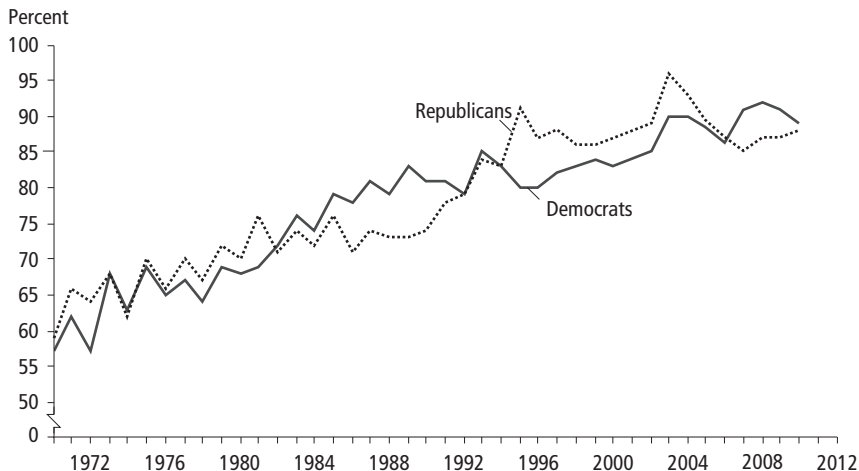


FIGURE 9-2 Levels of Party Voting in Congress, 1970–2010



Source: Derived from annual CQ voting studies reported in *CQ Weekly*, January 3, 2011, 32.

Note: The graph shows the percentage of times the average Republican or Democrat in Congress voted with his party majority in partisan votes for the years listed. These composite party unity scores are based on votes that split the parties in the House and Senate—a majority of voting Republicans opposing a majority of voting Democrats. The scores have been recomputed to correct for absences.