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Voting Behavior in US Presidential Elections

A Graphical Story

US Presidential Elections

2008, 2012 and 2016

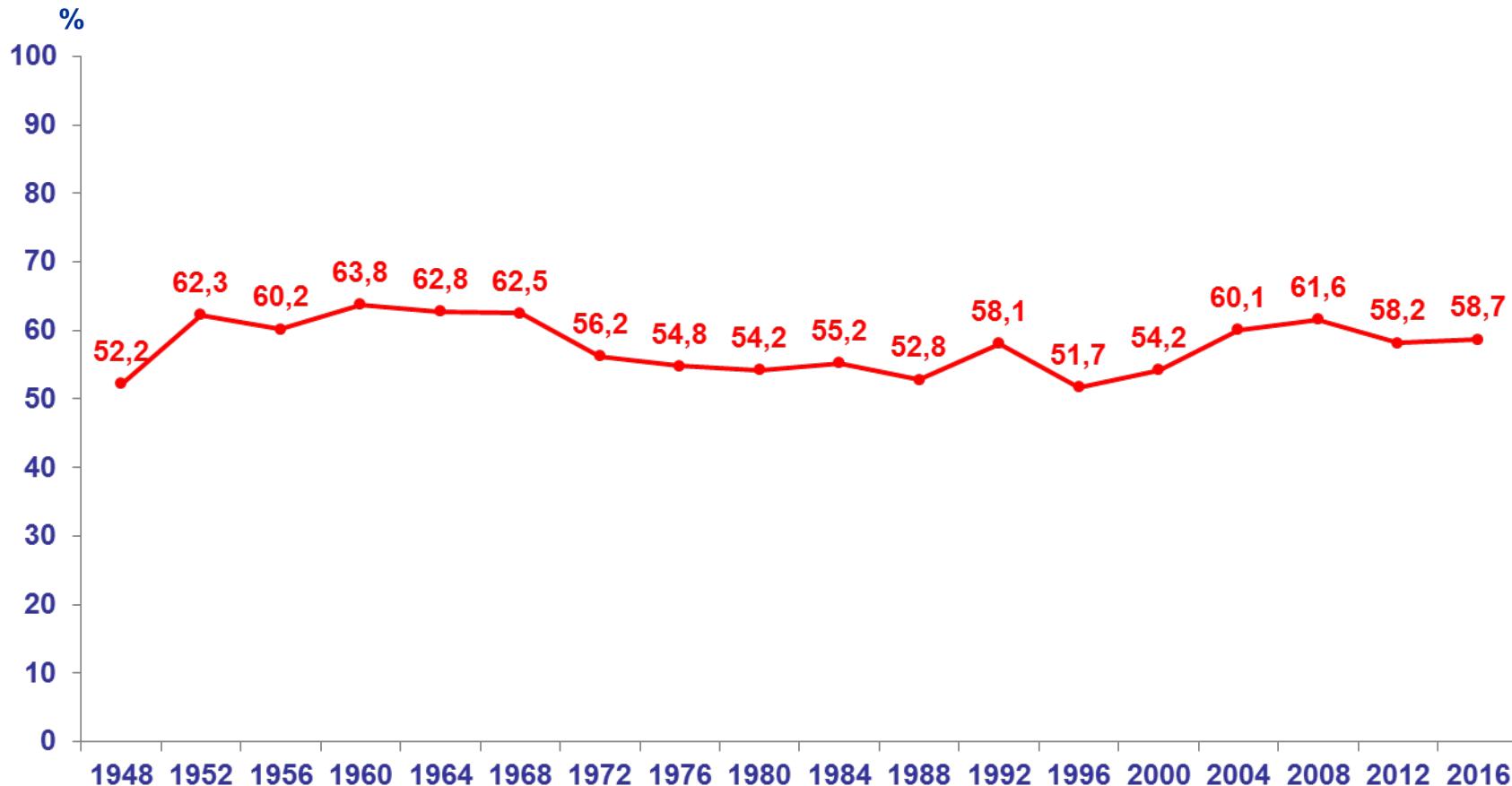
	2008 per cent	2012 per cent	2016 per cent
Barack Obama (Democrat)	52,9	Barack Obama (Democrat)	51,0
John McCain (Republican)	45,7	Mitt Romney (Republican)	47,2
Ralph Nader (Independent)	0,6	Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	1,0
Bob Barr (Libertarian)	0,4	Jill Stein (Greens)	0,4
Cynthia McKinney (Greens)	0,1	Others	0,4
Others	0,3		100,0
	100,0		100,0

Estimated Turn-Out 2008: 131,3 million voters; eligible voters 213 million; turn-out per cent 61,6%

Estimated Turn-Out 2012: 129,1 million voters; eligible voters 222 million; turn-out per cent 58,2%

Estimated Turn-Out 2016: 136,0 million voters; eligible voters 231,6 million; turn-out per cent 58,7%

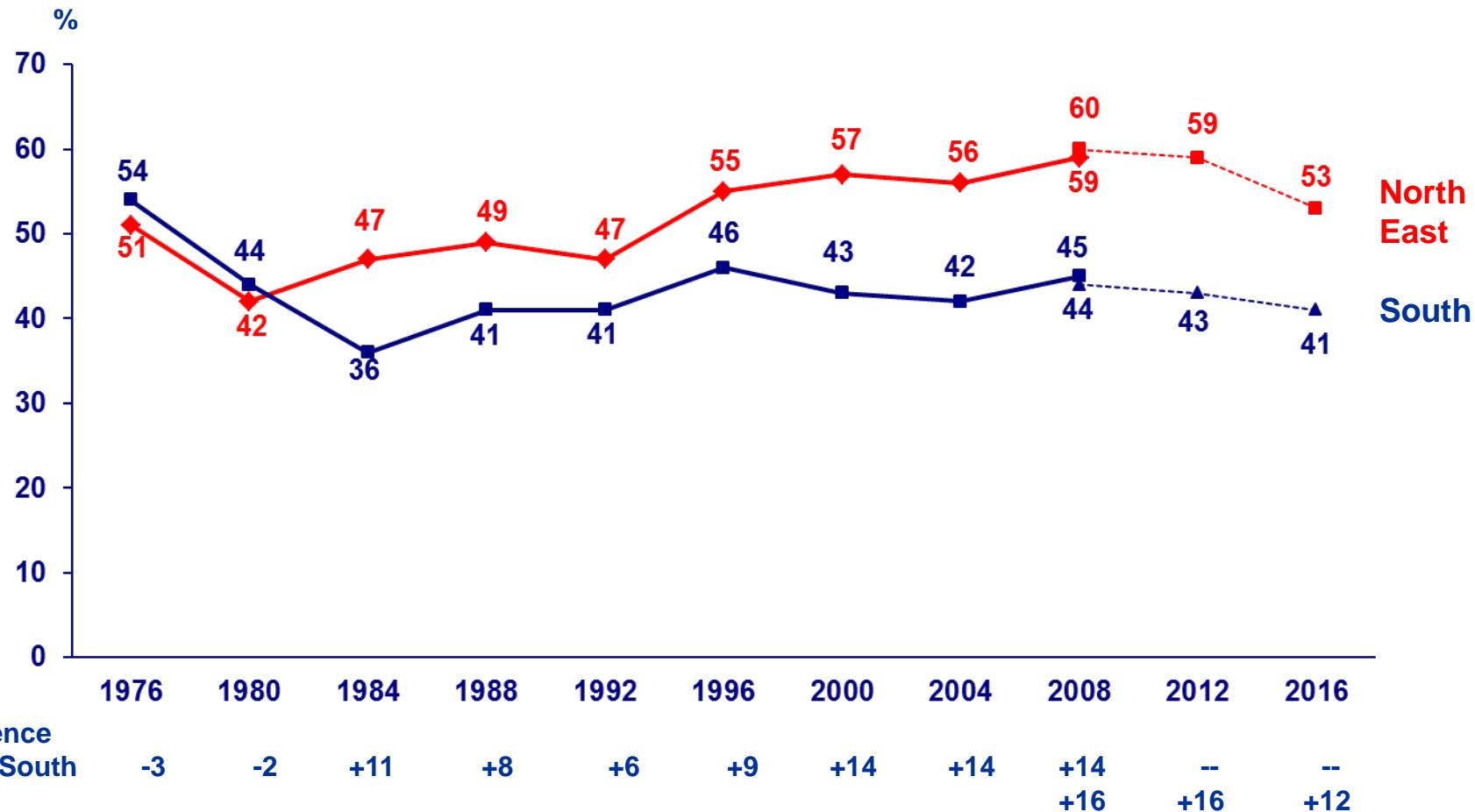
Turn-Out in US Presidential Elections



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 result for 2016 is based on an estimate of 136,0 million casted votes among 231,6 million eligible voters.

Regional Voting

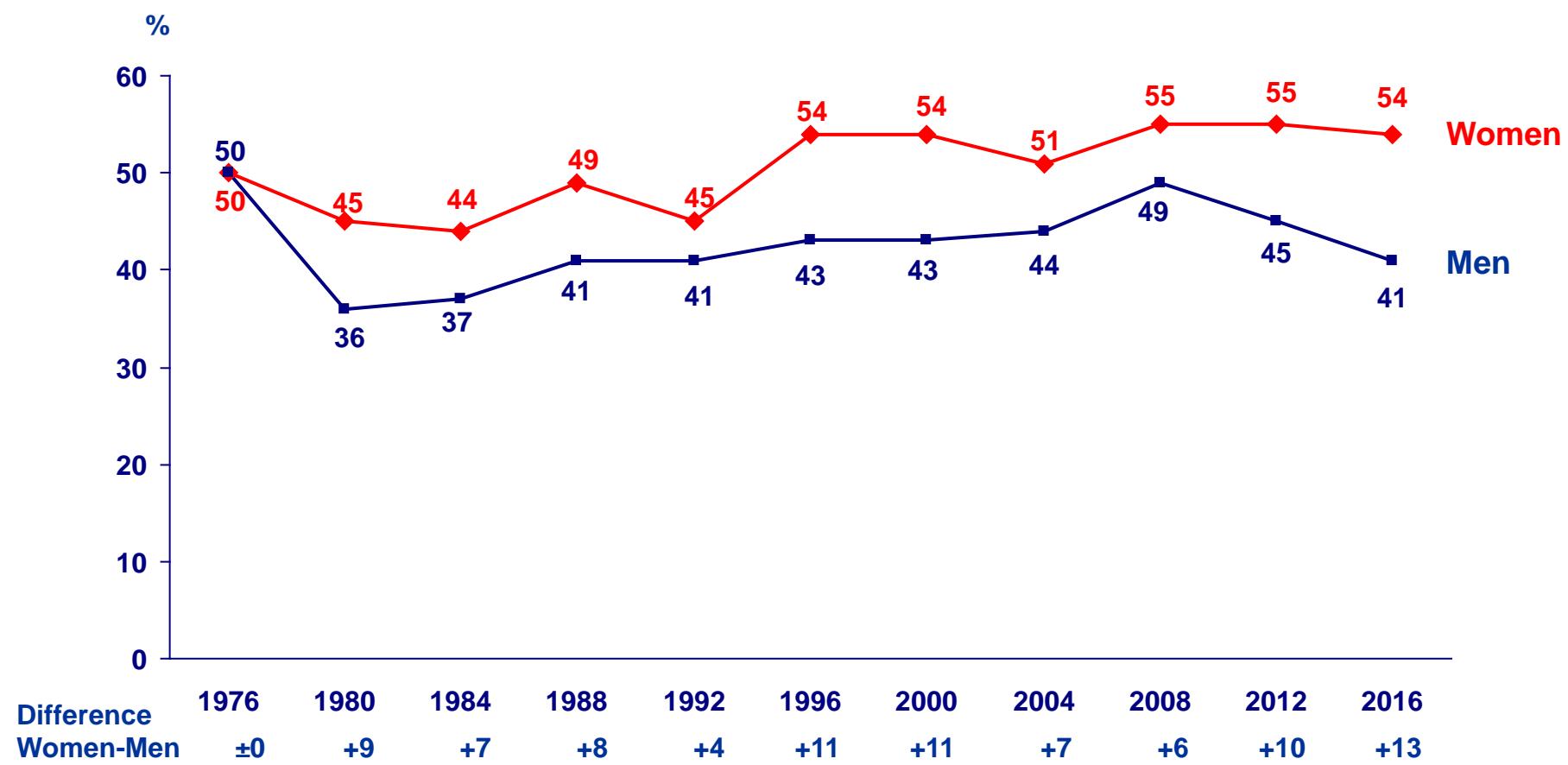
per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2008; averaged official election results for 7 Southern and 9 Northeastern states in 2008, 2012 and 2016. Edison's published polling data in 2012 and 2016 did not contain any regional breakdowns.

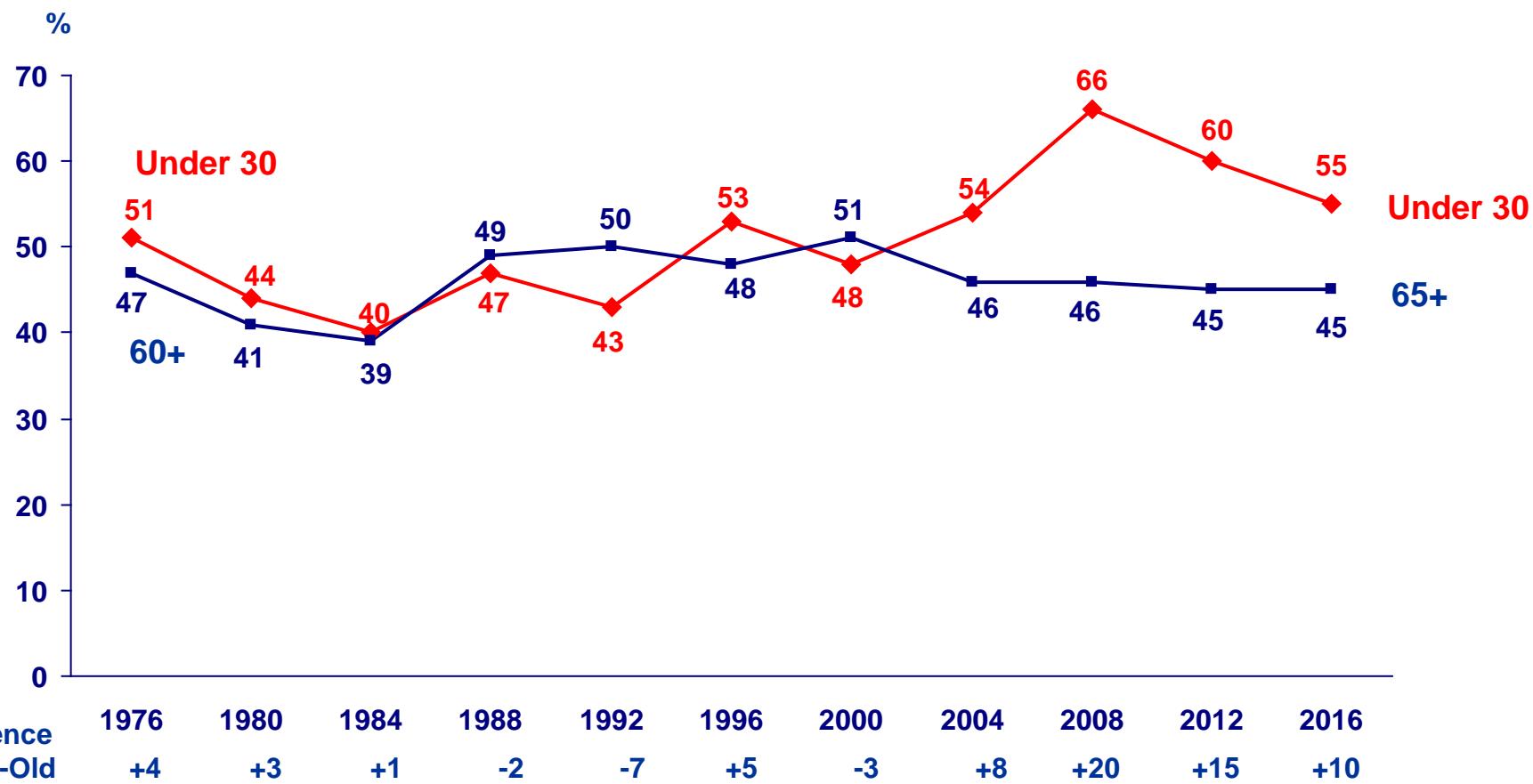
Gender

per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016.

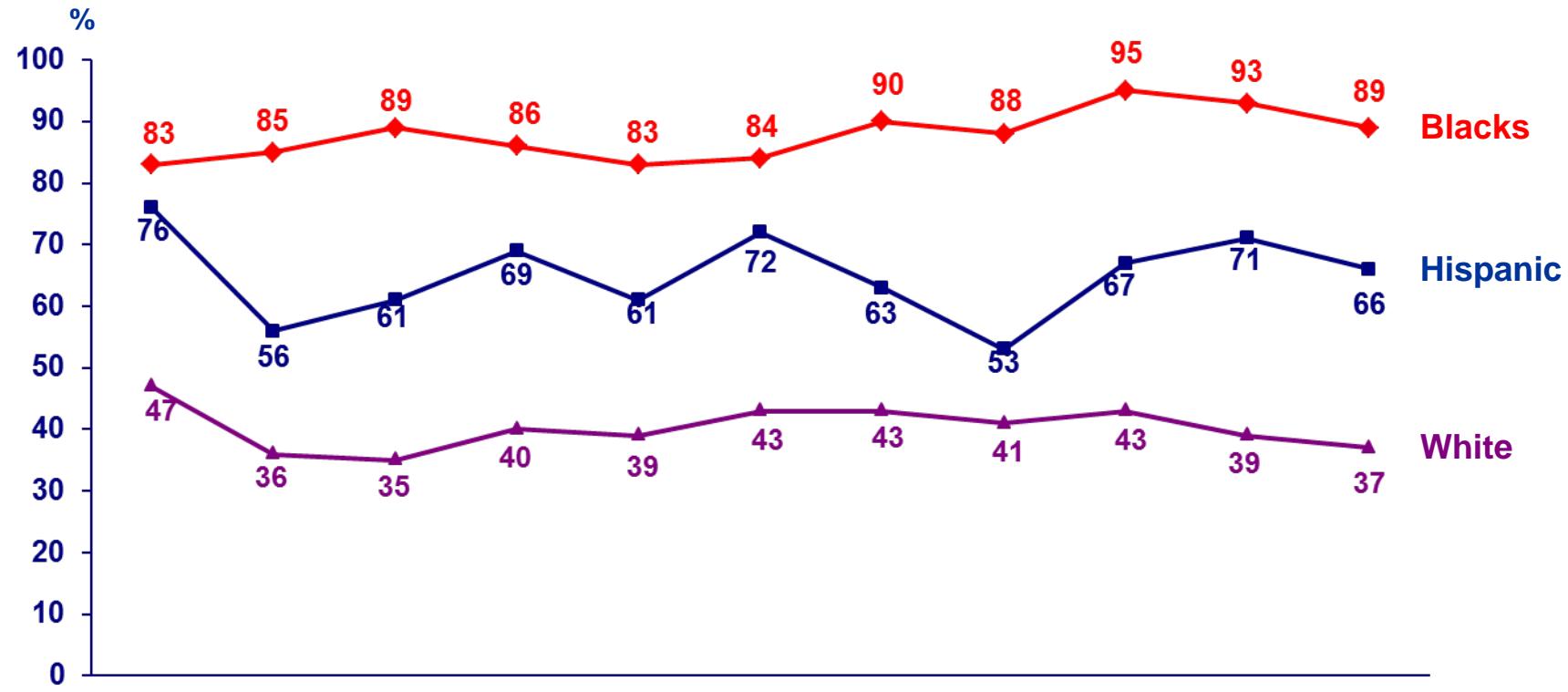
Age *per cent Democrats*



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016

Ethnic Group

per cent Democrats

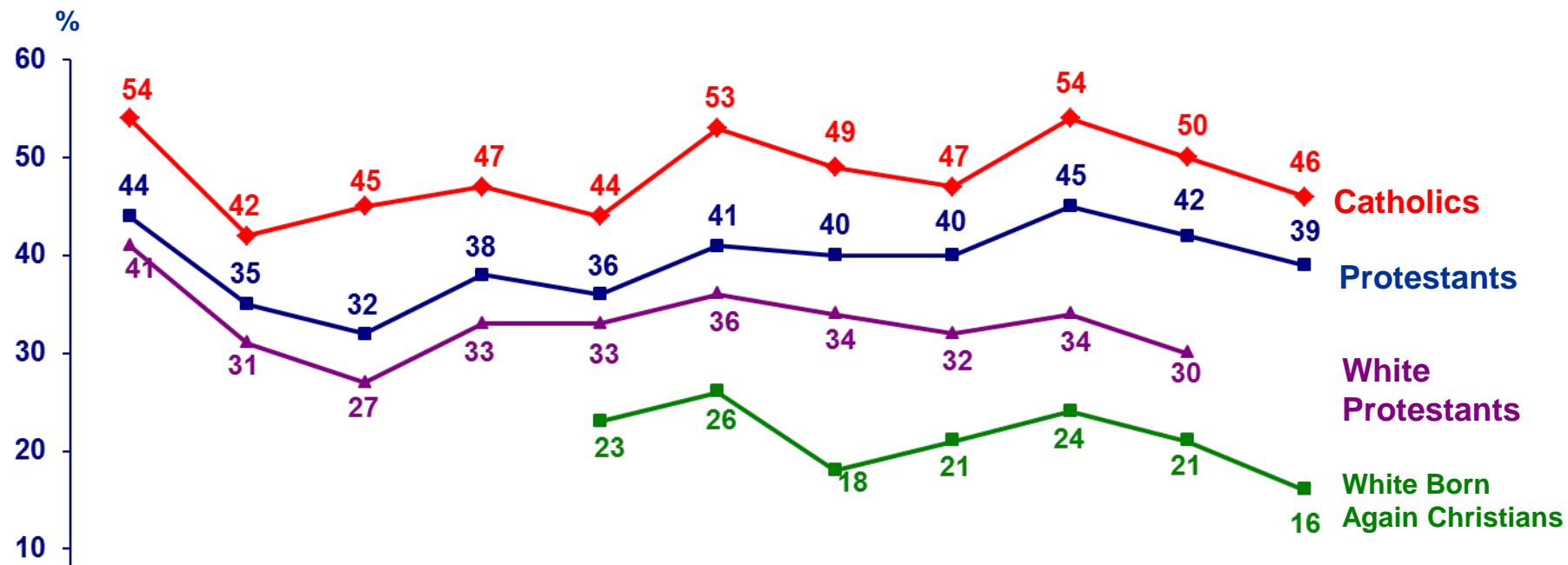


Difference Black-White	1976	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2008	2012	2016
Jews	64	45	67	64	80	78	79	74	78	69	71
Asians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	62	73	65

Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016

Religion

per cent Democrats

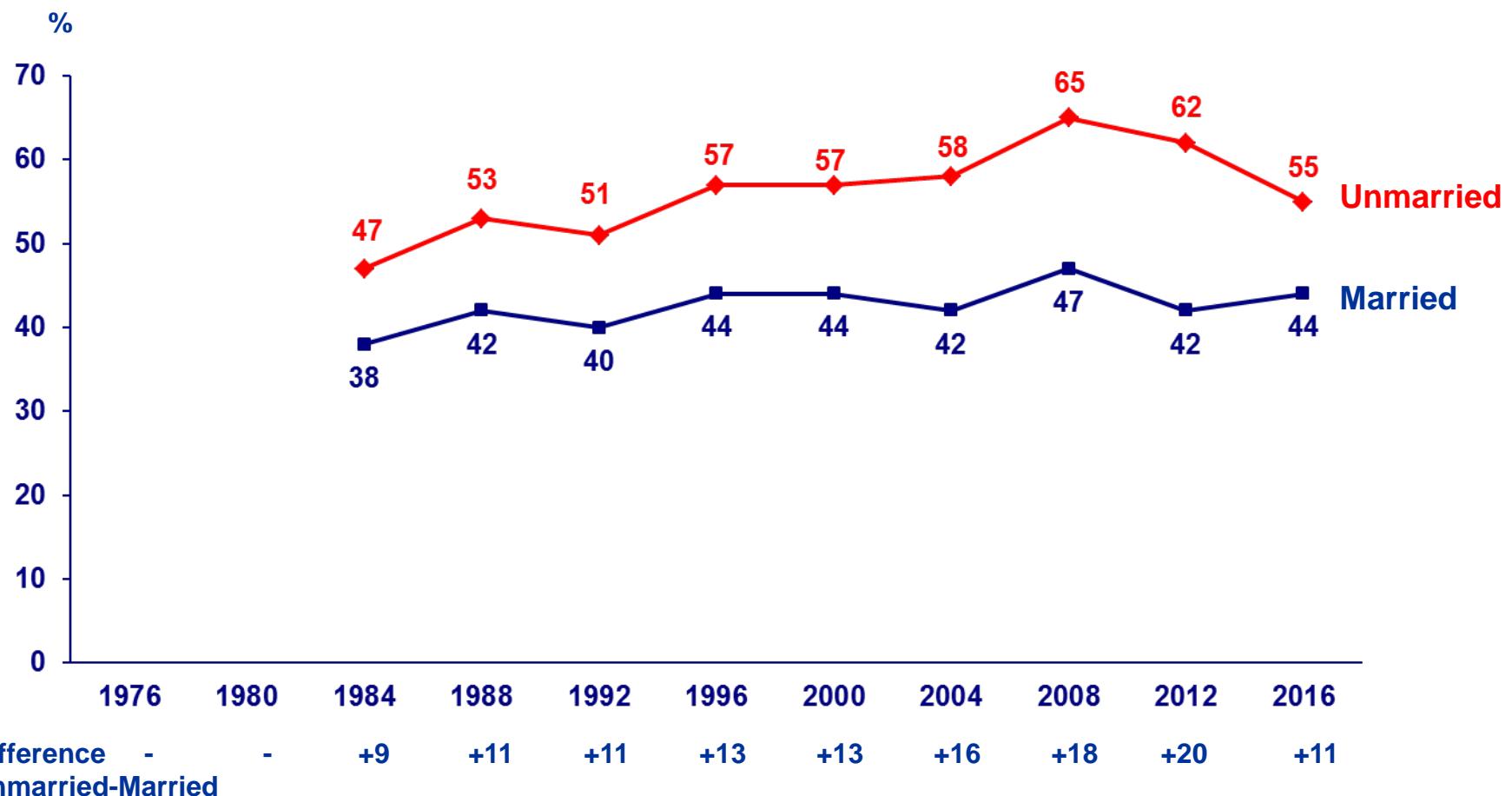


Jews	64	45	67	64	80	78	79	74	78	69	71
Weekly Church Goers	-	-	-	36	-	39	39	43	39	41	-

Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016

Marital Status

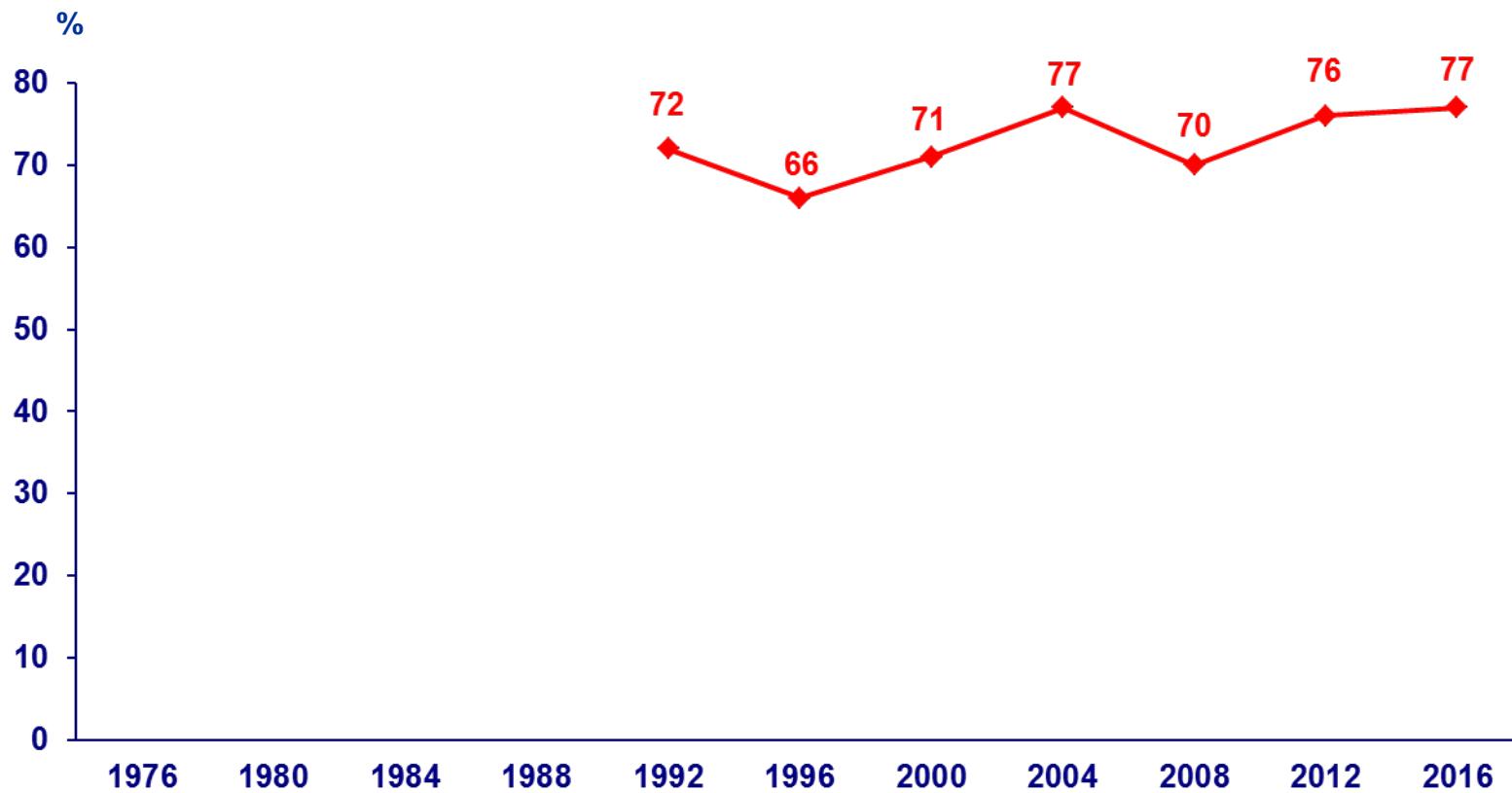
per cent Democrats



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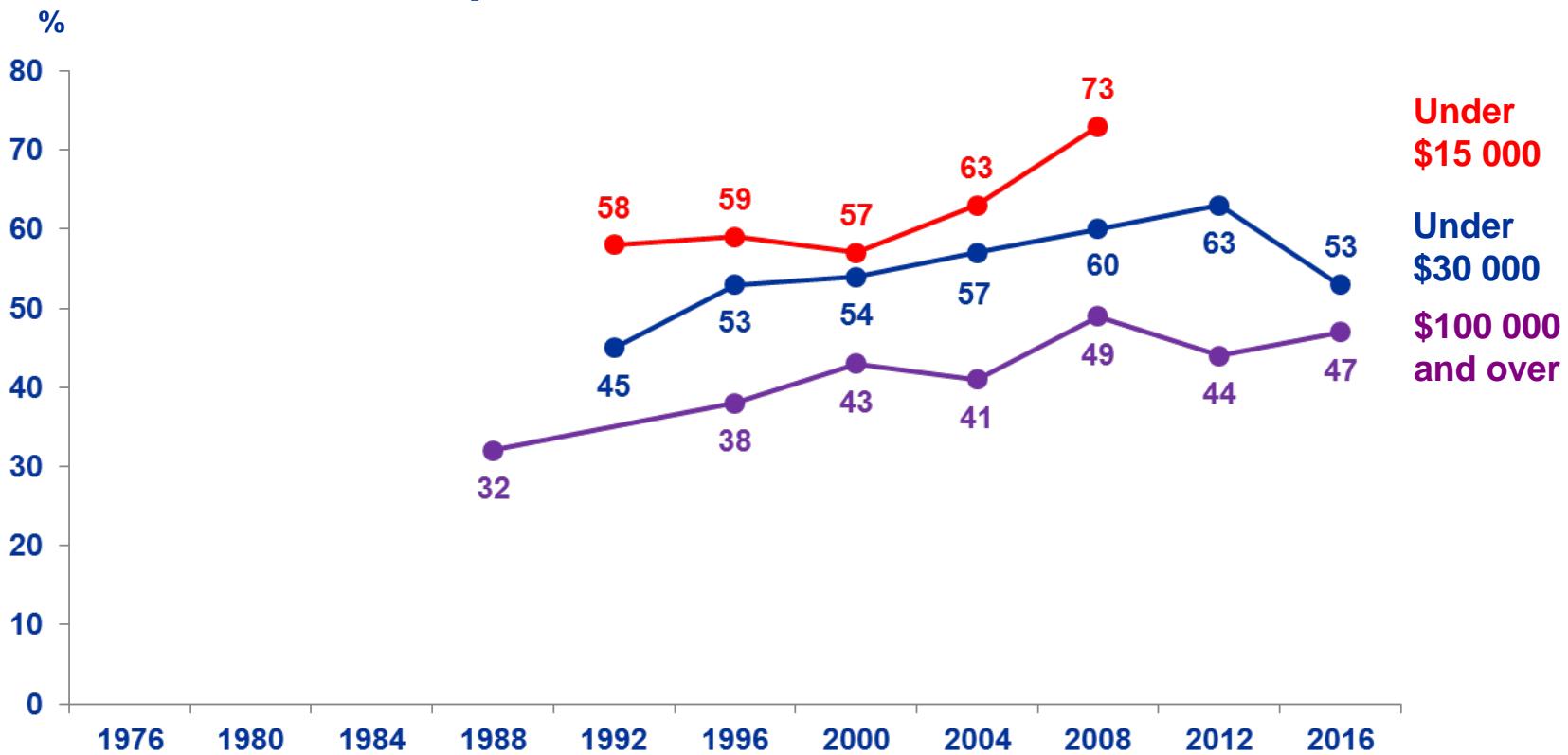
Gays/Lesbians

per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016

Income *per cent Democrats*



Difference

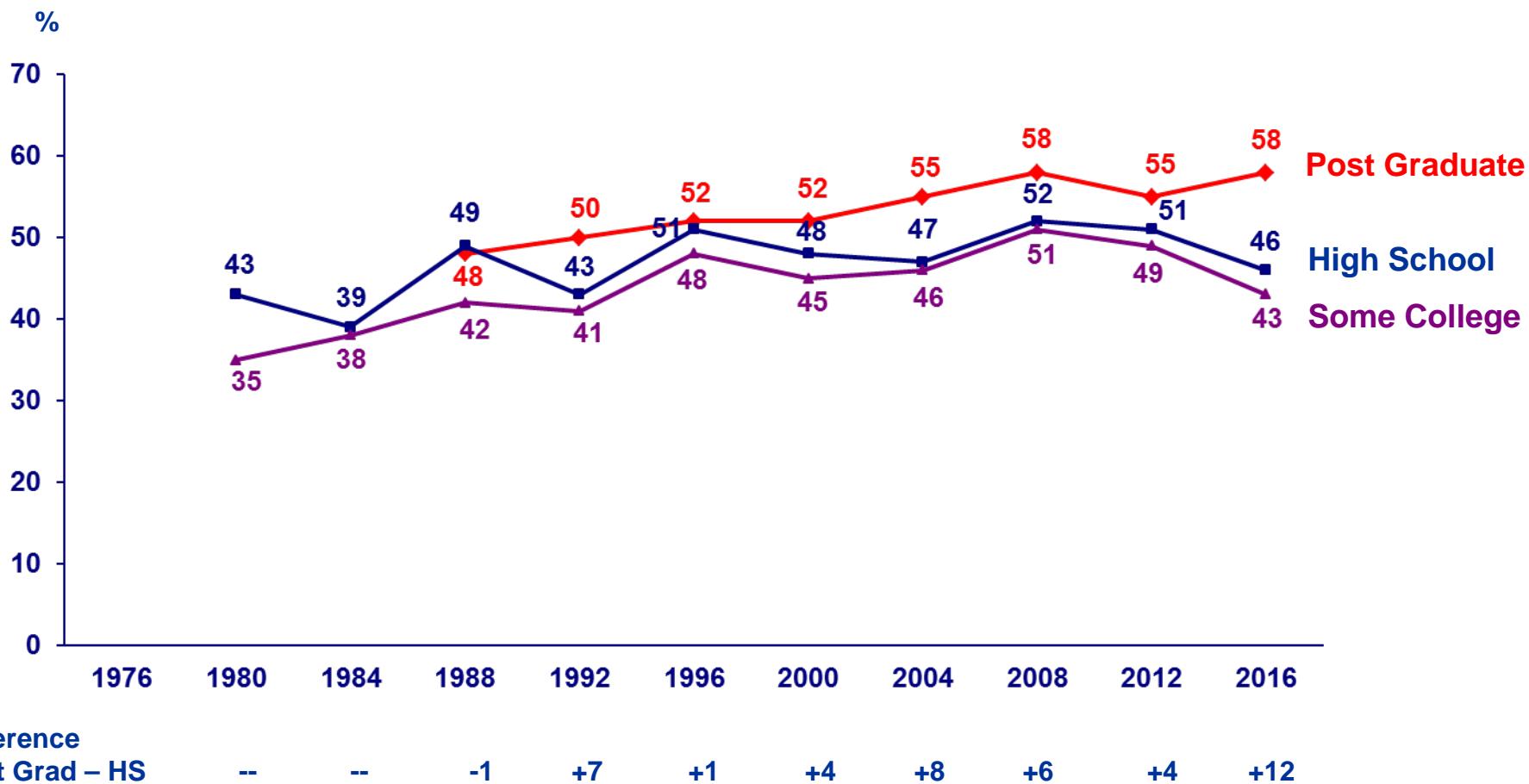
Under \$ 30K – \$100K+

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Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016. In 1992-2012 the under \$30 000 income category was defined as \$15 000 - \$29 000.

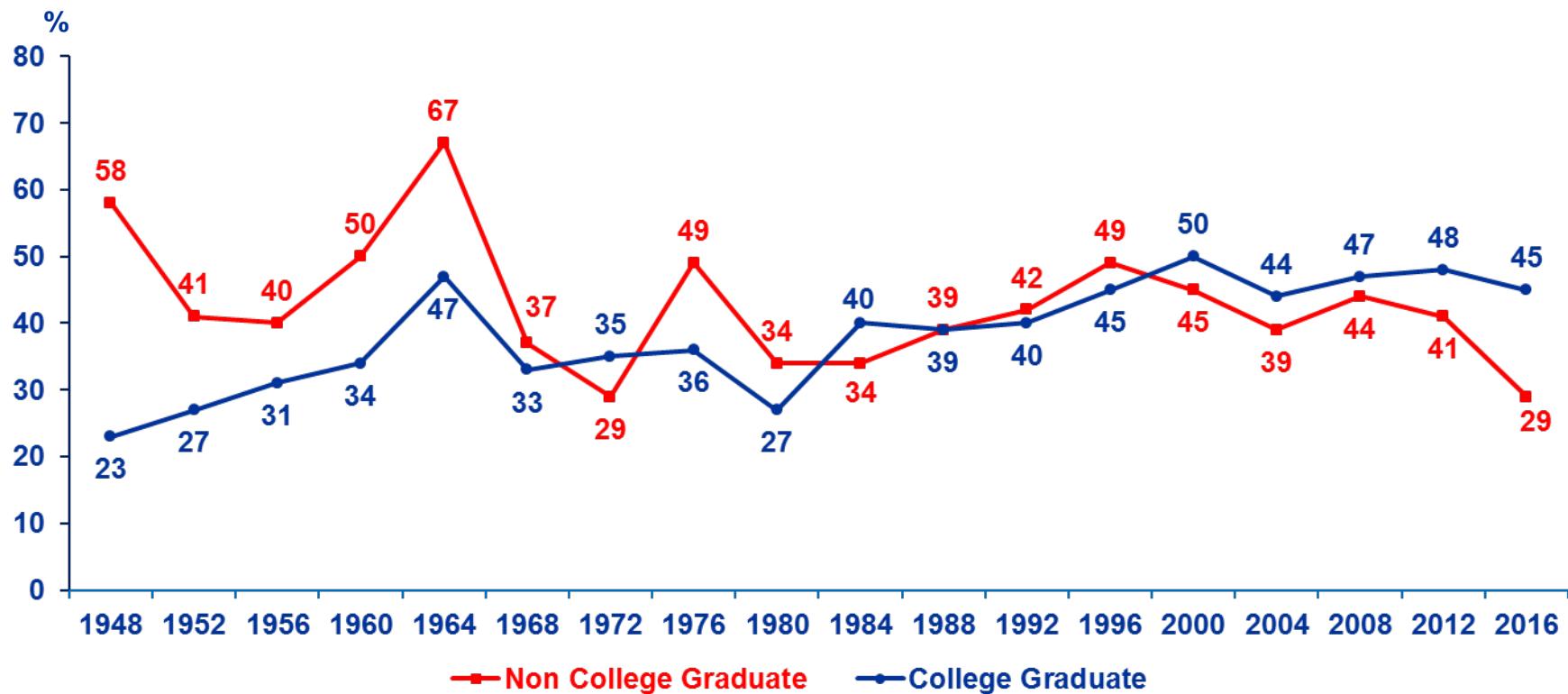
Education

per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016.

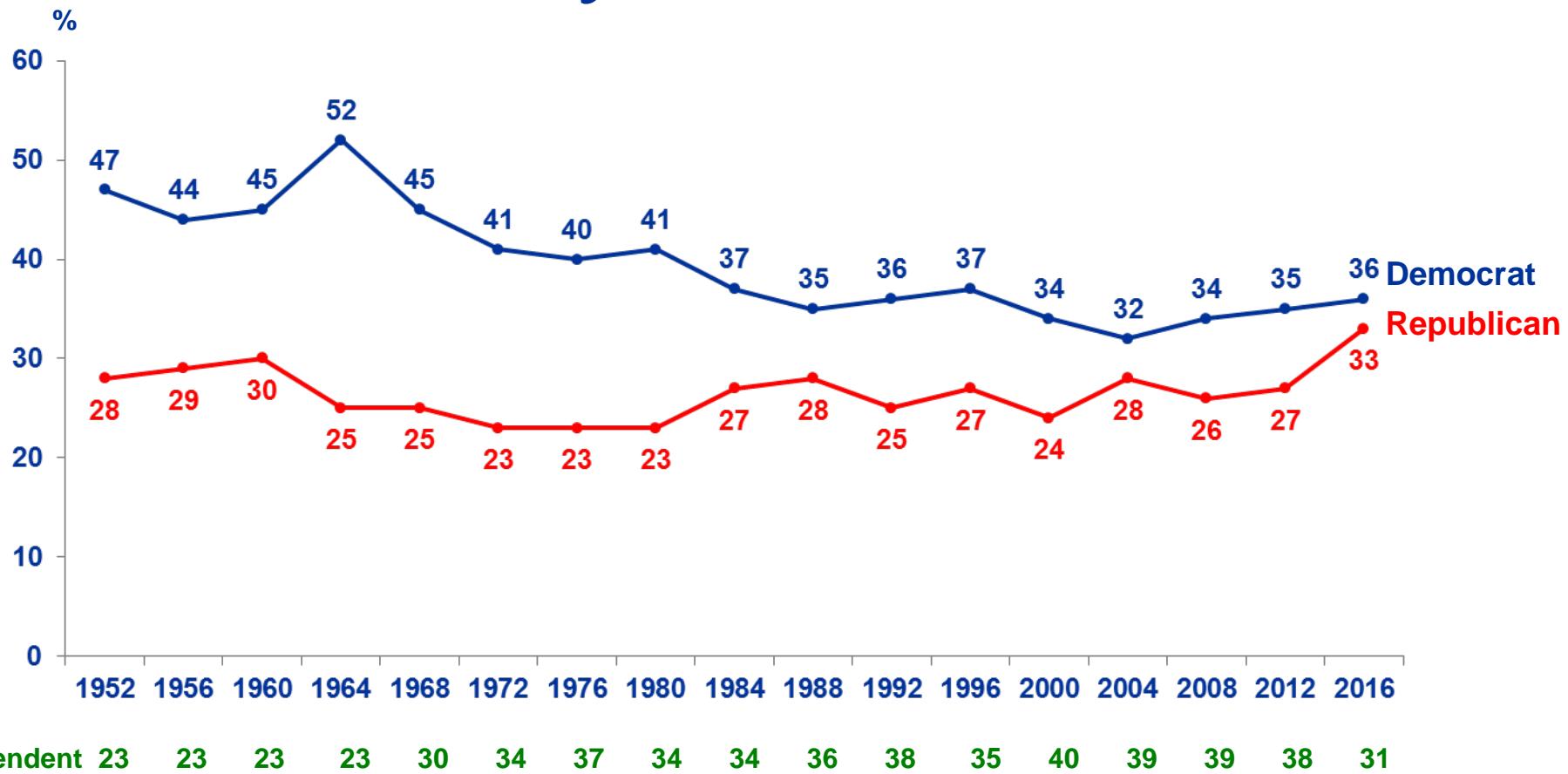
Level of Education/Whites Only *per cent Democrats*



Difference	Non Grad - Grad
Non Grad - Grad	+35 +14 +9 +16 +20 +4 -6 +13 +7 -6 ±0 +2 +4 -5 -3 -7 -16

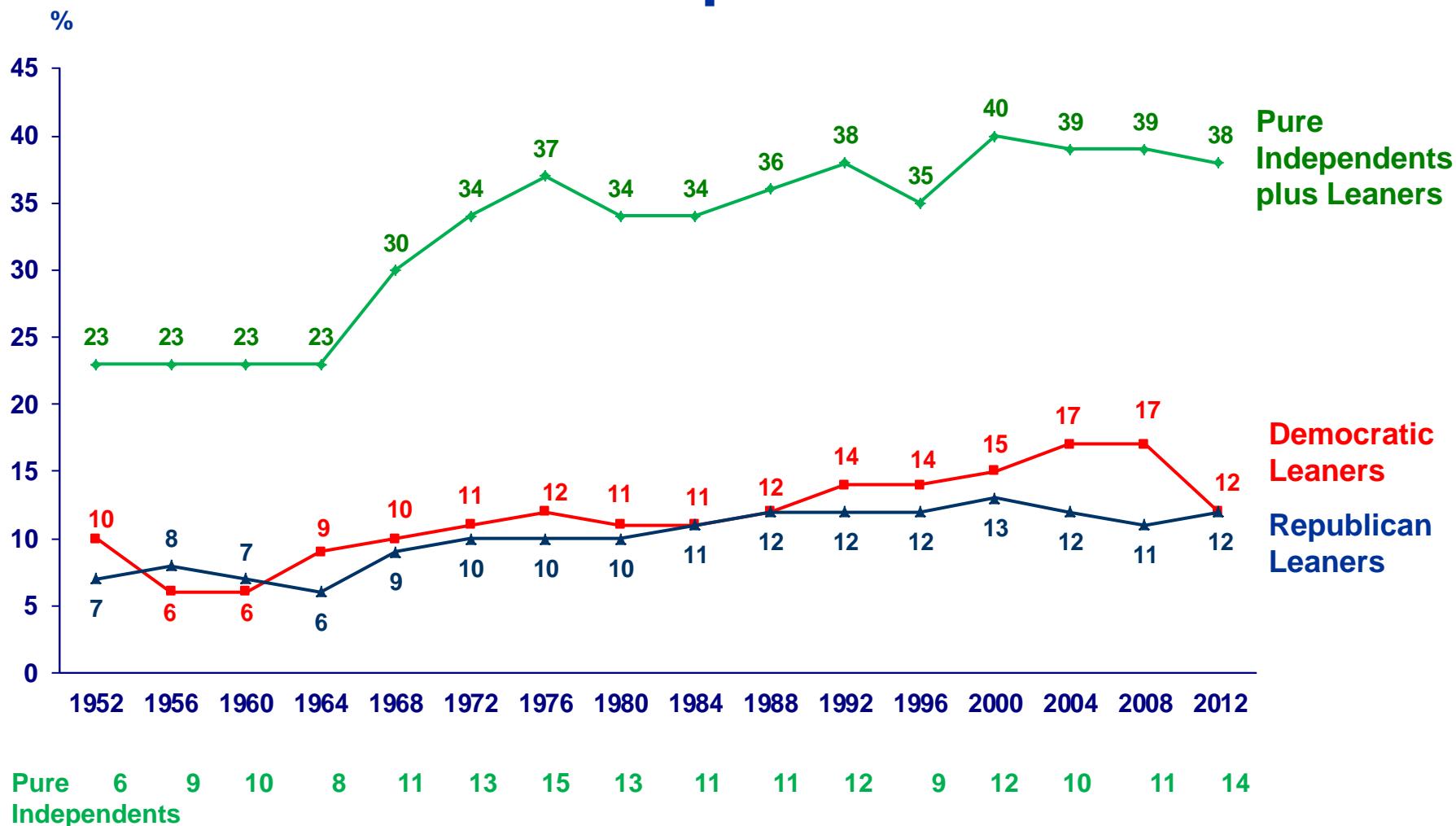
Source: ANES 1948-2012. White Non-Hispanic. Non-College Graduates vs. College Graduates. In 1948 No College Education vs. at least Some College Education. The results for 2016 come from the NEP/Edison exit poll.

US Party Identification



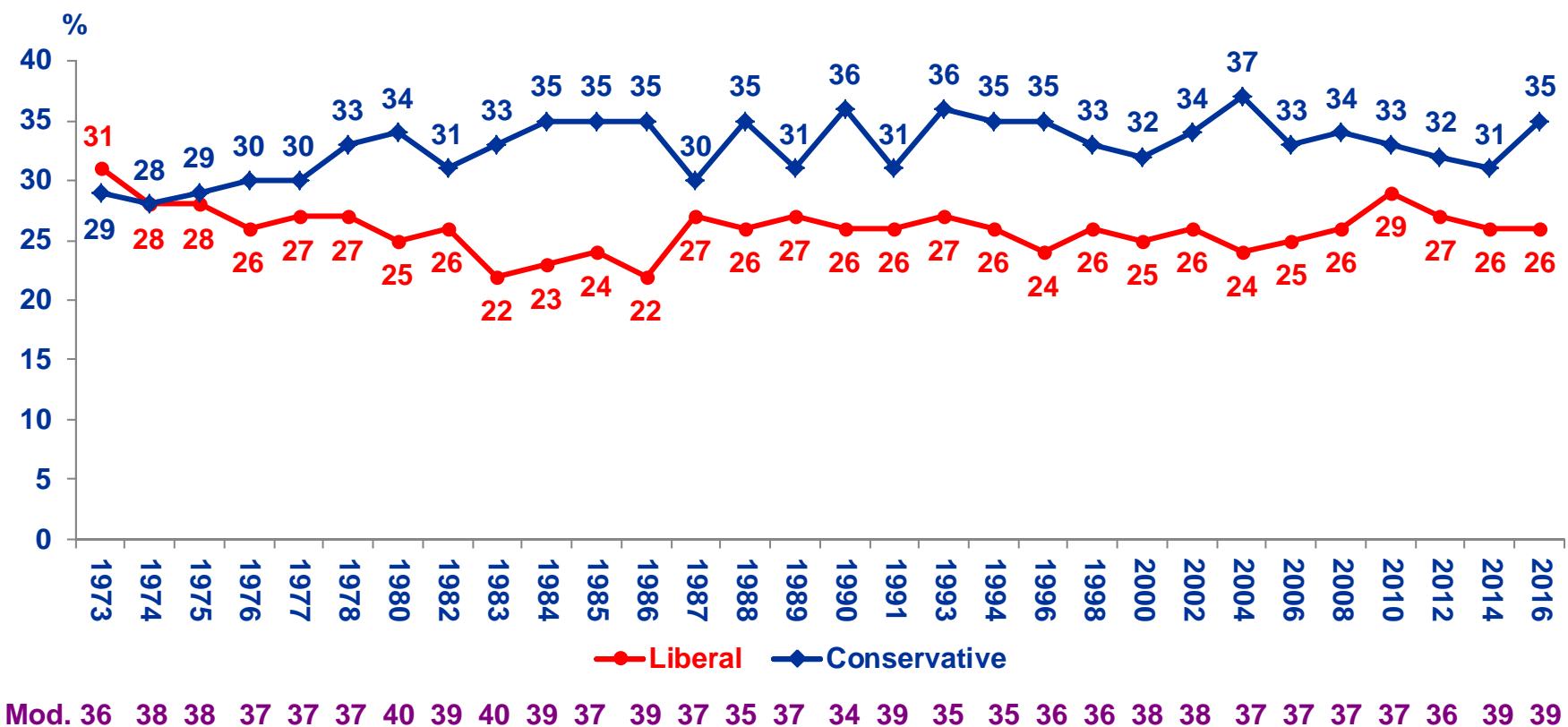
Source: ANES 1952 – 2012. The results for 2016 come from the NEP/Edison exit poll.

US: Independents



Source: ANES 1952-2012.

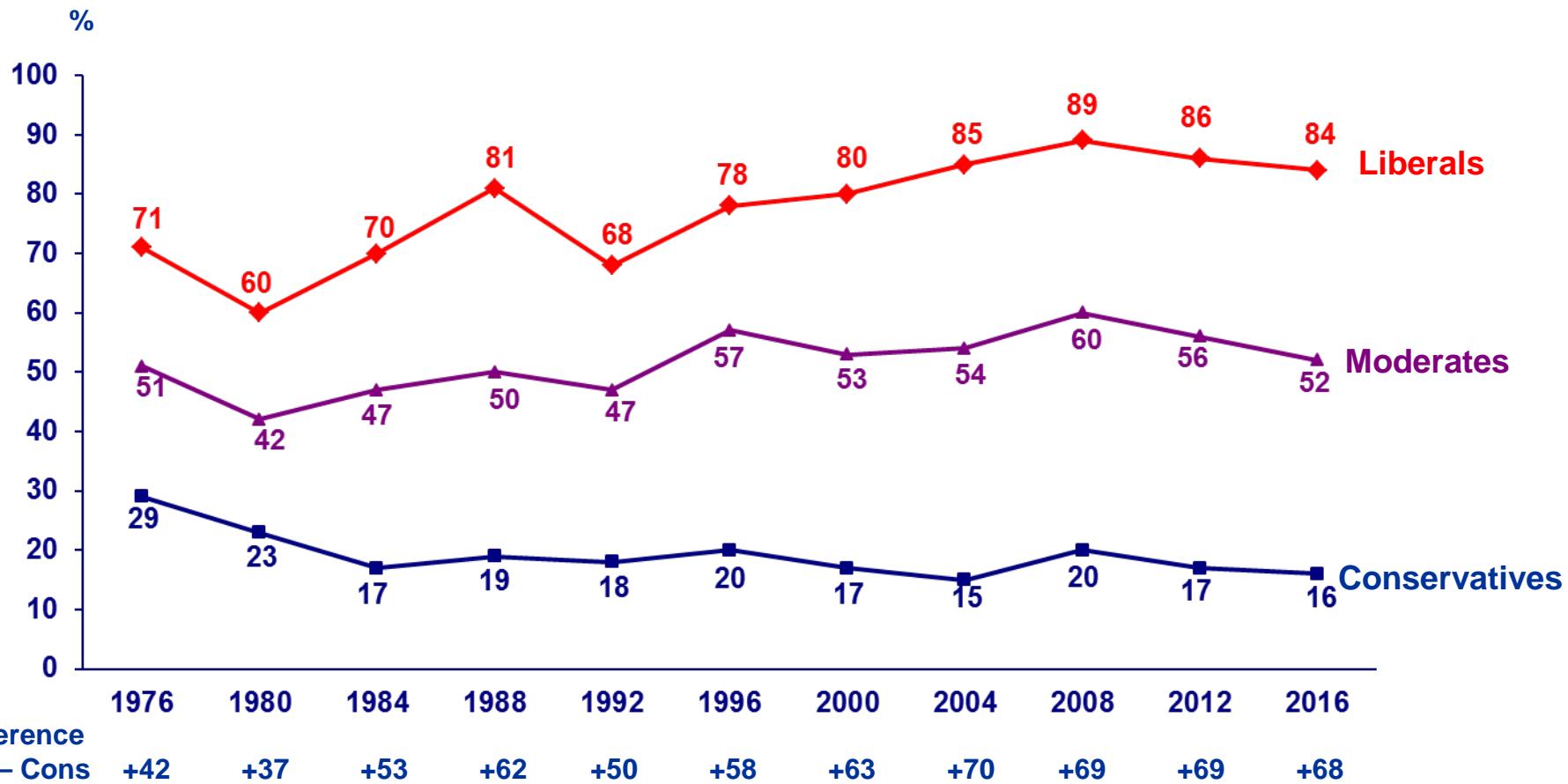
US Ideological Self-Identification



Source: DKs 1 – 6%; General Social Survey, NORC 1973-2014. The results for 2016 come from the NEP/Edison exit poll. Observe no DKs in the exit poll results for 2016.

Ideology

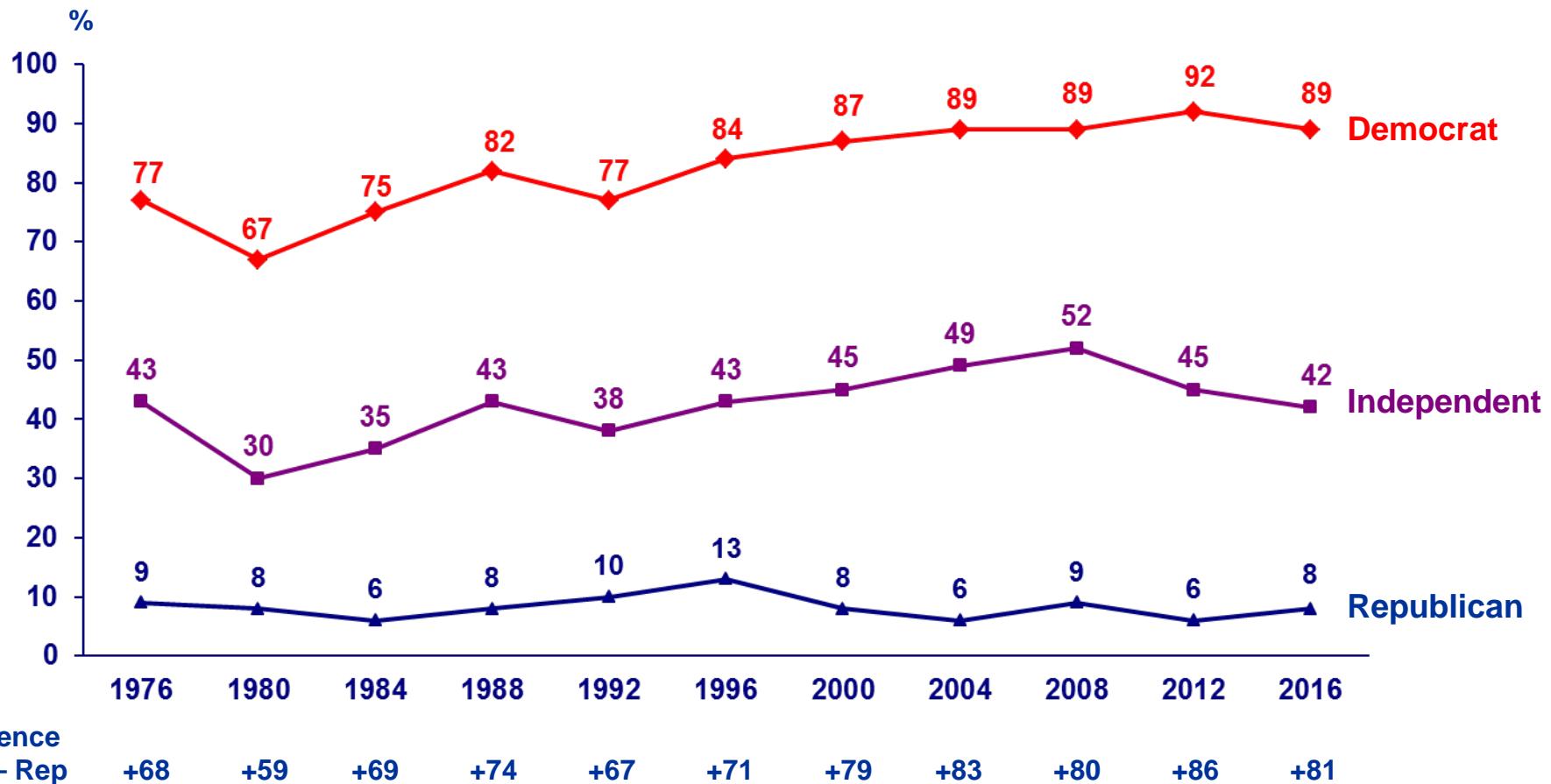
per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016.

Party Preference

per cent Democrats



Source: VNS Exit Polls; NEP/Edison 2004-2016.

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