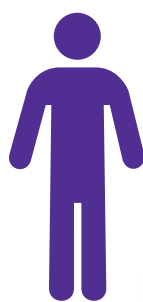


A TALE OF TWO CITIZENS



Independent Leaners DON'T Vote Like Democrats

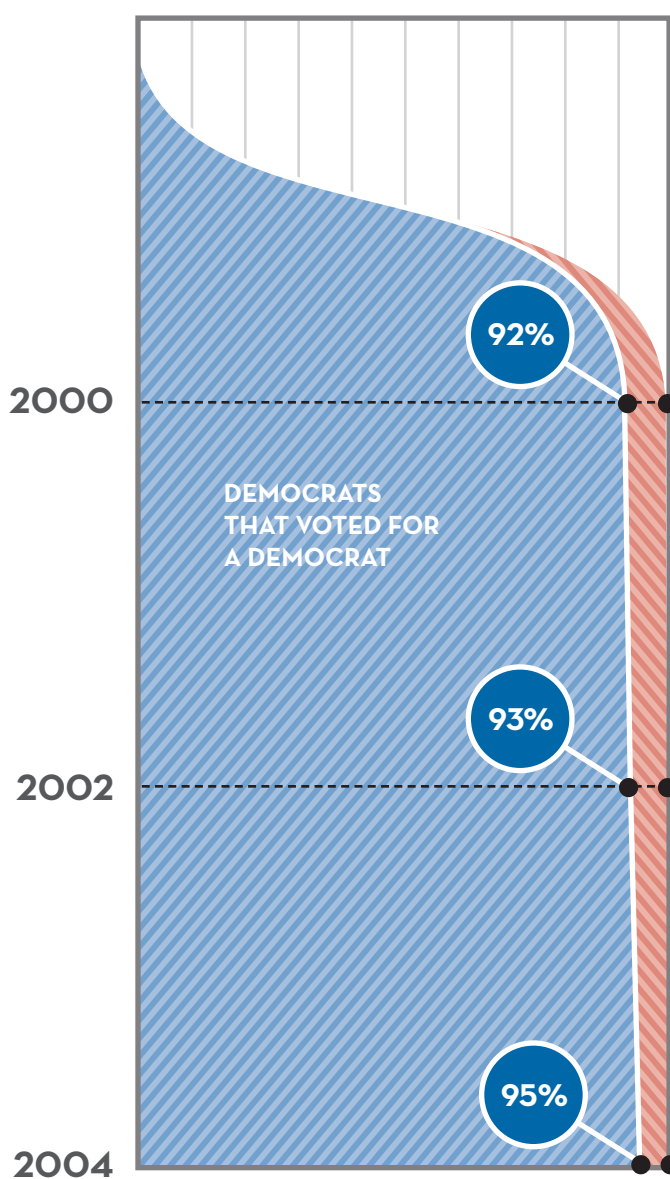
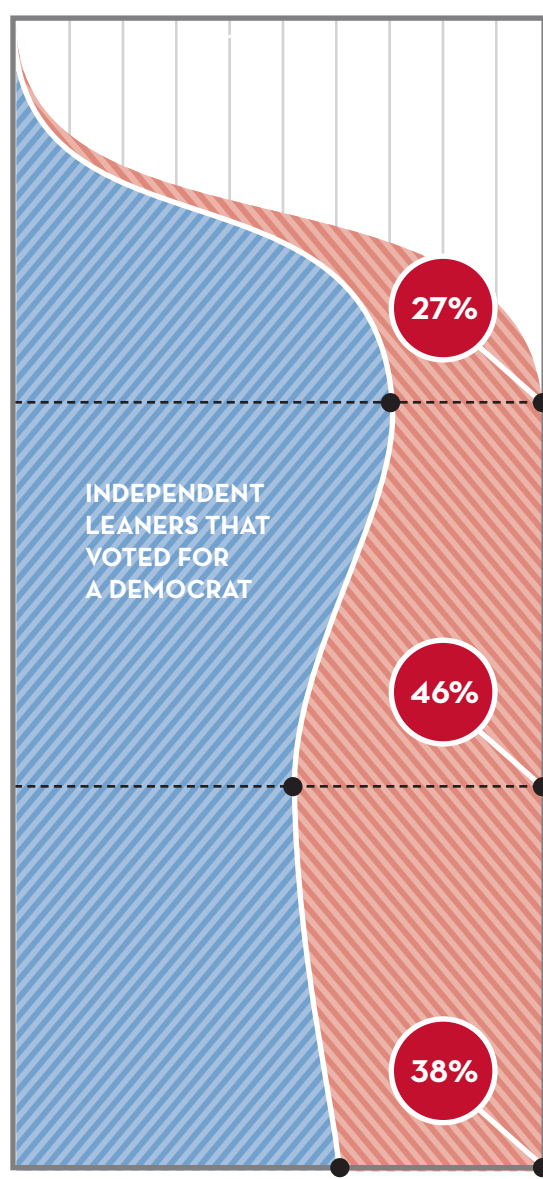
DEMOCRATS INDEPENDENTS REPUBLICANS


**STRONG
DEMOCRAT**

**INDEPENDENT
LEANS DEMOCRATIC**

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE


 DEMOCRATS THAT VOTED
FOR A REPUBLICAN

 INDEPENDENT LEANERS THAT
VOTED FOR A REPUBLICAN


Many pundits argue that Independent voters aren't truly Independent—most lean one way and stay there. But following these voters over time reveals that Independents who lean don't consistently fall with partisans. In fact, nearly half of the Independents who said they leaned Democratic in 2000 voted Republican two years later, compared to just 7% of strong Democrats.

