


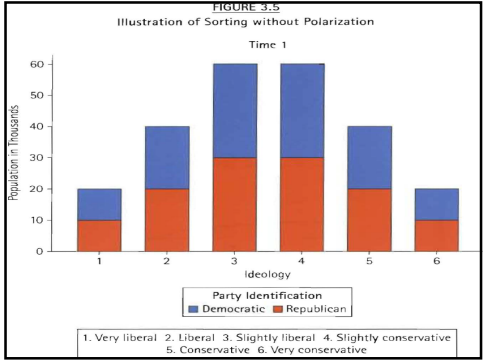
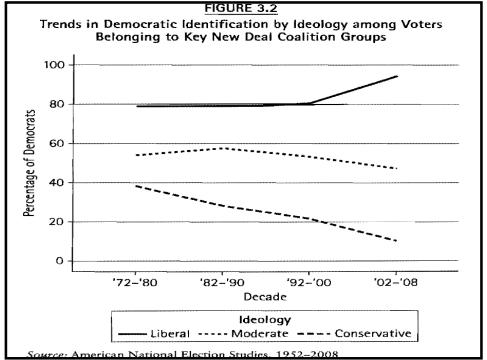
Political Polarization in the U.S. The Ideological Divide & The Cultural Divide

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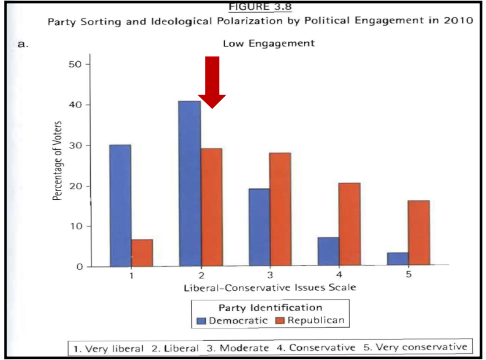
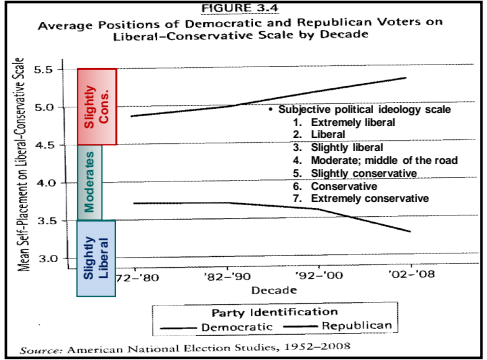
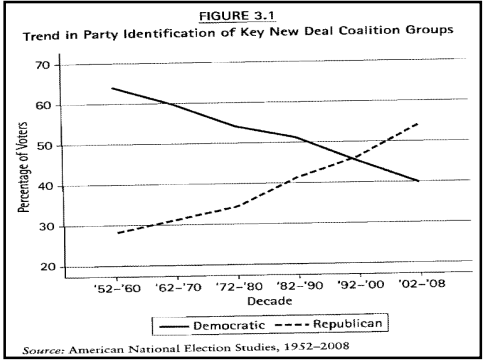
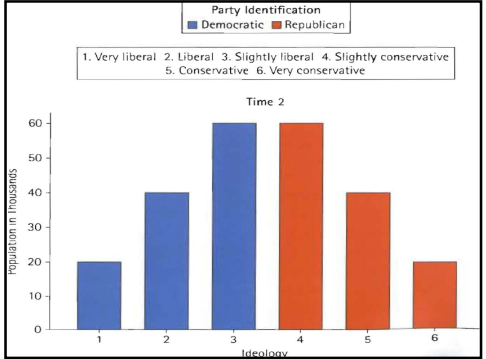
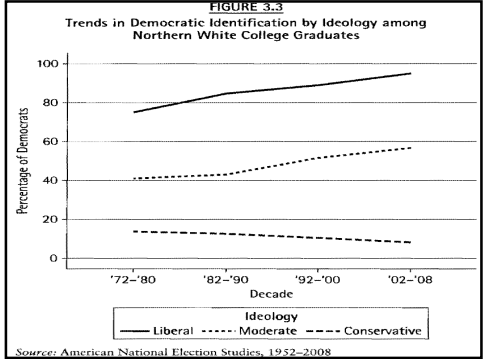
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- Agree that political elites are currently polarized
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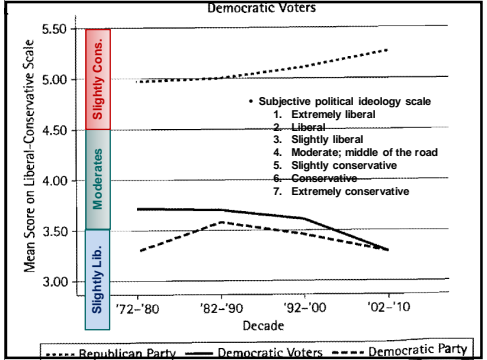
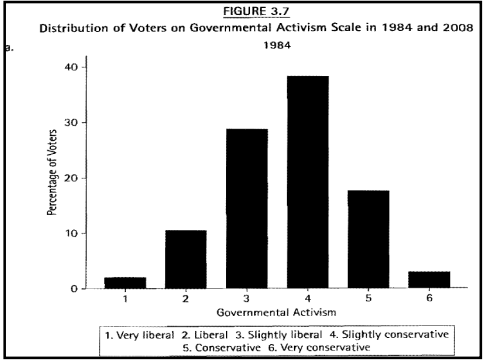
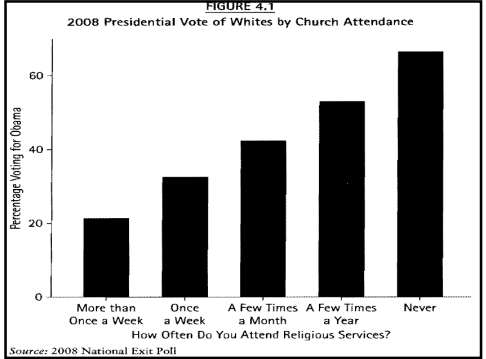
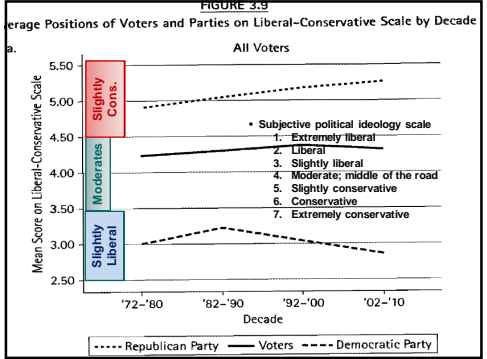
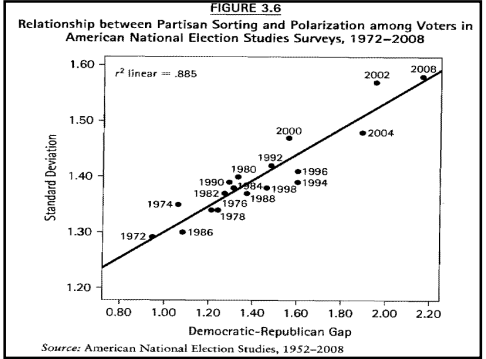
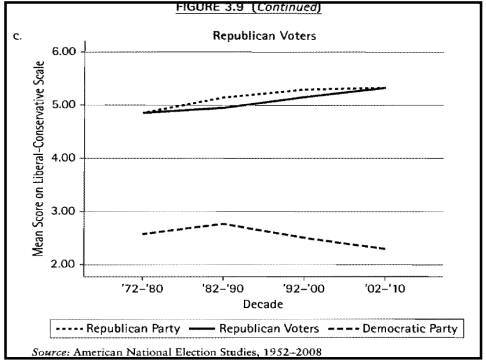
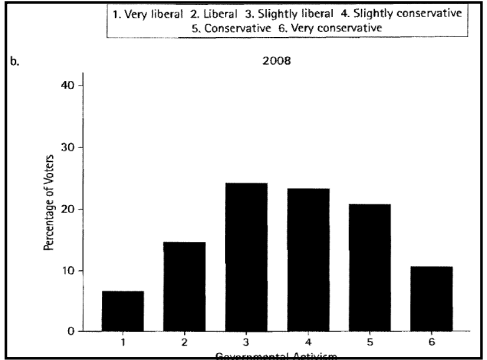
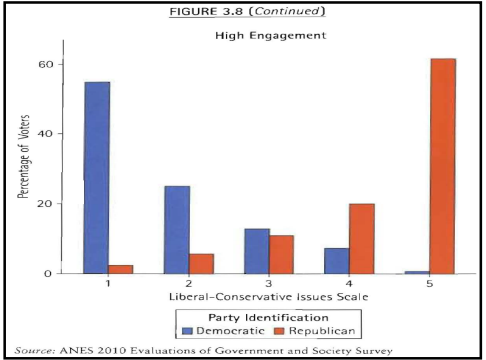


TABLE 4.1
Percentage of Whites Voting for Obama in 2008 by Church Attendance, Family Income, and Union Membership

	MORE THAN WEEKLY	ONCE A WEEK	FEW TIMES A MONTH	FEW TIMES A YEAR	NEVER
ALL VOTERS	21	32	42	53	66
INCOME					
UNDER 50,000	30	42	46	56	64
50-100,000	17	22	49	46	66
OVER 100,000	11	35	32	55	70
HOUSEHOLD					
UNION	26	38	46	60	82
NONUNION	20	31	41	51	63

Source: 2008 national exit poll

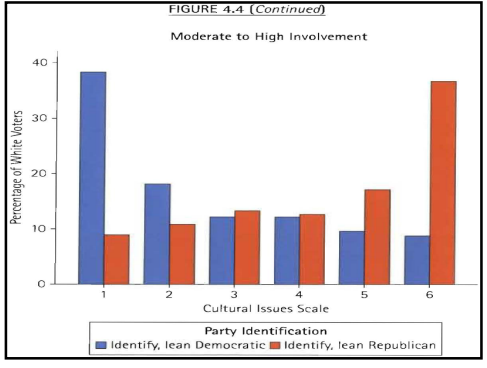
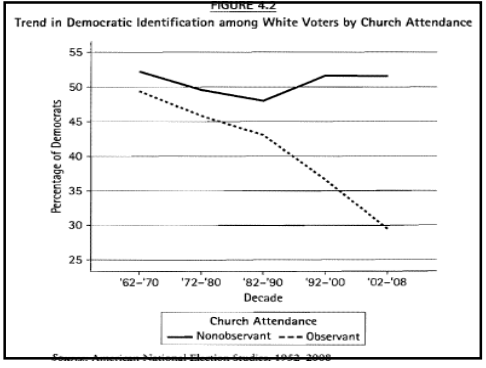


TABLE 4.3
Cultural Attitudes of White Voters in 2008 by Religious Observance

	OBSERVANT (%)	NONOBSERVANT (%)
ABORTION		
PRO-CHOICE	21	53
MIXED	15	18
PRO-LIFE	64	29
GAY MARRIAGE		
PRO-MARRIAGE	17	50
CIVIL UNIONS	28	28
NEITHER	55	22
GAY ADOPTION		
FAVOR	29	66
OPPOSE	71	34
CULTURAL ISSUES SCALE		
VERY LIBERAL	7	33
LIBERAL	9	17
EIGHTLY LIBERAL	8	15
EIGHTLY CONSERVATIVE	14	13
CONSERVATIVE	15	13
VERY CONSERVATIVE	47	9

Source: 2008 American National Election Study

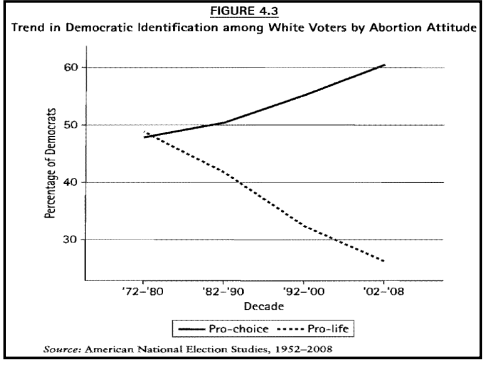


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INCOME					
UNDER \$0,000	30	42	46	56	64
\$0-100,000	17	22	49	46	66
OVER 100,000	11	35	32	55	70
HOUSEHOLD					
UNION	26	38	46	60	82
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TABLE 4.4
Average Consistency across Issue Positions for Whites in 2008 by Campaign Involvement

ISSUES	VERY LOW TO LOW	MODERATE	HIGH
CULTURAL	.37	.56	.65
ECONOMIC	.33	.40	.61
CULTURAL WITH ECONOMIC	.08	.20	.52
CULTURAL ISSUES SCALE WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES SCALE	.18	.32	.79

Source: 2008 American National Election Study

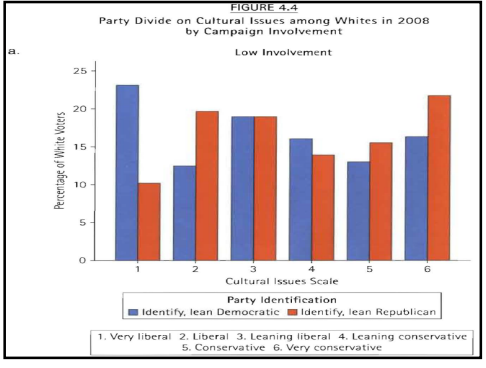


TABLE 4.2
The Party Divide on Abortion in 2008: Percentage of Democratic Identifiers by Abortion Opinion among White Voters

	PRO-CHOICE	PRO-LIFE	DIFFERENCE
ALL VOTERS	62	24	38
ABORTION IMPORTANCE			
LESS IMPORTANT	55	35	20
MORE IMPORTANT	69	16	53
CAMPAIGN INVOLVEMENT			
LOW	53	36	17
MODERATE	62	20	42
HIGH	75	8	67

Source: 2008 American National Election Study

TABLE 4.5
Correlation of Party Identification with Economic and Cultural Issues Scales by Race and Campaign Involvement in 2008

GROUP	ECONOMIC ISSUES SCALE	CULTURAL ISSUES SCALE
BLACKS	.14	.04
LATINOS	.36	.02
WHITES	.59	.36
VERY LOW INVOLVEMENT	.21	.00
LOW INVOLVEMENT	.39	.19
MODERATE INVOLVEMENT	.60	.41
HIGH INVOLVEMENT	.77	.65

Source: 2008 American National Election Study
Note: The entries shown are Pearson's r.