

Table 4-1 Regression of 2010 Democratic Vote on 2009–2010 Incumbent Ideology, 2008 District Presidential Vote, and 2010 Candidate Spending

	Regression coefficient	T-ratio	Standardized coefficient
<i>Republican incumbents</i>			
Incumbent ideology (conservatism)	6.86	2.37	0.14
% Obama, 2008 presidential vote	0.67	12.84	0.76
Log Democrat spending minus log Republican spending	1.68	6.51	0.33
Constant	3.84	1.14	
Adjusted R^2 = .754; N = 110			
<i>Democratic incumbents</i>			
Incumbent ideology (conservatism)	4.69	2.07	0.09
% Obama, 2008 presidential vote	0.78	18.31	0.85
Log Democrat spending minus log Republican spending	2.34	7.57	0.24
Constant	9.39	4.30	
Adjusted R^2 = .838; N = 206			

Source: Compiled by the authors.

Note: Candidate ideology scores are the weighted average of the first and second dimension DW-NOMINATE scores for the 111th Congress, where the 2nd dimension score is weighted .35 times the first dimension score. The presidential vote is the 2008 Democratic percentage of the two-party vote in the district. Candidate spending is measured in units of thousands of dollars as log of dollars spent minus 5,000. Only contested races are included.