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46	21	n.d.	Report	Nixon's contributions to Republican representation in Congress. 11 pages.
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The implication promulgated by some political observers that Nixon was a drag on party success in the 1960 campaign does not bear up under examination of the election results. A study of House and Senate election returns clearly shows that Nixon contributed heavily to the increase in Republican representation in the Congress.

For example, in the Congressional races, where Republicans had their most conspicuous success, Nixon ran ahead of the elected Republicans in all but four of the 31 districts affected.

In the Senate races, Nixon ran ahead of the ticket in 19 of the 26 states where there was a genuine contest. He ran far ahead of such conservatives as Curtis, Dworshak, Mundt, Schoeppel and Tower. In fact, the only Republican now in the Senate to run ahead of Nixon in 1960 who is generally designated as a conservative is Bridges. Nixon carried fourteen states where there was a Senatorial contest, but in only ten of these states was the Republican senatorial nominee successful. Moreover, Nixon ran ahead of the ticket in the nine states where both Nixon and the Republican candidate for Senator were defeated.

(Supporting data which follows is from The Congressional Quarterly)

1960 ELECTION RESULTS

A total of 280 Senate and House candidates ran five percentage points or more ahead of their party's Presidential ticket in their State or District, a Congressional Quarterly survey shows (#15, April 14, 1961, p. 636). Of the 280, 226 were Democrats (30 of them running without major party opposition) and 54 were Republicans (3 running without major party opposition). While 210 of the elected Democrats ran 5 percentage points or more ahead of Kennedy, only 53 out of the 133 elected Republicans similarly bested Nixon's record.

	Ran Ahead	5% Ahead	10% Ahead	20% Ahead
DEMOCRATS	331	226	70	19
REPUBLICANS	13 3	54	22	1

Regional breakdown of those who ran 5 percentage points or more ahead:

	East	Midwest	South	West	Total
DEMOCRATS	36	38	122	30	226
REPUBLICANS	24	14	3	13	54

SUMMARY

House Seata:

Republicans regained 26 seats which had been held by Democrats, but in so doing they also lost 5 seats making a net Republican gain of 21 seats. In 29 of the 31 states affected, Nixon ran ahead of the ticket and it has been conceded by impartial observers that he had considerable impact in getting additional Republican representation in the House. He clearly outdistanced Kennedy in this respect.

Senate Seats:

Republicans regained 2 Senate seats and held 11. In 19 of the 26 states, where there was a genuine contest, Nixon ran ahead of the ticket. In 7 states where Republican Senatorial nominees were victorious Nixon ran behind, though he gained the electoral votes in 4 of these states.

Except for 2 avowed conservatives (Bridges and Thompson) Nixon led the ticket by percentage points ranging from 1.1% to 5.8%. There were only 3 states where Republican nominees were elected to the Senate but failed to give Nixon their electoral college votes. However, Nixon carried 4 states where the Republican nominees lost. In 9 states where both Nixon and the Republican nominees lost, Nixon ran ahead of the ticket by percentage points ranging from .8% to 12.8%.

REPUBLICAN GAINS IN 1960 HOUSE ELECTIONS

CALIFORNIA - 25th District		
Nixon	194,271	57.0%
Rousselot, John - R	182,545	53.6%
Kasem, George - D	158,289	46.4%
COLORADO - 2nd District		
Nixon	158,081	59.2%
Dominick, Peter - R	150,964	57.6%
Johnson, Byron - D	111,077	42.4%
CONNECTICUT - 2nd District		
Nixon	90,681	48.2%
Seely-Brown, Horace - R	93,971	50.1%
St. Onges, William - D	93,515	49.9%
4th District		
Nixon	167,778	53.4%
Sibal, Abner - R	160,654	51.3%
Irwin, Donald - D	150,205	48.0%
INDIANA - 5th District		
Nixon	122,780	57.1%
Chambers, George - R	106,882	50.0%
* Roush, J. Edward - D	108,870	50.0%
6th District		
Nixon	95,811	58.5%
Roudebush, Richard - R	84,662	52.0%
Wampler, Fred - D	78,247	48.0%
9th District		
Nixon	80,310	56.6%
Wilson, Earl - R	71,402	50.6%
Hogan, Earl - D	69,761	49.4%
10th District		
Nixon	107,446	58.1%
Harvey, Ralph - R	104,885	57.1%
Harmon, Randall - D	78,716	42.9%
11th District		
Nixon	166,202	57.7%
Bruce, Donald - R	154,676	53.7%
Barr, Joseph - D	133,153	46.2%
* Declared winner June, 1961		(Cont'd)

Brown, Charles - D

MONTANA - 2nd District

Battin, James - R

Graybill, Leo - D

Nixon

(Cont'd)

45.1%

52.3%

50.9%

49.1%

88,162

83,071

78,277

75,507

87,646

47.3%

Flynn, Gerald - D

SEATS HELD BY REPUBLICANS LOST IN 1960

IDAHO - 2nd District		
Nixon	102,705	56.4%
Budge, Hamer - R	86,100	48.8%
Harding, Ralph - D	90,161	51.2%
NEW JERSEY - 8th District		
Nixon	77,059	44.4%
Kennedy, Walter - R	74,135	43.8%
Joelson, Charles - D	88,100	52,0%
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NEW YORK - 1st District		
Nixon	216,655	57.0%
Wainwright, Stuyvesant	•	49.6%
- R	204,547	474010
Pike, Otis - D	197,667	50.4%
TIME, OLIS - D	177,007	3044/8
NEW YORK - 5th District		
Hall Tolde - Jell Districe		
Nixon	80,598	51.1%
Archinal, George - R	63,631	46.5%
	79,088	53 . 5%
Addabbo, Joseph - D	79,000	23.3%
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NEW YORK - 12th District		
Nixon	61,680	46.3%
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Dorn, Francis - R	64,899	49.6%
Carey, Hugh - D	65,996	50.4%

STATES CARRIED BY NIXON WHERE A REPUBLICAN WAS ELECTED SENATOR

STATE	republican Nominee	NIXON % POINTS
Colorado	Allott *	÷ 1.1
Idaho	Dworshak *	÷ 1.5
Iowa	Miller	÷ 4.8
Kansas	Schoeppel *	÷ 5.8
Nebraska	Curtis *	÷ 3.2
South Dakota	Mundt *	÷ 5.8
Kentucky	Cooper *	- 1.7
Maine	Smith *	- 4.6
New Hampshire	Bridges *	- 6.9
Wyoming	Thompson	- 1.4
STATES LOST BY NIXON WHERE Delaware Massachusetts New Jersey	Boggs Saltonstall * Case *	- 1.7 -16.6 - 4.5
STATES CARRIED BY NIXON WHI	ere a democrat was elected	SENATOR
Alaska	McKinley	÷14.3
Montana	Fjare	÷ 1.8
Oklahoma	Crawford	÷ 4.4
Oregon	Smith	↔ 7.2
STATES NOT CARRIED BY NIXON Illinois Michigan Minnesota Missouri New Mexico North Carolina Rhode Island Texas West Virginia	Witwer Bentley Peterson Hocker Colwes Hayes Archambault Tower Underwood	÷ 4.6 ÷ .8 ÷ 7.0 ÷ 2.9 ÷12.8 ÷ 9.3 ÷ 5.7 ÷ 7.4 ÷ 2.6
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^{*} Incumbent

COMPARISON OF REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL NOMINEES

with

RICHARD NIXON'S VOTES

1960 ELECTIONS

ALASKA			
Nixon McKinley	30,953 21,937	50.9% 36.6%	
COLORADO			
Nixon * Allott	402,242 389,428	5 4. 6% 5 3. 5%	
DELAWARE			
Nixon Boggs	96 ,373 98 , 874	49.0% 50.7%	
IDAHO			
Nikon * Dworshak	161,597 152,648	53.8% 52.3%	
ILLINOIS			
Nixon Witwer	2,368,988 2,093,846	49.8% 45.2%	
AWOI			
Nixon Miller	722,381 642,463	56.7% 51.9%	
KANSAS			
Nixon * Schoeppel	56 1,474 48 5,49 9	60.4% 54.6%	
KENTUCKY			
Nixon * Cooper	602,607 644,087	5 3. 6% 59 .2 %	
MAINE			
Nixon * Smith	240,608 256,890	57.0% 61.6%	
MASSACHUSETTS			
Nixon * Saltonstall	976,750 1,358,556	39.6% 56.2%	
* Incumbent			(cont'd)

MICHIGAN		
Nixon Bentley	1,620,428 1,548,873	48.8% 48.0%
MINNESOTA		
Nixon Peterson	757,915 648,586	49.2% 42.2%
MISSOURI		
Nixon Hocker	962,221 880,576	49.7% 46.8%
MONTANA		
Nixon Fjare	141,841 136,281	51.1% 49.3%
NEBRASKA		
Nixon * Curtis	380,553 352,748	62.1% 5 8.9 %
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
Nixon * Bridges	157,989 173,521	53.4% 60.3%
NEW JERSEY		
Nixon * Case	1,363,324 1,483,832	49.2 % 5 5.7 %
NEW MEXICO		
Nixon Colwes	153,733 109,897	49.4% 36.6%
NORTH CAROLINA		
Nixon Hayes	6 5 5, 4 20 497,964	47.9% 38.6%
OKLAHOMA		
Nixon Crawford	5 33,03 9 385,646	59.0% 44.6%
OREGON		
Nixon Smith (Elmo)	408,060 343,009	52.6% 45.4%

^{*} Incumbent

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RHODE ISLAND		
Nixon	147,502	36.4%
Archambault	124,408	30.7%
SOUTH DAKOTA		
Nixon	178,417	58.2%
* Mundt	160,181	52.4%
TEXAS		
Nixon	1,121,699	48.5%
Tower	926,653	41.1%
WEST VIRGINIA		
Nixon	395,995	47.3%
Underwood	369,935	44.7%
<u>UYOMING</u>		
Nixon	77,451	55.0%
Thompson	78,103	56.4%

^{* -} Incumbent

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uslead of debate in depth.

were deliberately designed to entertain, not inform

big city forces wild not have been ched by shyrical pres. - breacht of campaign resulted in carrying more states + more long dists than K - needed to free time into south-made kep traily 3- religion - our lath pods wanted us to use Bailey memo + fact of JFK's minister film to show lath's being used but RN refused to discuss- matter of principle - even if he had - wouldn't have chigd vote 4- hit harder - was 1st probly only 50 state caus. - physical - everyday hit on basic view - Div init vo fed control - press didn't accurately reflect depth of speeches covered form but not enul content - how many know of or read 12 porit papers too deep to cover in specch - had to get out faithful + sway undecided 5- Ske sooner - geared to last 3 weeks - Ske would have but didn't feel JFK serious threat - thus nove effective than it cannot speech

all prots trace back to need for strong party development esp. big cities bring in all elements - young Negro, lawr etc Get away from social club-work for cause no honest election if one party control in cities Machines corp. with Dems - Meedan Connel Clean up voling by sublicity + presence RN places to devote his time to public + party affairs Concerned about low feelle org. is - esp. big cities = outreg 3-2, look at setuction - in 60 vs 52 2 -/ margu in Cong. 30 NO 14 had sas many bors as 52 153 long vo control in 52 592 son vo 857 1/4 as many state lays (26 vo 7) must win local & state exp bows of NJ, mich, Pa. etc suity org more interested in Courthouse than stathouse We had to get 8-10 million Demos + 55-60% of Inds. effect of press need big irouds etc not for coud . but for recution need to force coverage start now to develop relation - + inform must have sound planning for events use our critical facilities in each discussion meeting praise or damn curent acts

+ publicize your action - make new every meeting this influences of gradually molds public opinion member of minority party - must express in terms of others interests take local action, don't wait for direction from Wash. too many different Elements - no real power letter writing is effective Cet rid of non-partis an villes make it be - partisan

Belai Repub Women + Beta alemni My job in Campaign pre lim - set up offices, club org.

recruited and trained 18 acto-men + 15 rally men Campaign - tour mgr + chief of advance men Travelled wy RN to all 50 - 64A + 75A = 140 incl. previous (56158) over 200 A miles left for KN adv. man's job - outline procedure + details Duffalo BBG story fire engine in road in Rollford-Beloit Crowds for train non-stops run thun typical schedule " " AM check list will attempt to be Syective - but admit bias to RN - also speak only for myself - no implications of anyone elses view descess campaign cuticisms - don't mistake cando for apology 1- Debates -- natl chmn committed to long, commo before conventions Threts wanted to obscure payola + rigging scandals - poll in Convention interlude showed K-I min. 10 sto ahead Jany Rep. combination - we weren't ahead

fair criticism is of format - not whether to hold them.

Shedn't have let nets pressure into snappy enterfainment Instead of discussion in depth - classical delate - had to get 8-10 mill Dens plus 55-60% of Inds. - almost did. 2-505tate - big city forces weld not have been that changed by shipical pres.

Dem. machines, labor vote, minorities, economic factor,
plus weak Reput org.

- estab. Reput as trul, national party-great strides in South
weld not have caused more states + long dists than K. 3- religion

- our lath. friends wanted us to use Baile, memo - Cathe being used"

RN refused to discuss-principle - religion no bearing on Capability

4- Ske sooner -- geared to last 3 weeks - more effective to buildup - The would have - but didn't feel & serious Thear til end hence was more eff. fighter than with canned speece 5 - hit harder - flat allegation no pres. cand live enunciated Reput.
philosophy more clearly than RN - at least one speech each day - basic cleavage of shilo sophy individual american + private sector is, sely on Fed. Good. - major position papers - science, education, farm, tax, Communion & -press gave form, not enufcontent - no depth -- This was probly first only 50 state Campaign perhaps events more heavy factor than shelosophy - per Lubell Peale - AN illness - Lodge - Alger = no control, Kent badly look at stuation in 60 - vo 52 - outreg 3-2, 2-1 margin in few, HR+ Govs. 14 gors es 30, 72 house control states es 26 153 long. No Control of House lessons -1- overhaul primary system - toomany disparities cands wealth 2 - shorten campaign 3- media need to examine their reportibilities. report in depth, unbiased, landslide prediction 3 who early
expects on Win East leefor Polls Closed 1000-/ for /
4- importance of individual vote + pro of being cast + counted need to modernige ballot box mackinery Nevise eligibility laws - count absenters same day descripancies in makeup of ballot - Levas (in machine areas RN 40,000 ahead of K) Chicago 2nd 50 thp - 22 votes, 82 apps, 77 votes carr Anglia Cty P 27 Tex-86 votes, 17/ Cast-147K, 24N Fannin Cty Tex- K 3-1 - 6/38 cast, 4895 elegible votes 5- electoral college reform - prop. to long, dest. - RN wild have won

2/10 of 1% in 69 million votes - \$5,000 in & states wedchy. lack person can have a pet theory why we tour relate to ad. campaign eval. if Kayburn right - wordt depression since 32 - RN remarkale Carried 228 long Dist is 206 fork gained 2 goves. 7 more 2 house states, 2/ Long. RN 200 At letter - more Than Kacc. to Sen PO Vasic problem is Repub party organization big city machines - no honest election if I party control must bring in all elements - young, Vegro, labor, etc must now criticize Dens - don't concede abandoned platform Boby not legally competent missile gap Mc Namaras back pay Call for increased discipline is massive feel handouts demand for min, wage raine in all your neetings - pass resolutions of damn or praise of publicize them we must win in lotal of state - Good, etc RN working on party org. Calif & natt. - you can too.