The Centrists

These are the members at the ideological center of the Senate and the House, according to *National Journal*'s 2009 vote ratings. The members with composite scores closest to 50 are at the exact center of each chamber.

RICHARD A. BLOOM

Most conservative Democrat

LIZ LYNCH

Most liberal Republican

Senate

	COMPOSITE SCORE Liberal	Conservative
Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska	35.3	64.7
Judd Gregg, R-N.H.	35.7	64.3
George Voinovich, R-Ohio	38.3	61.7
Susan Collins, R-Maine	39.7	60.3
Evan Bayh, D-Ind.	40.7	59.3
Richard Lugar, R-Ind.	40.7	59.3
Ben Nelson, D-Neb.	40.8	59.2
Olympia Snowe, R-Maine	41.2	58.8
Arlen Specter, D-Pa.	43.0	57.0
Russell Feingold, D-Wis.	47.5	52.5
Jim Webb, D-Va.	47.7	52.3
Joe Lieberman, ID-Conn.	50.3	49.7
Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.	50.3	49.7

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House

	COMPOSITE SCORE Liberal	Conservative
Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.	34.2	65.8
Walter Jones, R-N.C.	34.2	65.8
Tim Murphy, R-Pa.	34.2	65.8
Peter King, R-N.Y.	35.2	64.8
Jim Gerlach, R-Pa.	35.3	64.7
Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J.	35.3	64.7
Todd Platts, R-Pa.	35.3	64.7
Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo.	35.5	64.5
Greg Walden, R-Ore.	35.5	64.5
Candice Miller, R-Mich.	36.3	63.7
Tim Johnson, R-Ill.	37.2	62.8
Charlie Dent, R-Pa.	37.3	62.7
Bobby Bright, D-Ala.	37.5	62.5
Leonard Lance, R-N.J.	37.7	62.3
Steven LaTourette, R-Ohio	37.8	62.2
Judy Biggert, R-Ill.	38.3	61.7
Chris Smith, R-N.J.	38.5	61.5
Vernon Ehlers, R-Mich.	38.8	61.2
Fred Upton, R-Mich.	38.8	61.2
Mark Kirk, R-Ill.	39.3	60.7
Joseph Cao, R-La.	39.7	60.3
Parker Griffith, R-Ala.	39.8	60.2
Gene Taylor, D-Miss.	39.8	60.2
Dave Reichert, R-Wash.	40.5	59.5
John McHugh, R-N.Y.*	40.7	59.3
Travis Childers, D-Miss.	41.0	59.0
Jim Marshall, D-Ga.	41.5	58.5
Dan Boren, D-Okla.	41.8	58.2
Michael Castle, R-Del.	42.2	57.8
Mike McIntyre, D-N.C.	43.2	56.8
Walt Minnick, D-Idaho	43.3	56.7
Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.	44.3	55.7
Harry Teague, D-N.M.	44.7	55.3
Collin Peterson, D-Minn.	45.2	54.8
Lincoln Davis, D-Tenn.	45.3	54.7
Ann Kirkpatrick, D-Ariz.	45.3	54.7
Glenn Nye, D-Va.	45.3	54.7
Heath Shuler, D-N.C.	45.5	54.5
Brad Ellsworth, D-Ind.	45.8	54.2
Frank Kratovil, D-Md.	46.0	54.0
Harry Mitchell, D-Ariz.	46.2	53.8
Jason Altmire, D-Pa.	46.5	53.5
Charlie Melancon, D-La.	46.7	53.3
Mike Ross, D-Ark.	46.8	53.2
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D.	46.8	53.2
Tom Perriello, D-Va.	47.2	52.8
John Barrow, D-Ga.	47.3	52.7
Christopher Carney, D-Pa.	47.8	52.2
Jim Matheson, D-Utah	48.5	51.5
John Boccieri, D-Ohio	48.7	51.3
Kathy Dahlkemper, D-Pa.	48.7	51.3
Artur Davis, D-Ala.	48.7	51.3
Zack Space, D-Ohio	48.7	51.3
Tim Holden, D-Pa.	48.8	51.2
Scott Murphy, D-N.Y.	49.0	51.0
John Tanner, D-Tenn.	49.5	50.5
Michael Arcuri, D-N.Y.	50.2	49.8
Michael McMahon, D-N.Y.	50.2	49.8

Most conservative Democrat

LAUREN CARROLL

Most liberal Republican

LIZ LYNCH

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At the center of the Senate

	Liberal	Conservative
Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.	52.0	48.0
Mark Pryor, D-Ark.	52.2	47.8
Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.	54.8	45.2
Robert Casey, D-Pa.	56.2	43.8
Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.	58.8	41.2
Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.	59.8	40.2
Max Baucus, D-Mont.	60.7	39.3
Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.	61.0	39.0
Kay Hagan, D-N.C.	61.0	39.0
Mary Landrieu, D-La.	61.0	39.0
Jon Tester, D-Mont.	61.5	38.5
Kent Conrad, D-N.D.	62.0	38.0
Bill Nelson, D-Fla.	62.2	37.8
Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.	63.2	36.8
Mark Warner, D-Va.	64.8	35.2
Mark Begich, D-Alaska	65.8	34.2
Mark Udall, D-Colo.	65.8	34.2

COMPOSITE SCORE

	Liberal	Conservative
Bill Foster, D-Ill.	50.3	49.7
John Adler, D-N.J.	50.5	49.5
Suzanne Kosmas, D-Fla.	50.7	49.3
Henry Cuellar, D-Texas	51.0	49.0
Larry Kissell, D-N.C.	51.2	48.8
Debbie Halvorson, D-Ill.	51.3	48.7
Betsy Markey, D-Colo.	51.5	48.5
Jerry Costello, D-Ill.	51.8	48.2
Bart Gordon, D-Tenn.	51.8	48.2
Allen Boyd, D-Fla.	52.2	47.8
Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz.	52.2	47.8
Ike Skelton, D-Mo.	52.2	47.8
Daniel Lipinski, D-Ill.	52.3	47.7
Melissa Bean, D-Ill.	53.2	46.8
Jerry McNerney, D-Calif.	53.2	46.8
Ben Chandler, D-Ky.	53.5	46.5
Jim Costa, D-Calif.	53.8	46.2
Marion Berry, D-Ark.	54.2	45.8
Baron Hill, D-Ind.	54.2	45.8
Eric Massa, D-N.Y.	54.8	45.2
Rick Boucher, D-Va.	55.2	44.8
Dennis Cardoza, D-Calif.	55.3	44.7
Chet Edwards, D-Texas	55.3	44.7
Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa.	55.7	44.3
Paul Hodes, D-N.H.	57.0	43.0
Gary Peters, D-Mich.	57.3	42.7
Charlie Wilson, D-Ohio	57.7	42.3
Nick Rahall, D-W.Va.	57.8	42.2
Steve Driehaus, D-Ohio	58.0	42.0
Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va.	58.2	41.8
Adam Smith, D-Wash.	58.2	41.8
Bart Stupak, D-Mich.	58.2	41.8
Jim Cooper, D-Tenn.	58.3	41.7
Ron Klein, D-Fla.	58.3	41.7
Michael Michaud, D-Maine	58.3	41.7
Mark Schauer, D-Mich.	58.7	41.3
Dina Titus, D-Nev.	59.0	41.0
Patrick Murphy, D-Pa.	59.3	40.7
John Salazar, D-Colo.	59.3	40.7
Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D.	60.3	39.7
Sanford Bishop, D-Ga.	60.7	39.3
Kendrick Meek, D-Fla.	61.0	39.0
Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas	61.0	39.0
Brian Baird, D-Wash.	61.3	38.7
Dan Maffei, D-N.Y.	61.3	38.7
Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.	61.5	38.5
Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio	61.5	38.5
Ciro Rodriguez, D-Texas	61.5	38.5
Alan Grayson, D-Fla.	62.8	37.2
Bob Etheridge, D-N.C.	63.5	36.5
John Hall, D-N.Y.	63.8	36.2
Kurt Schrader, D-Ore.	63.8	36.2
Tim Walz, D-Minn.	63.8	36.2
John Spratt, D-S.C.	64.2	35.8
Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas	64.3	35.7
Vic Snyder, D-Ark.	64.3	35.7
Martin Heinrich, D-N.M.	64.5	35.5
Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas	64.7	35.3
Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio	65.2	34.8
David Scott, D-Ga.	65.7	34.3
Laura Richardson, D-Calif.	65.8	34.2

COMPOSITE SCORE

LIZ LYNCH

At the center of the House

*No longer a member of the House.