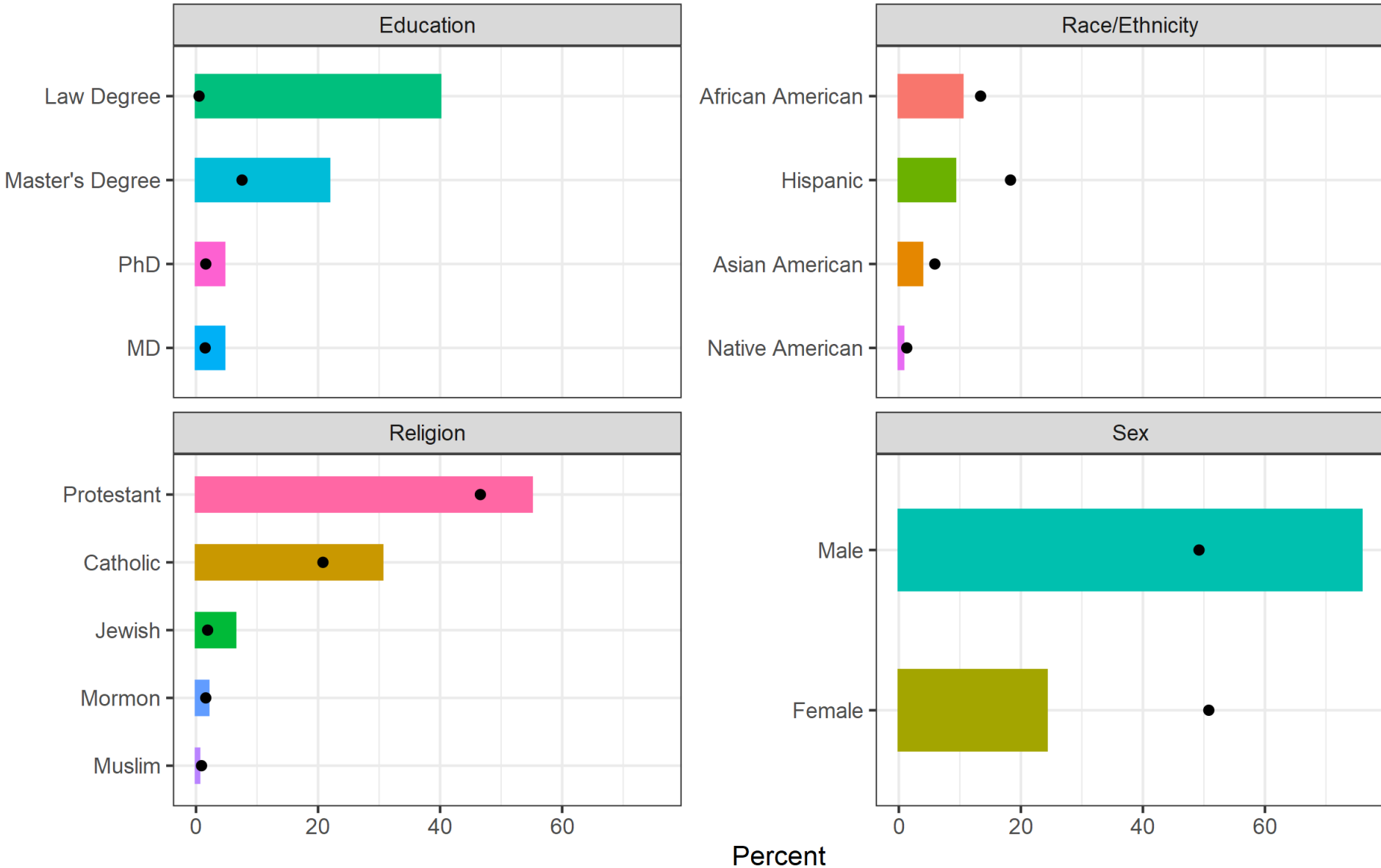


Selected Demographic Characteristics, Members of the U.S. Congress, 2020

Bars indicate percent in Congress; dots indicate percent in U.S. population

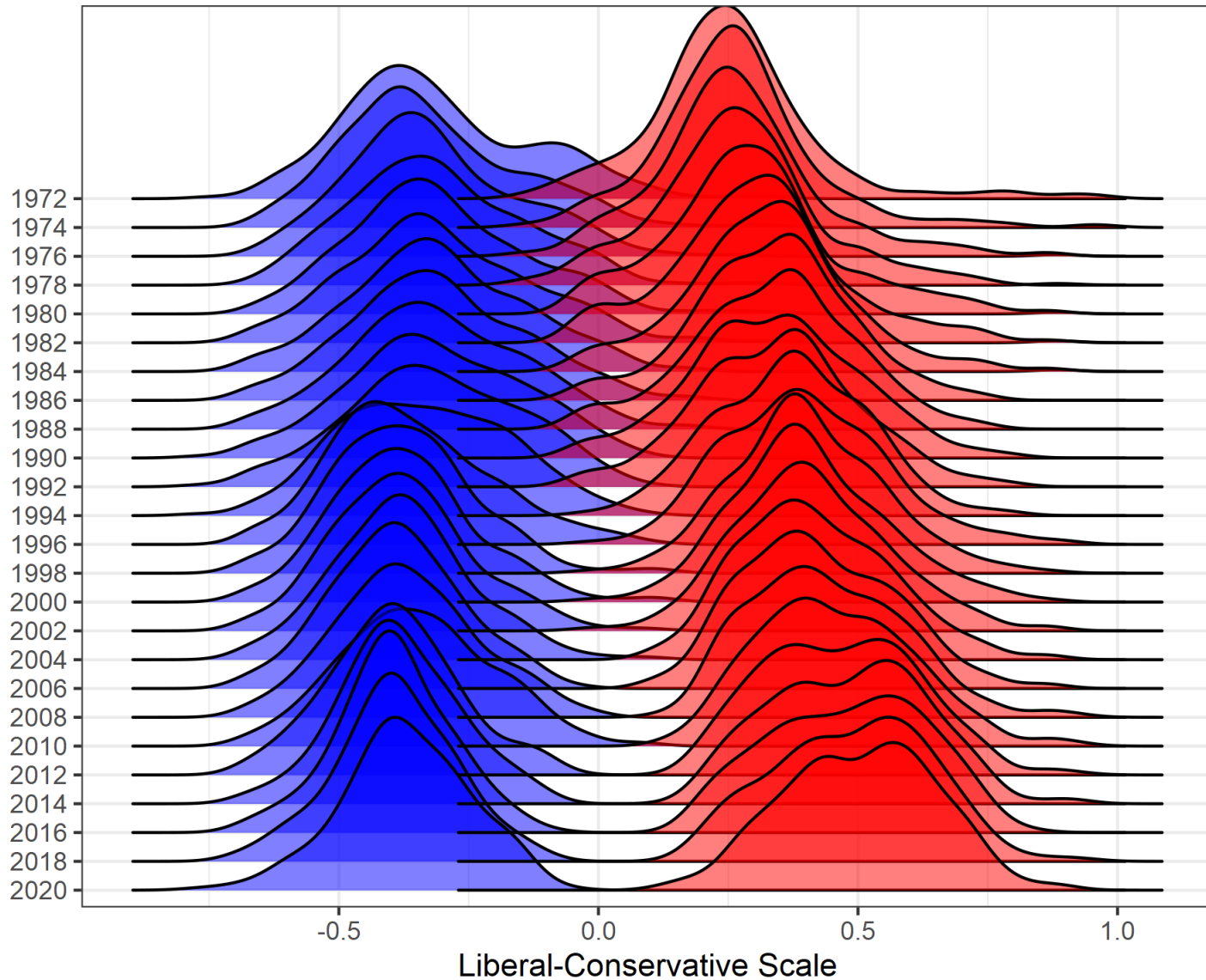


Source: Congressional Research Service, 'Membership of the 116th Congress: A Profile,' January 14, 2020.

The Parties in Congress Have Moved Apart Since the 1970s

House Members' Ideological Positions

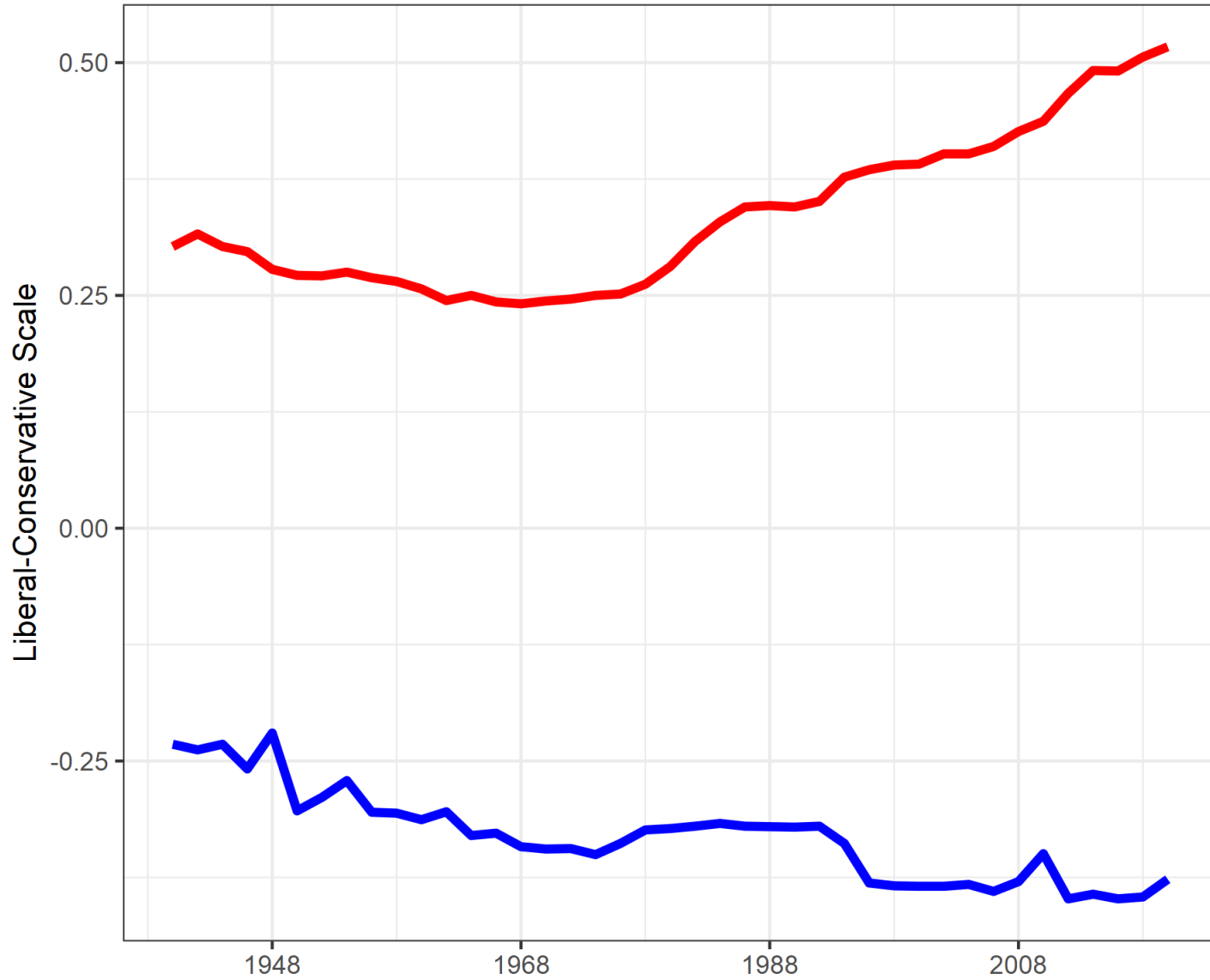
Democrats in blue, Republicans in red.



Source: DWNominate data from Voteview.com.

Median Ideological Position of House Democrats and Republicans

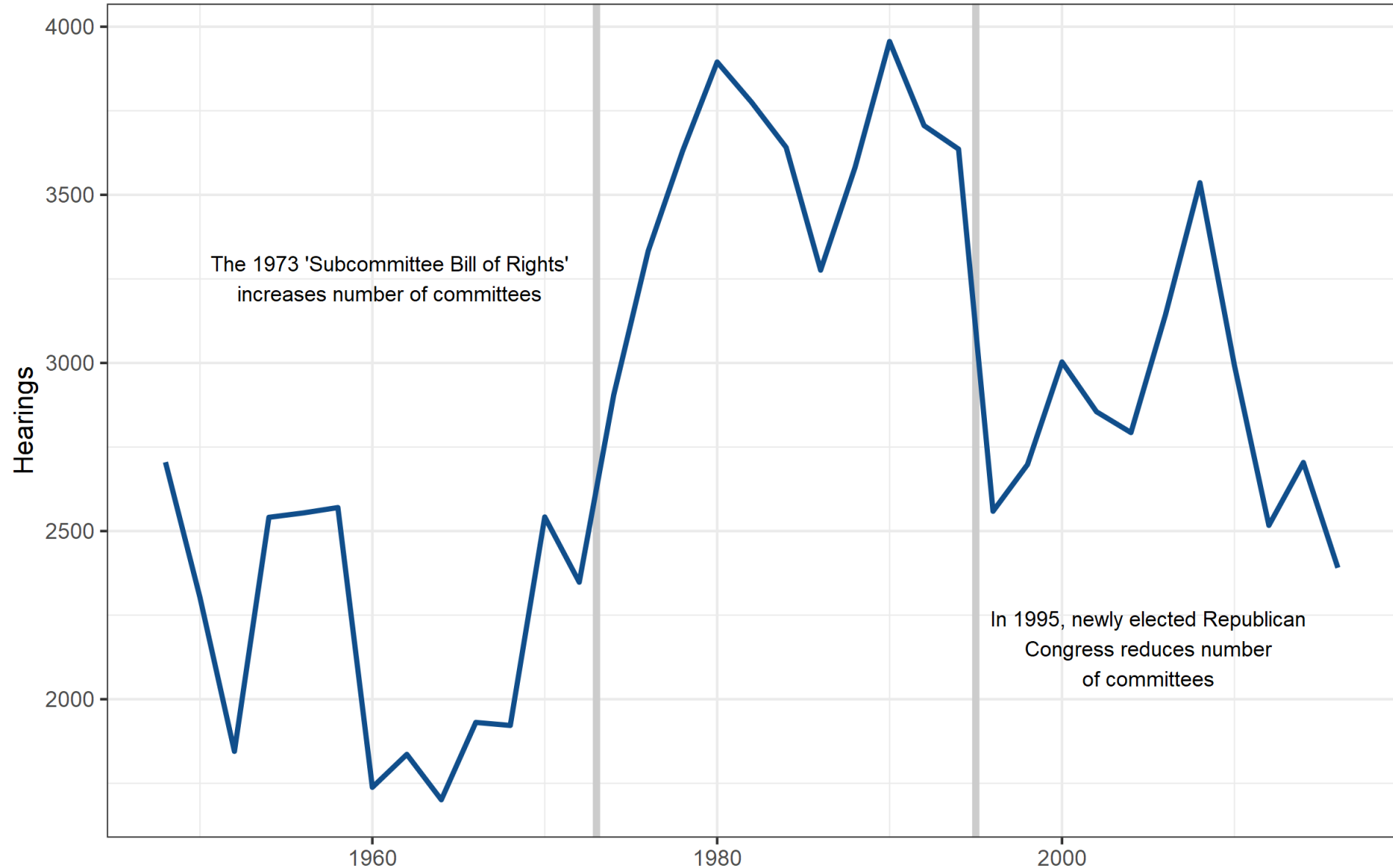
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Number of Congressional Hearings, 1947-2016

Total number of hearings per two-year Congress



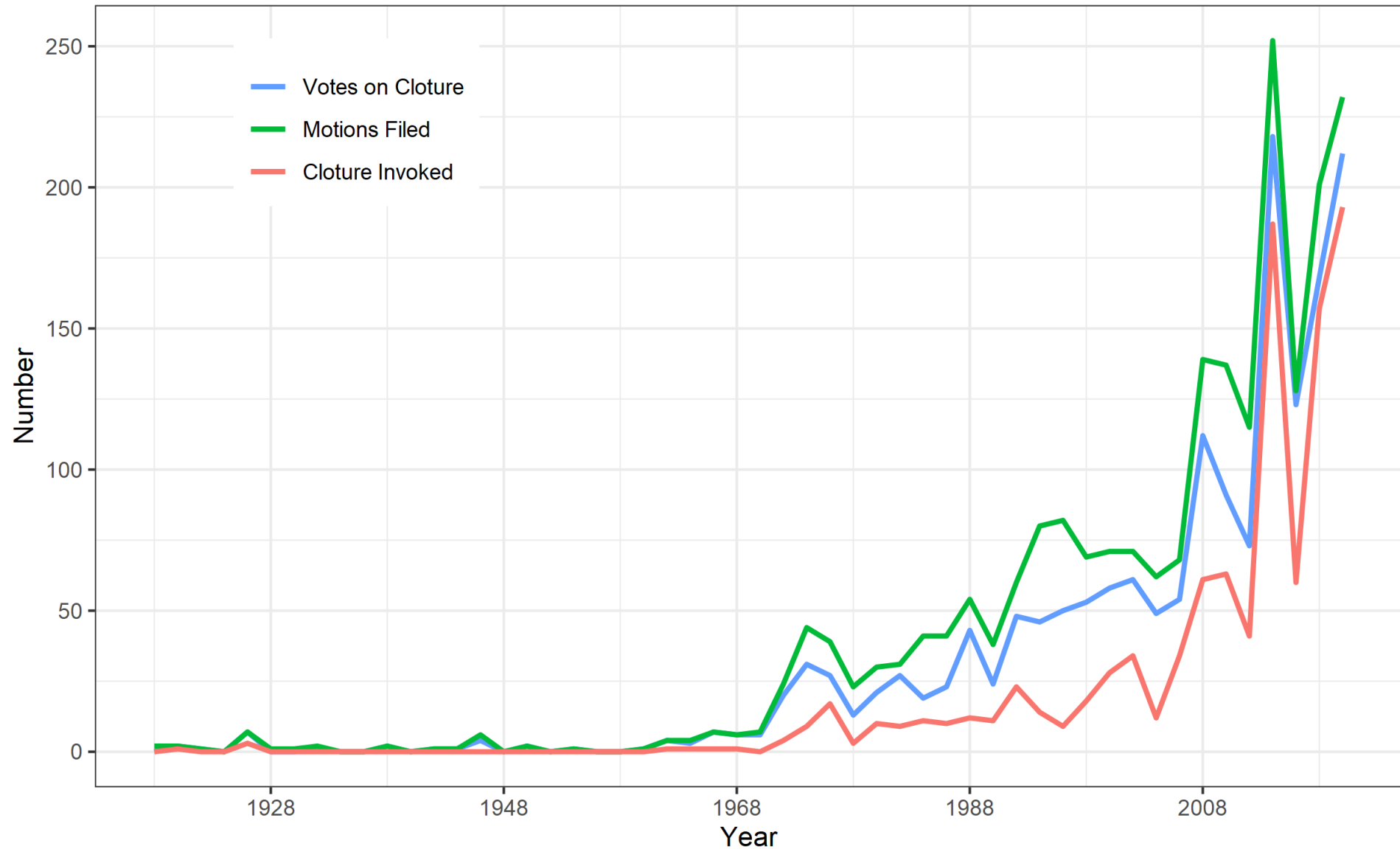
In 1995, newly elected Republican Congress reduces number of committees

The 1973 'Subcommittee Bill of Rights' increases number of committees

Source: The Policy Agendas Project, www.comparativeagendas.net.

Cloture Motions in the U.S. Senate, 1917-2020

A cloture motion seeks to cut off debate and usually indicates that a filibuster is taking place.



Note: Count by two-year Congress. Data from 2020 not yet complete.
Source: U.S. Senate, <https://www.senate.gov/legislative/cloture/clotureCounts.htm>