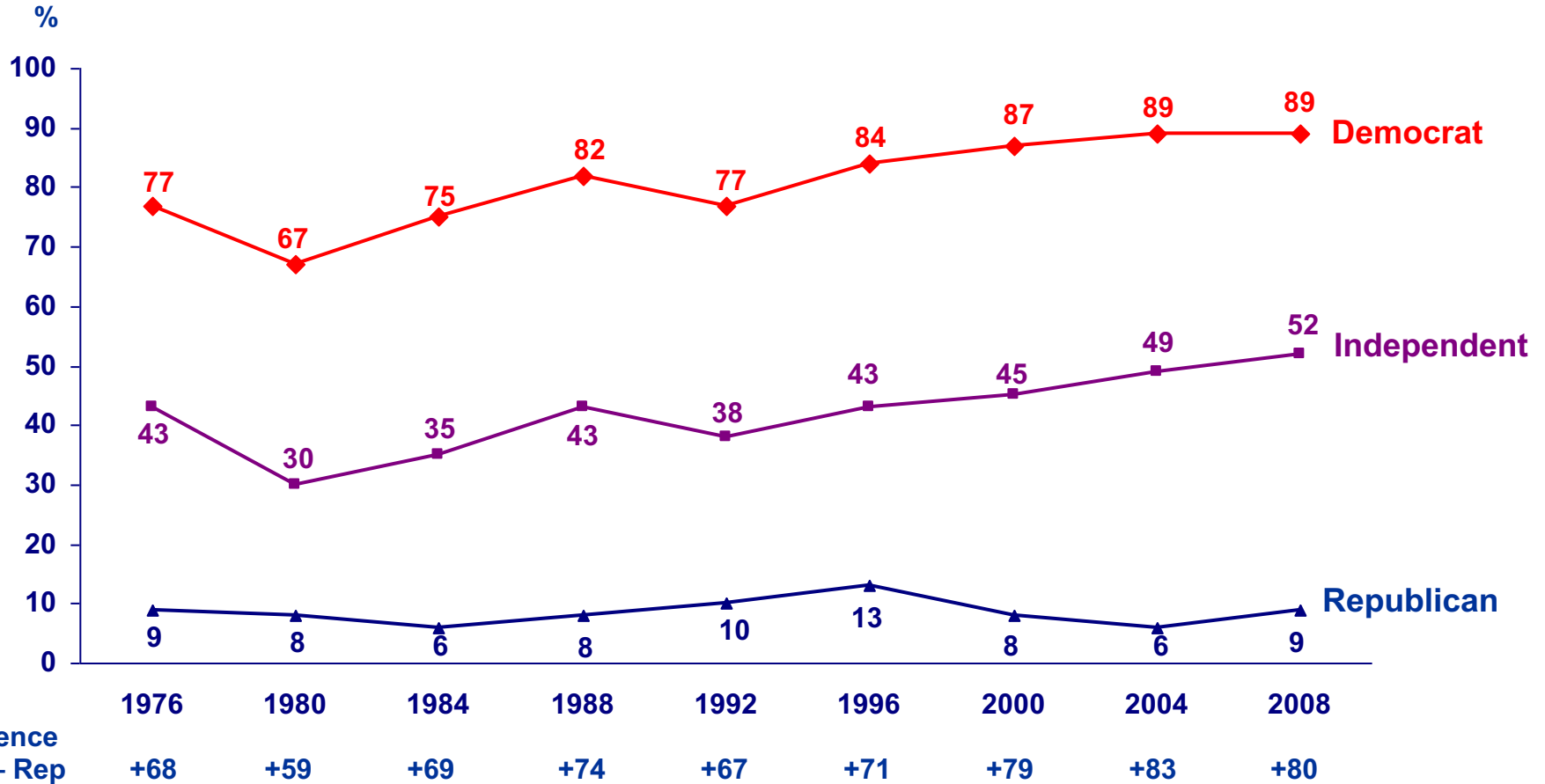
Ideology

per cent Democrats



Party Preference

per cent Democrats



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