



# Ideology of Faculty in the Social Sciences and Humanities

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# Then and Now

## Democrats per Republican

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	1964 Pres. elect.	1968 Pres. elect.	1972 Pres. elect.	Composite '64/'68/'72	Klein- Stern 2003
Social Science	8.9 : 1	3.8 : 1	3.5 : 1	4 : 1	8 : 1
Humanities	6.6 : 1	3.1 : 1	2.4 : 1		

(Ladd & Lipset pp. 62-64)



# Two studies I would like to tell you about

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- Klein-Stern survey of 6 nationwide academic associations
- Klein-Western study of voter registration at Berkeley and Stanford

# Klein-Western Voter Reg Study

- Andrew Western, a junior at Santa Clara U., majoring in Economics and in Political Science.
- Andrew collected and organized the data





# 23 academic departments at Berkeley and Stanford

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- **Social Sciences**: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology
- **Humanities**: English, French and Italian, History, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, and Rel. Studies
- **Hard Sciences and Math**: Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Neurobiology/ Neurology, and Physics
- **Professional schools and departments**: Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Law, Journalism, Accounting, and Marketing



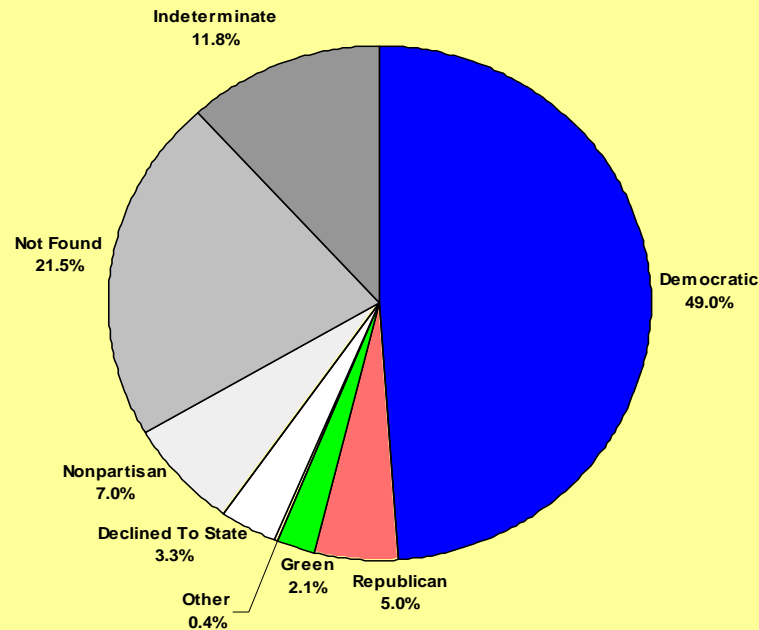
# Berkeley-Stanford Voter Reg

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- Tenure-track only
- 1497 names in all
- Seven counties
- Systematic method
- Got reads on 67% of names
- Put our data on the web (names redacted)

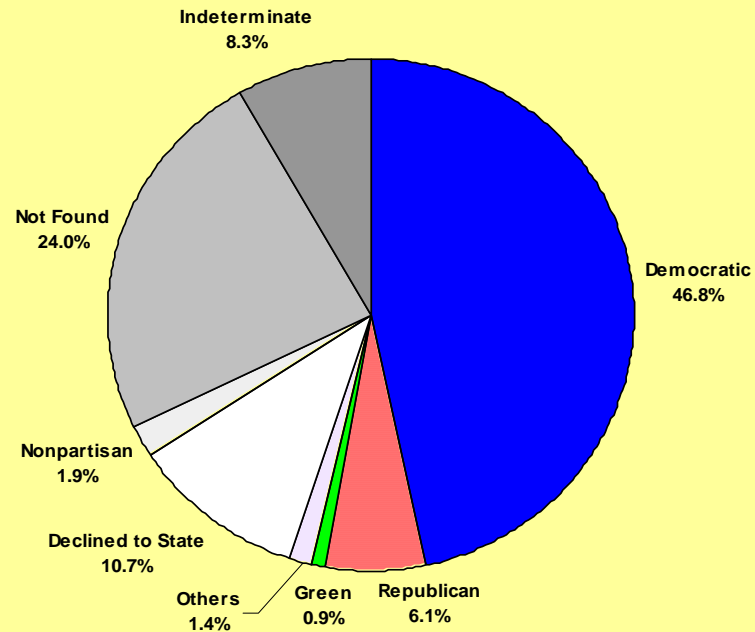
# Berkeley: 9.9 to 1

Party registration of UC-Berkeley faculty  
(N=909)



# Stanford: 7.6 to 1

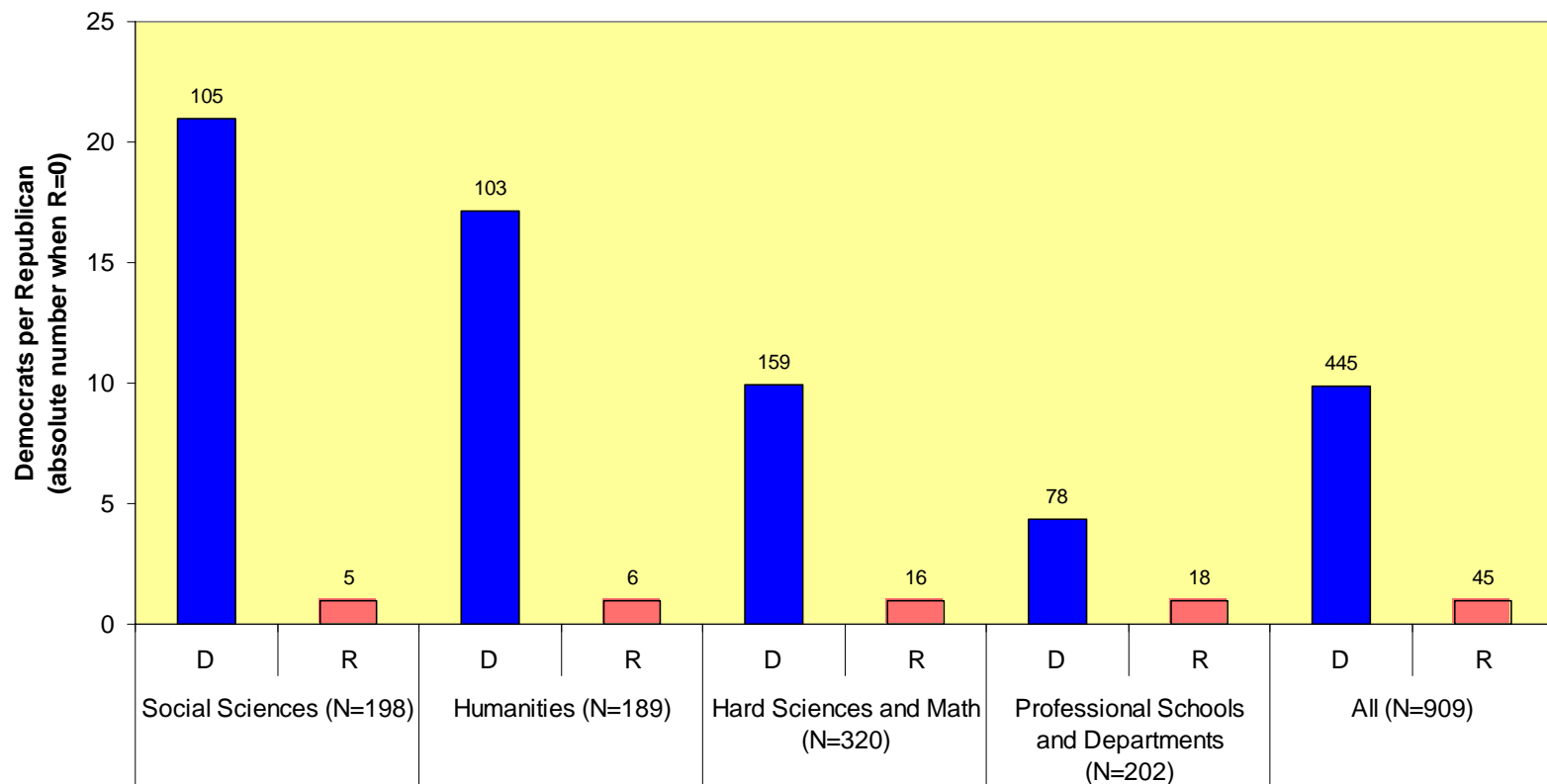
**Party registration of Stanford University faculty  
(N=588)**





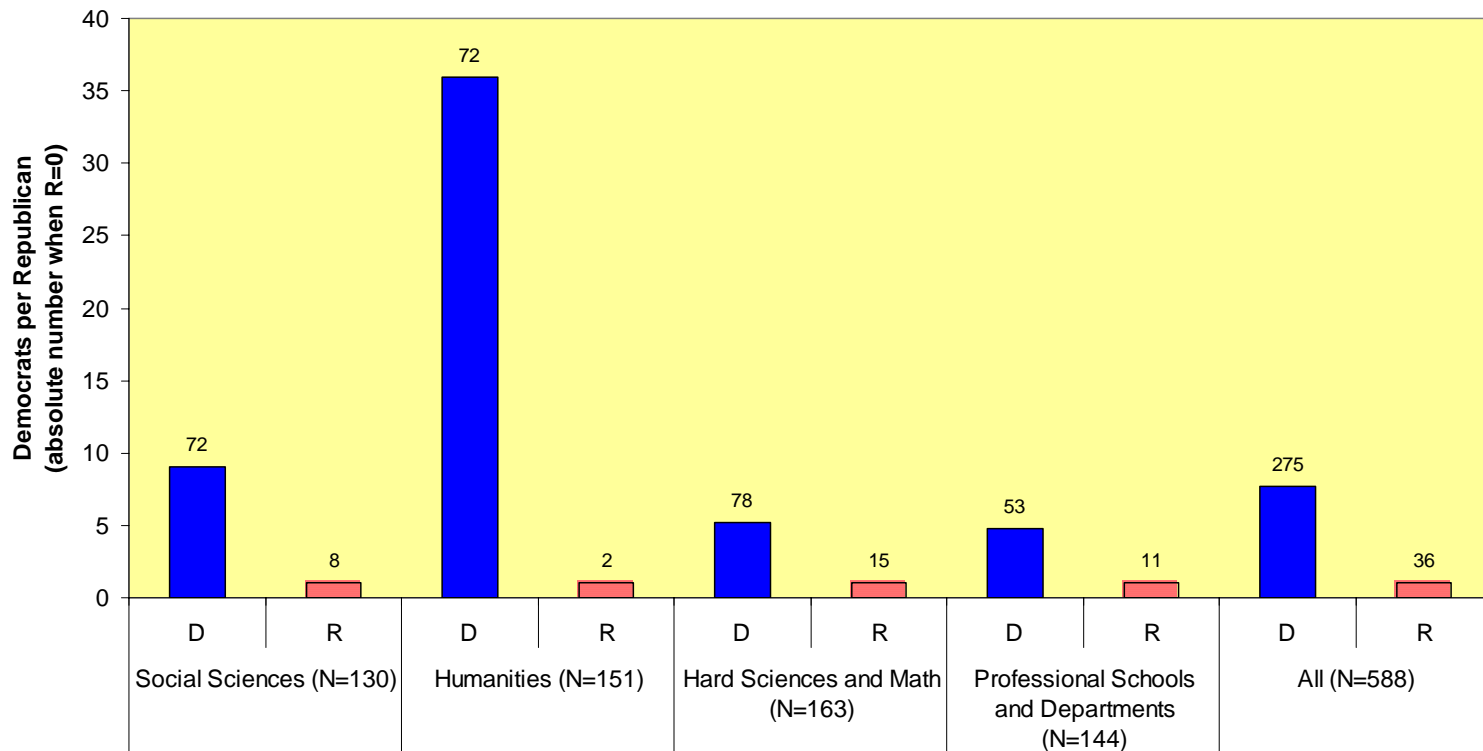
# Broad Groupings: Berkeley

UC-Berkeley broad groupings' D:R ratios



# Broad Groupings: Stanford

Stanford University broad groupings' D:R ratios





# Social Sciences and Humanities Berkeley and Stanford

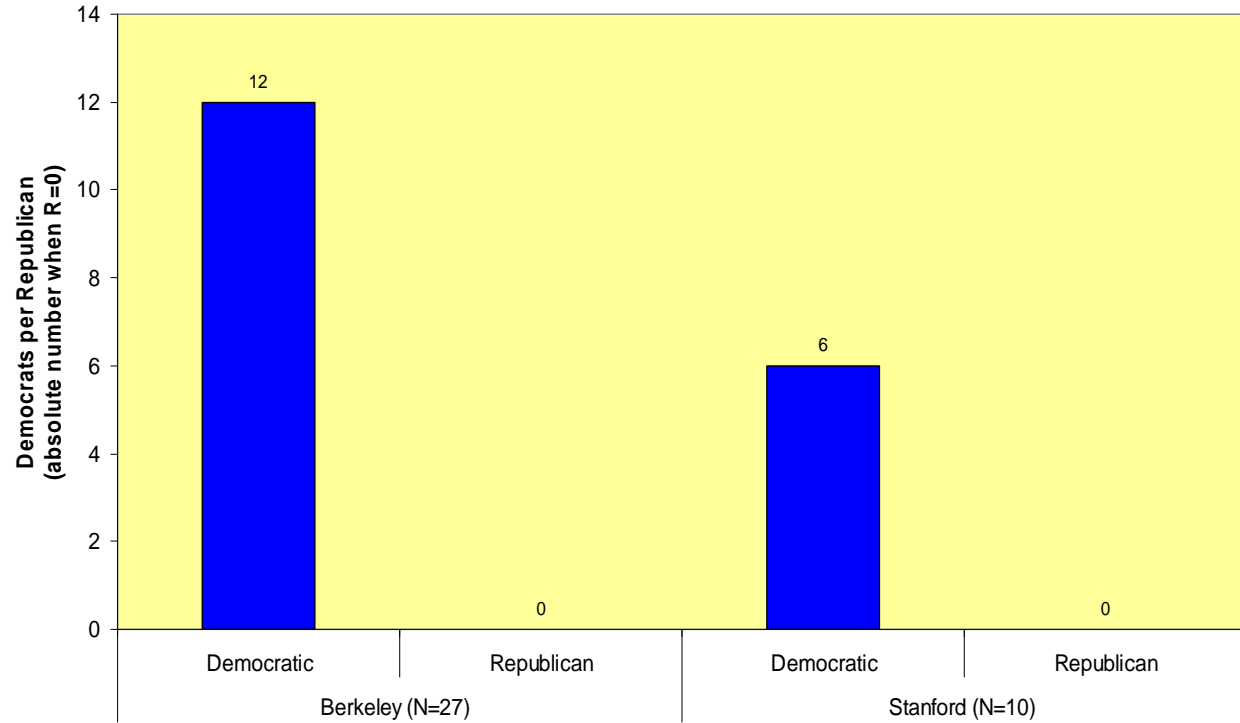
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352 Democrats and 21 Republicans

**16 to 1**

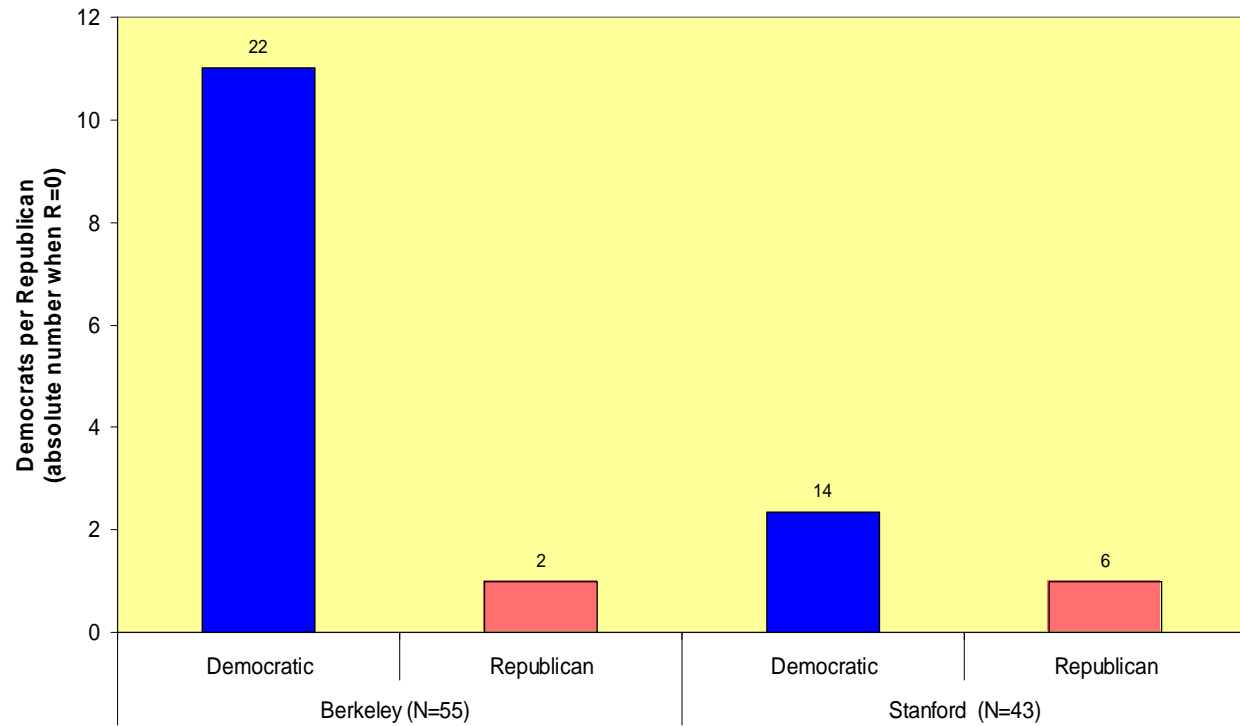
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Anthropology departments' D:R ratios



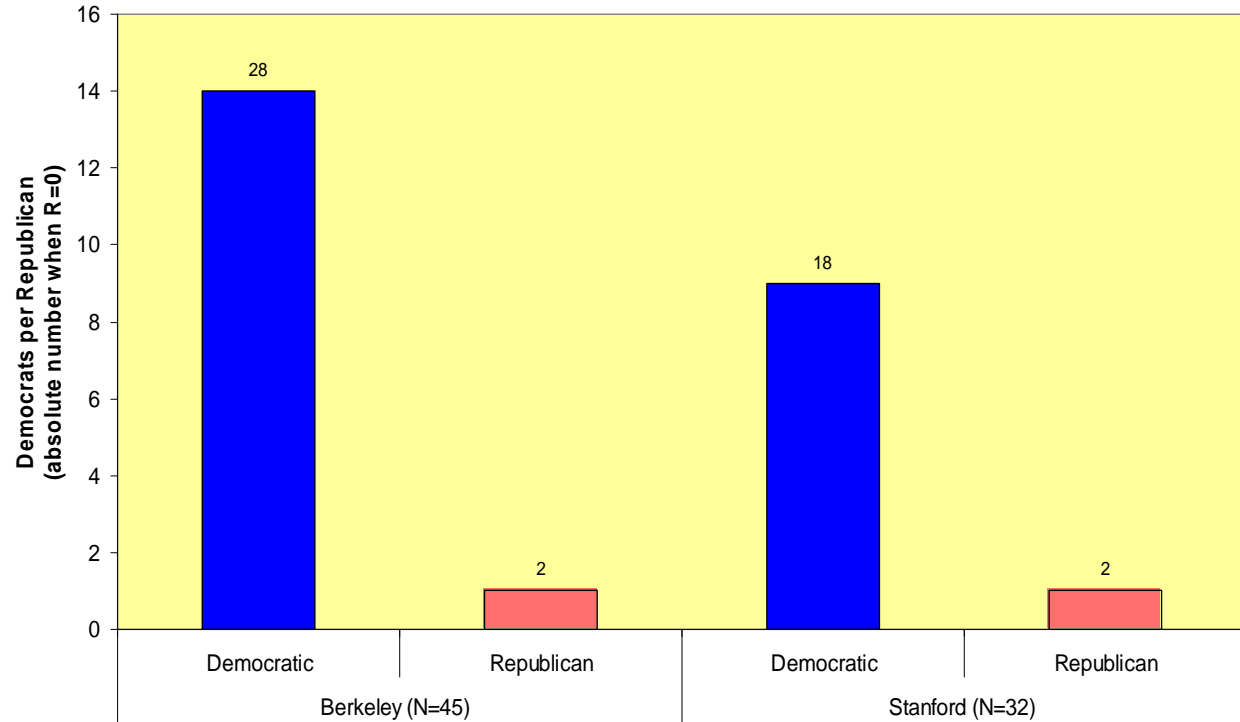
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Economics departments' D:R ratios



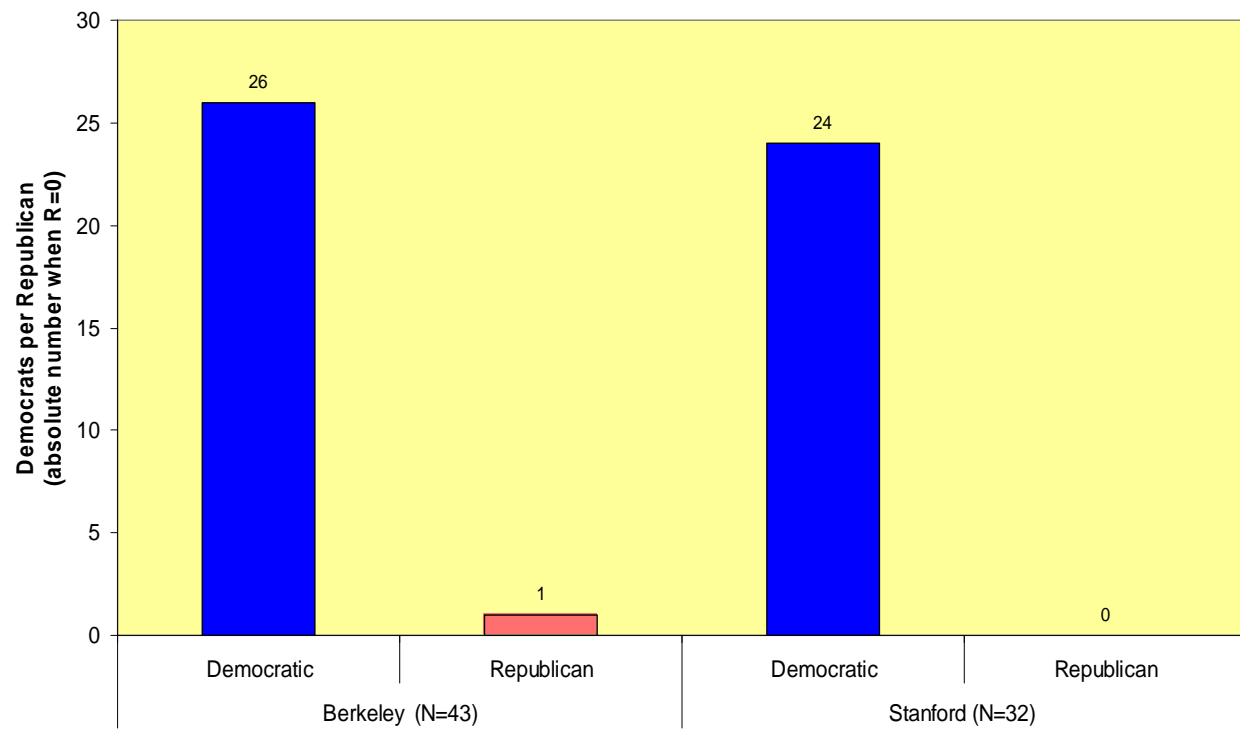
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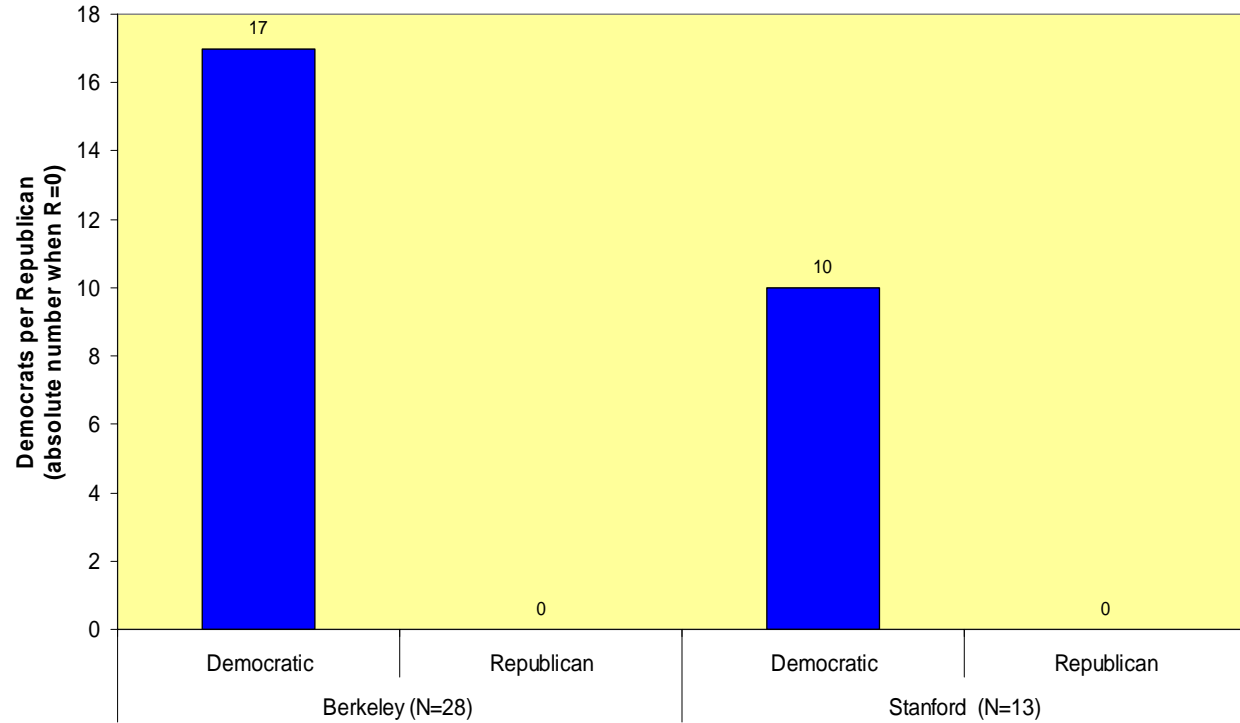
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# Sociology

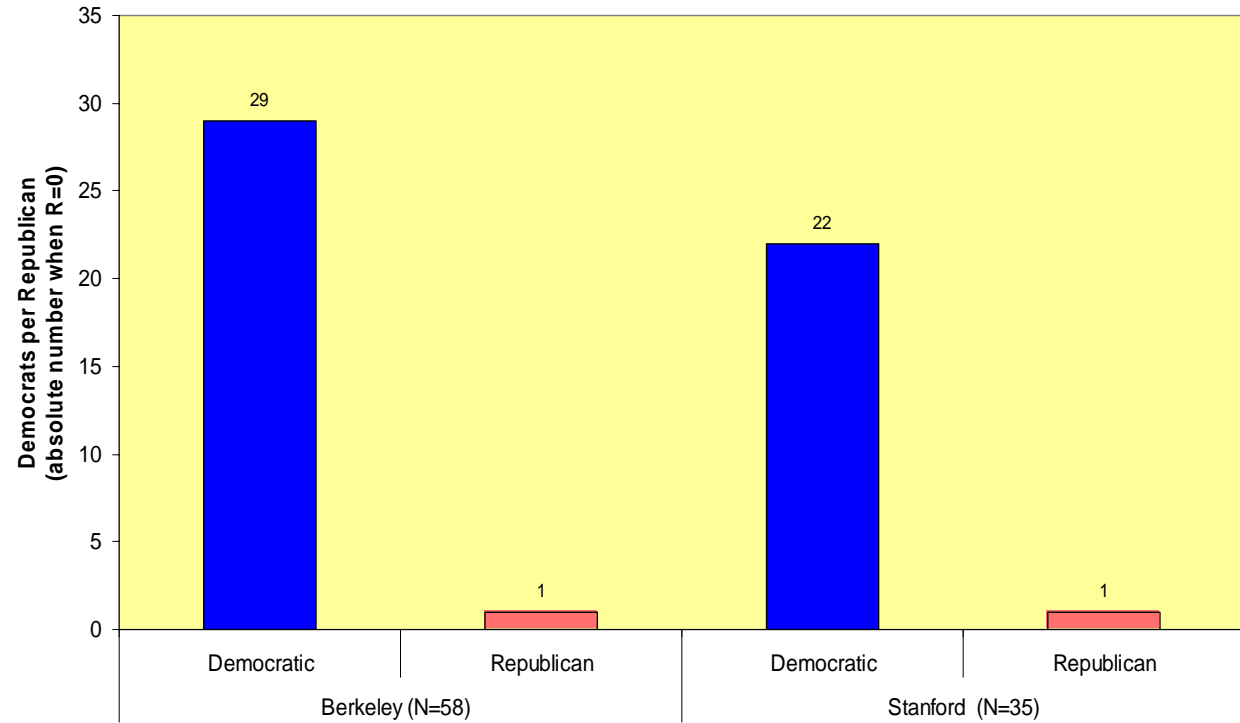
Sociology departments' D:R ratios





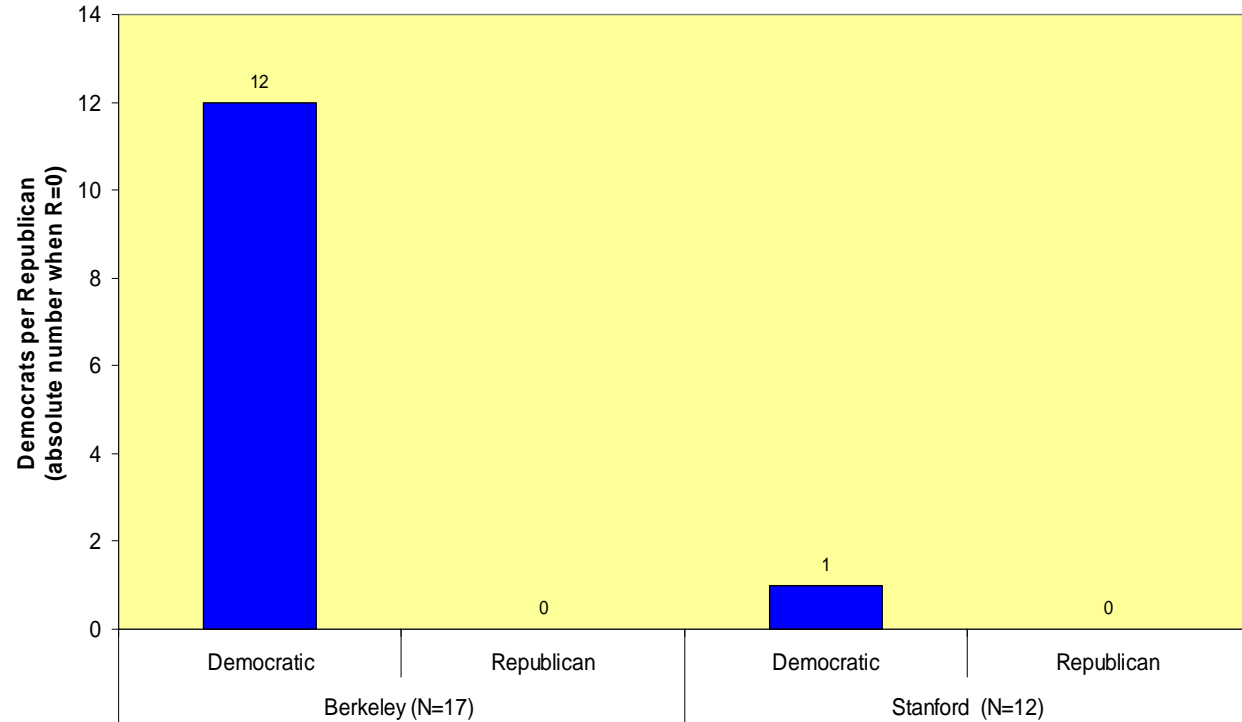
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English departments' D:R ratios



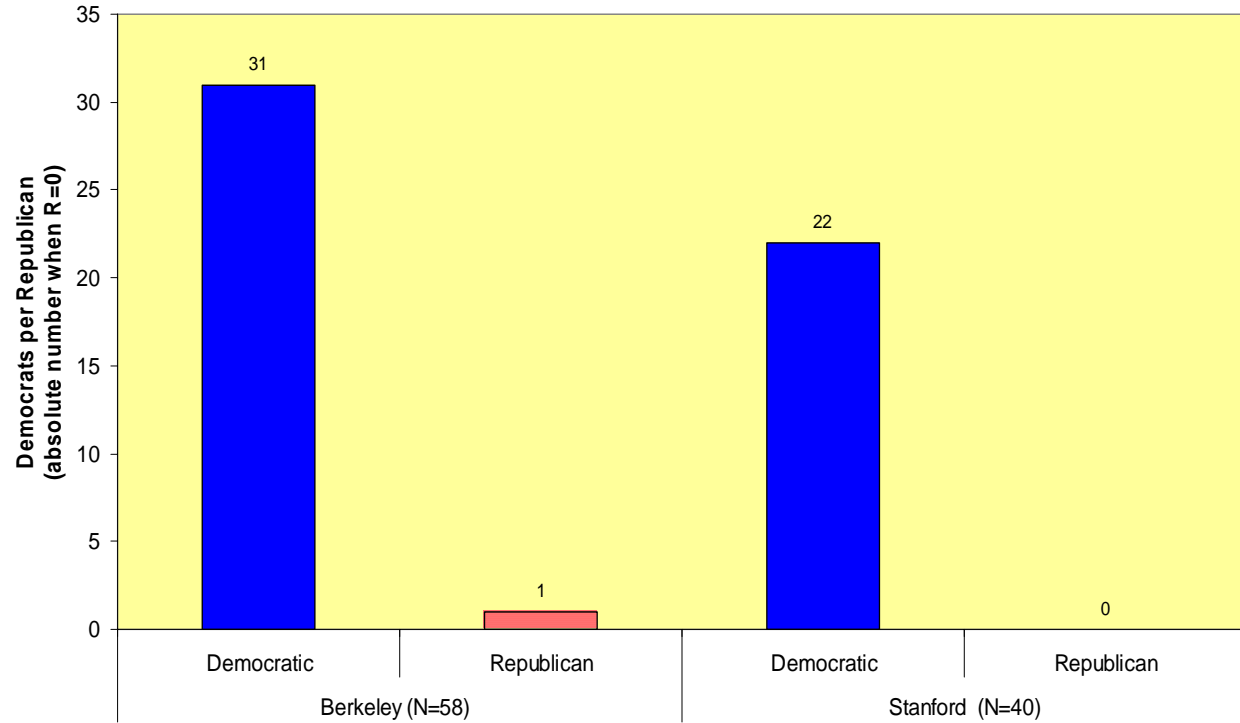
# French and Italian

French & Italian departments' D:R ratios



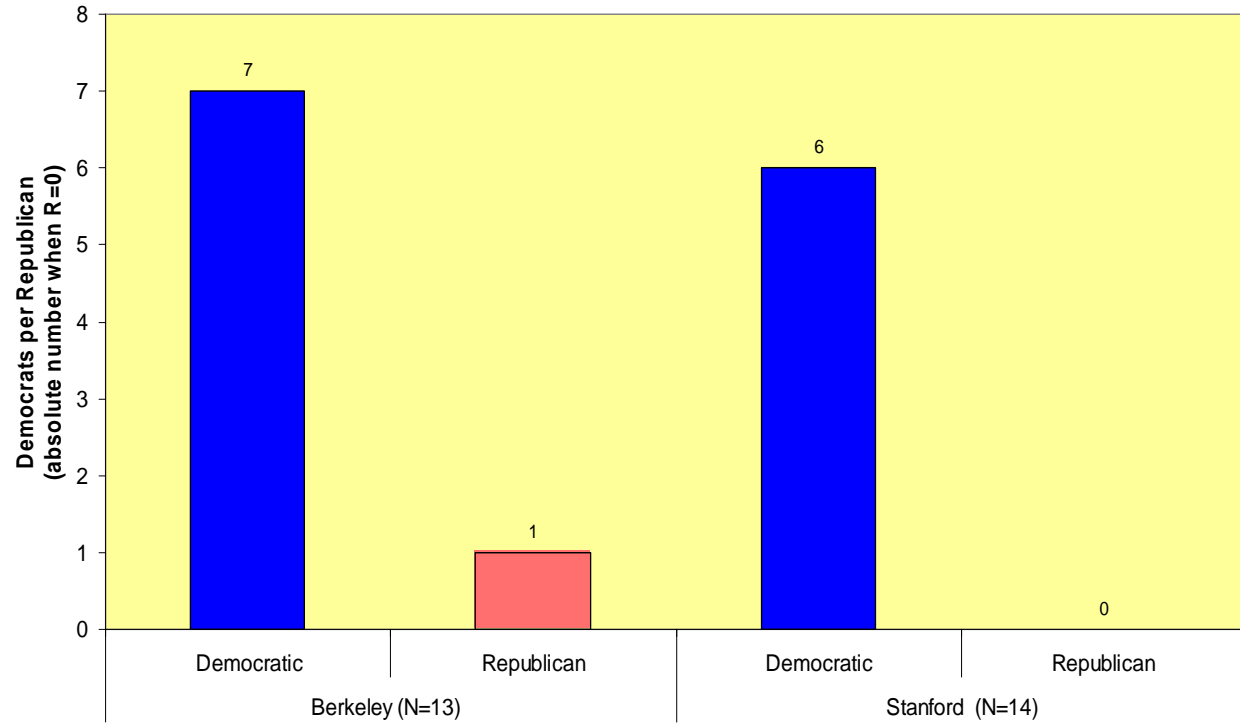
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History departments' D:R ratios



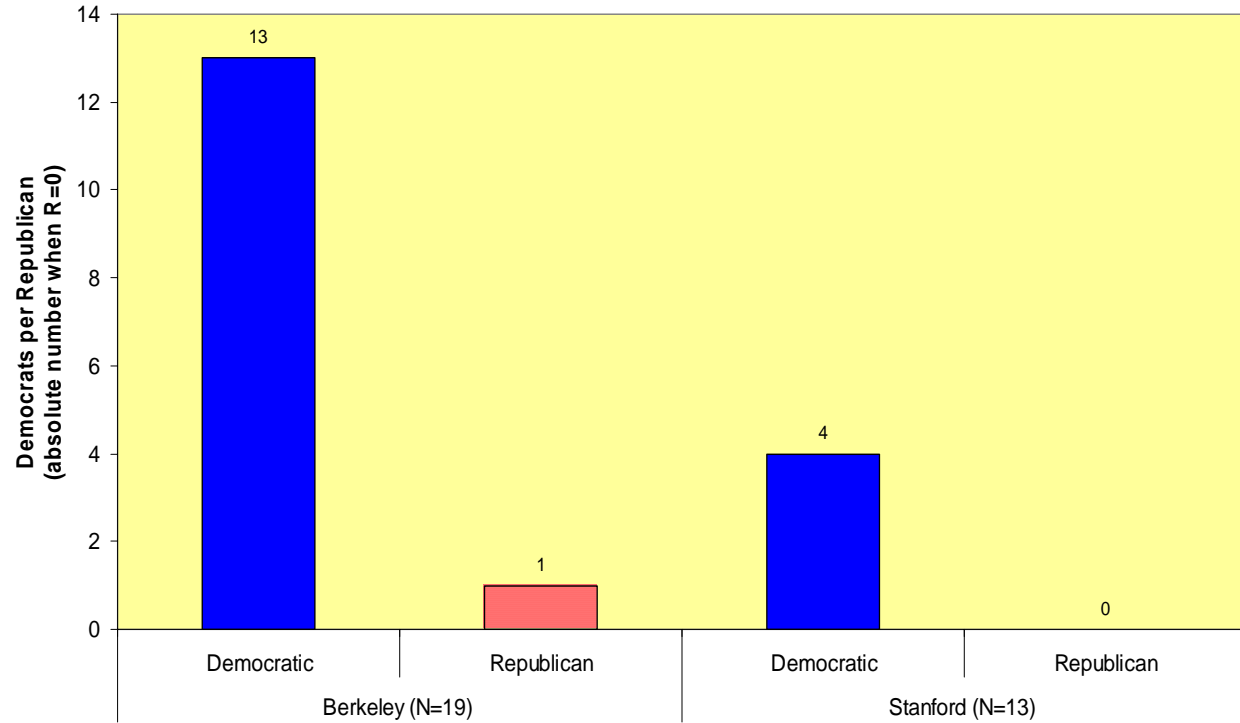
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Linguistics departments' D:R ratios



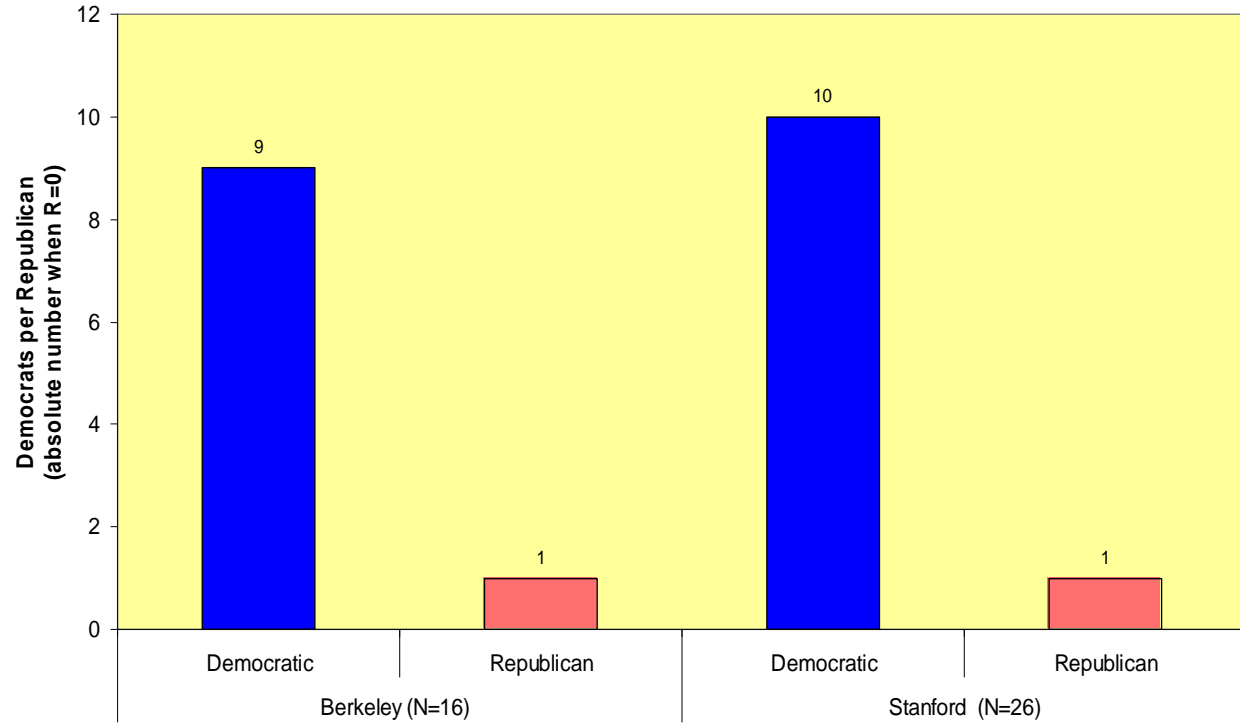
# Music

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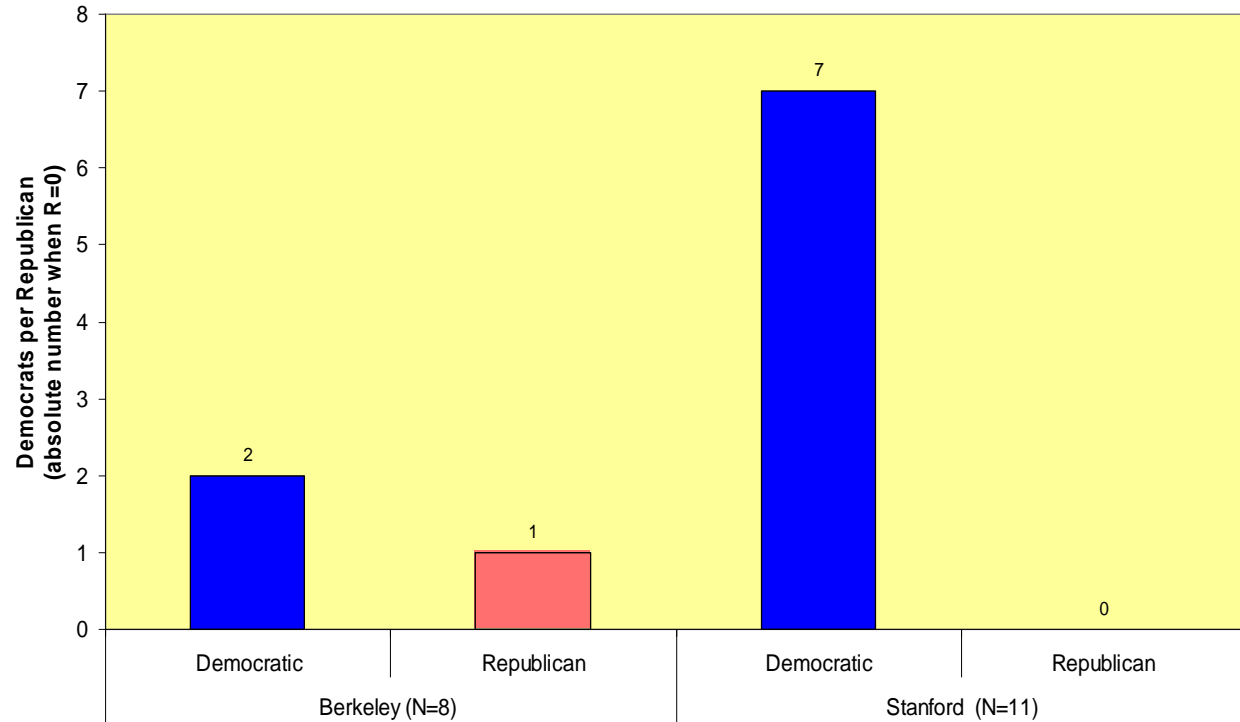
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Philosophy departments' D:R ratios



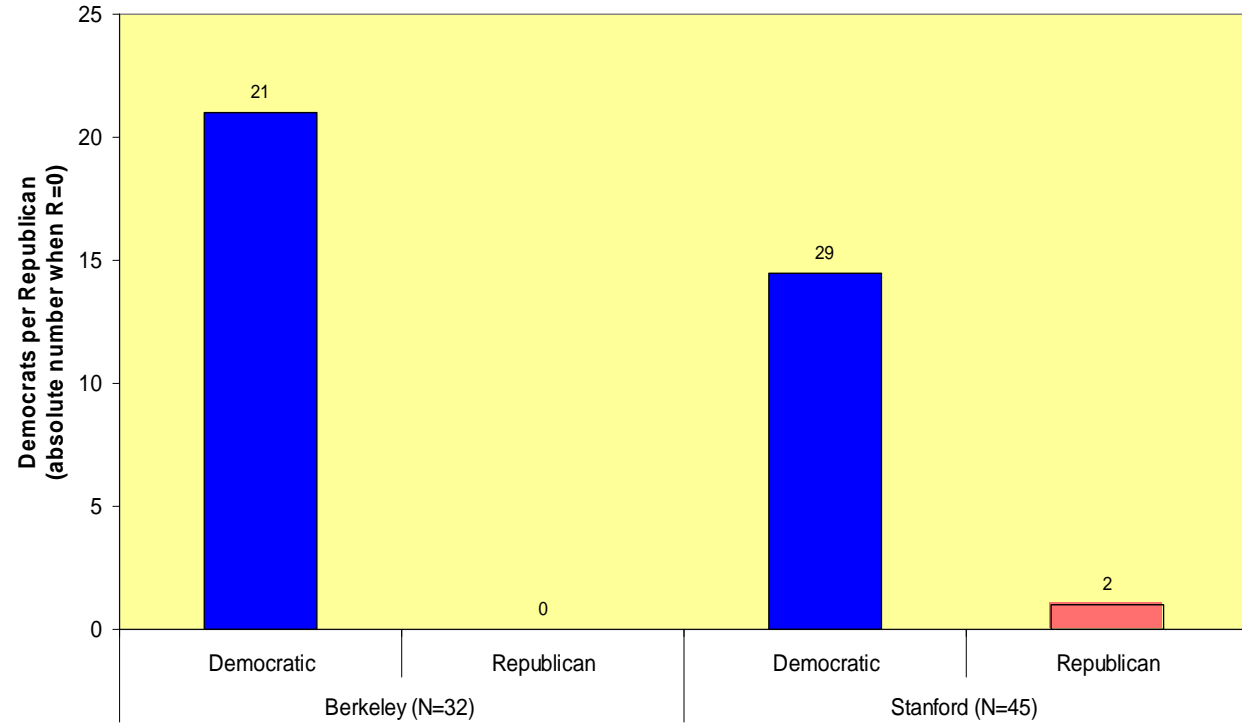
# Religious Studies

Religious Studies departments' D:R ratios



# Biology

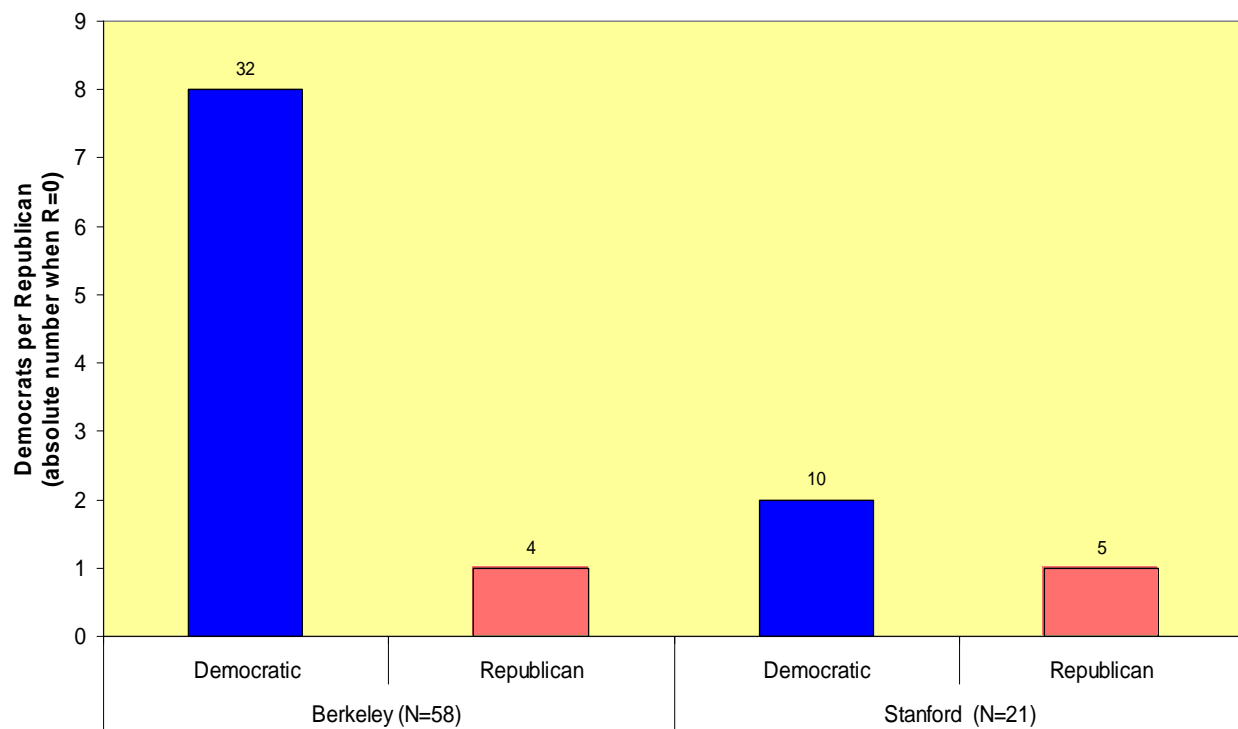
Biology departments' D:R ratios





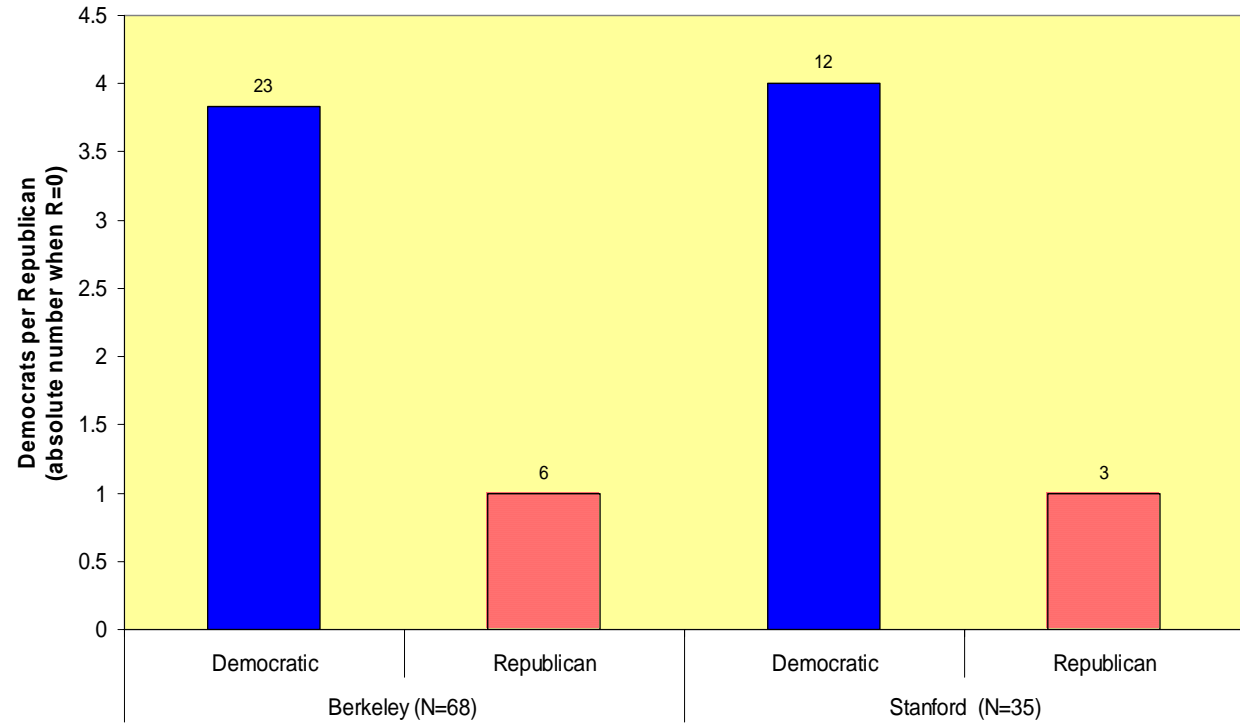
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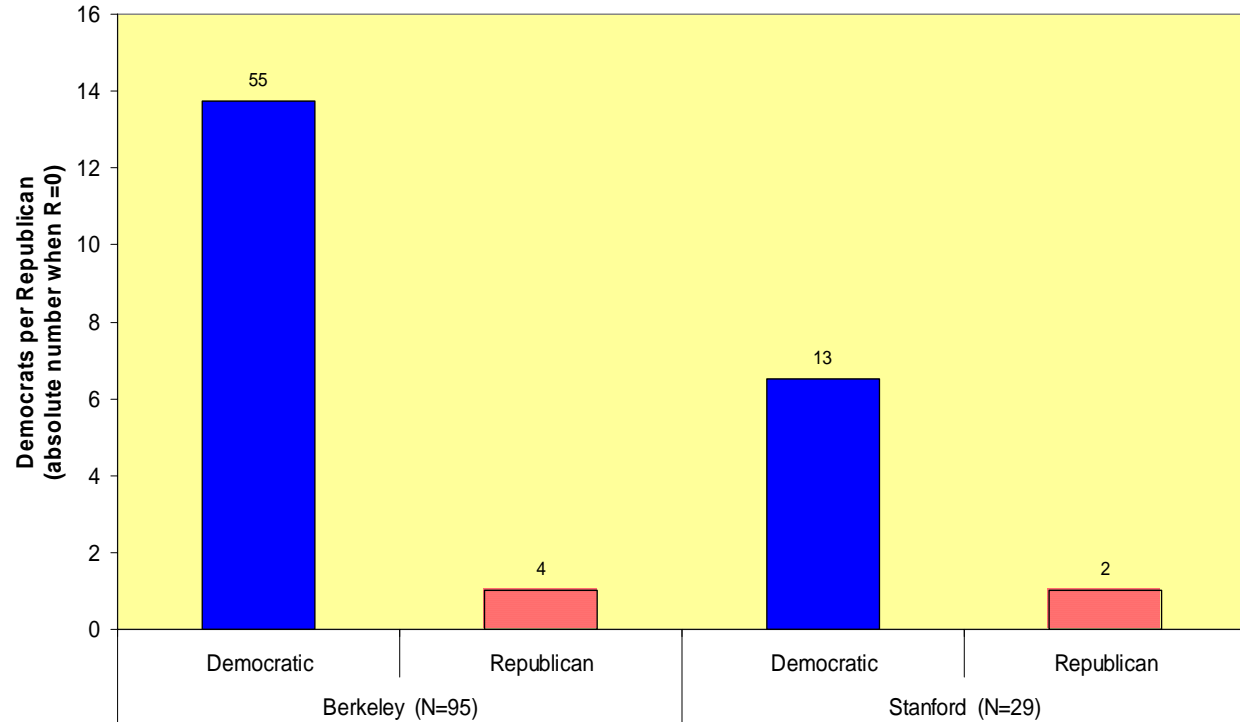
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Mathematics departments' D:R ratios



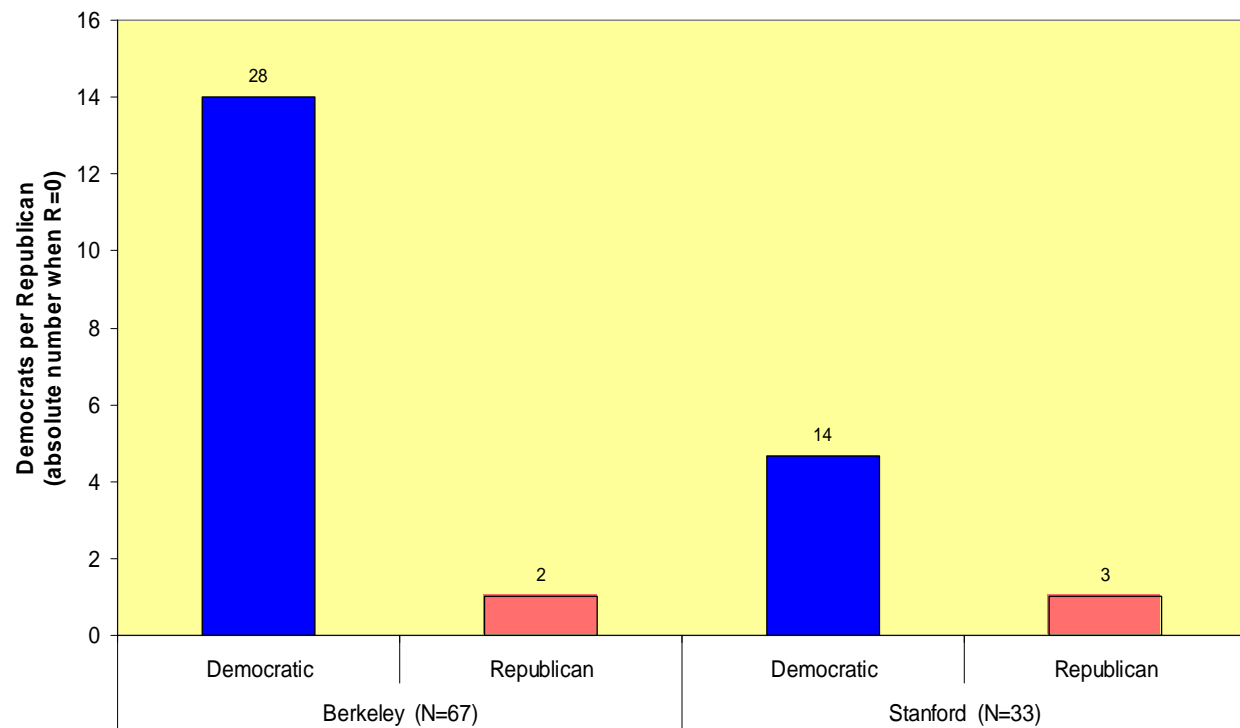
# Neurobiology/Neurology

Neurology/Neurobiology departments' D:R ratios



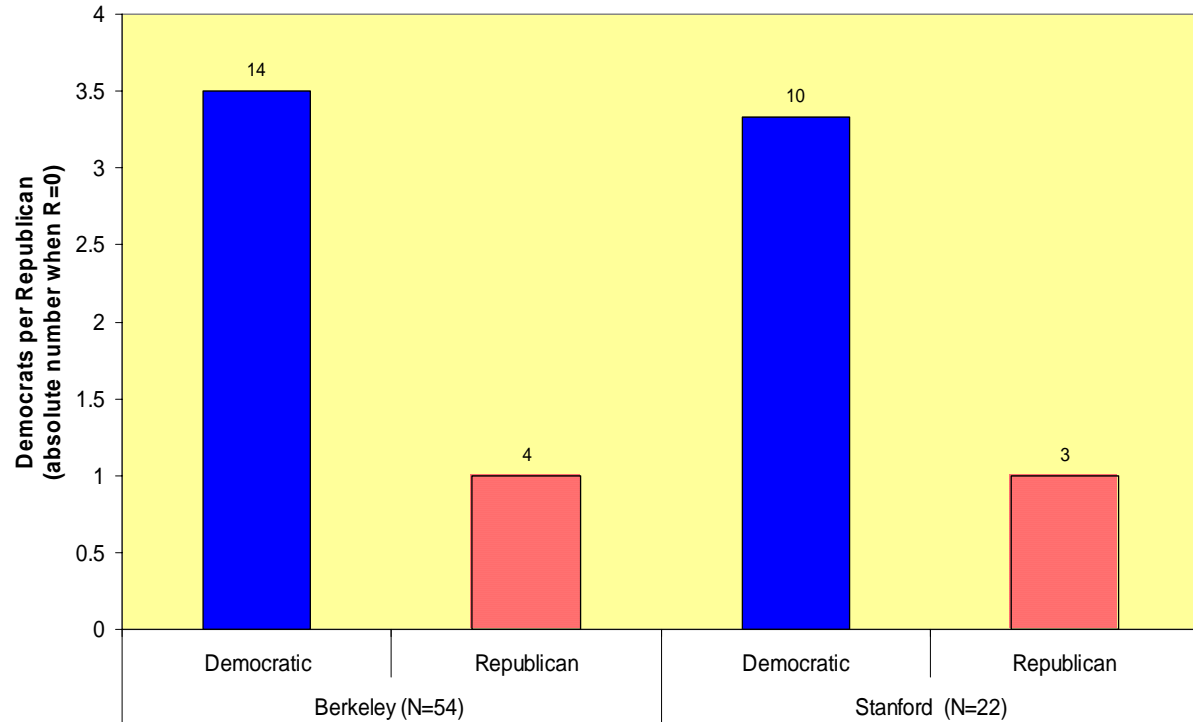
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Physics departments' D:R ratios



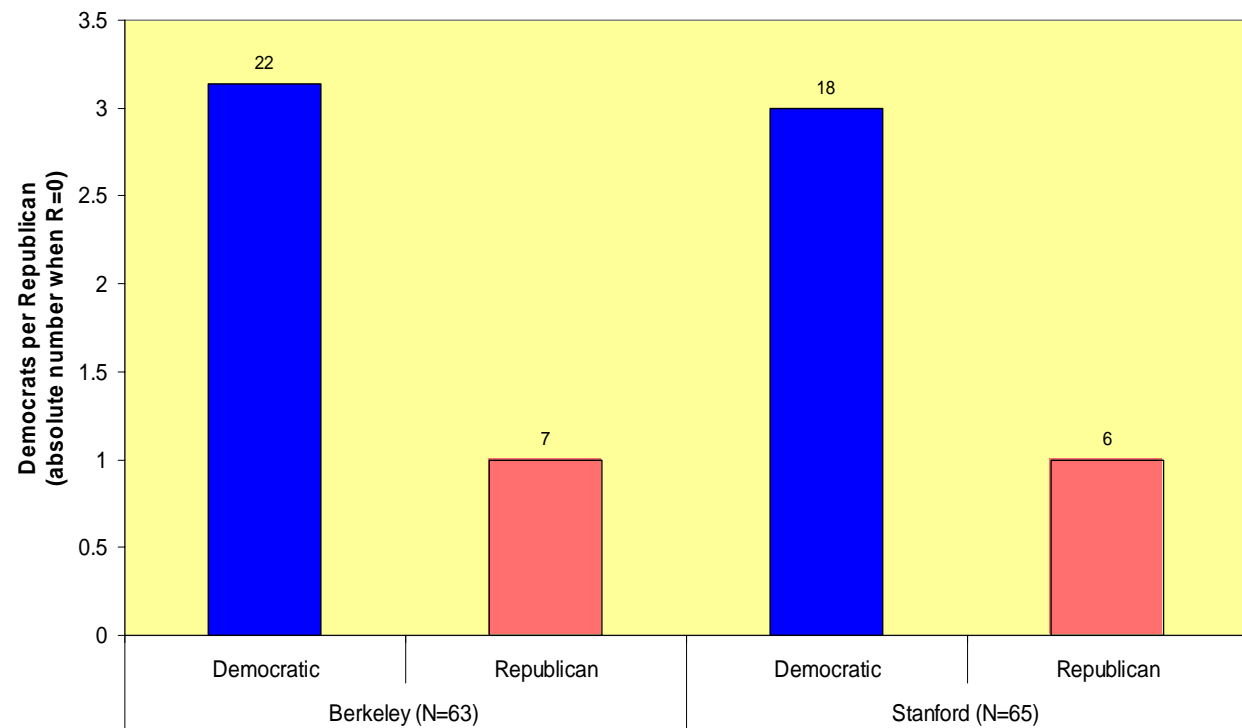
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Civil & Environmental Engineering departments' D:R ratios



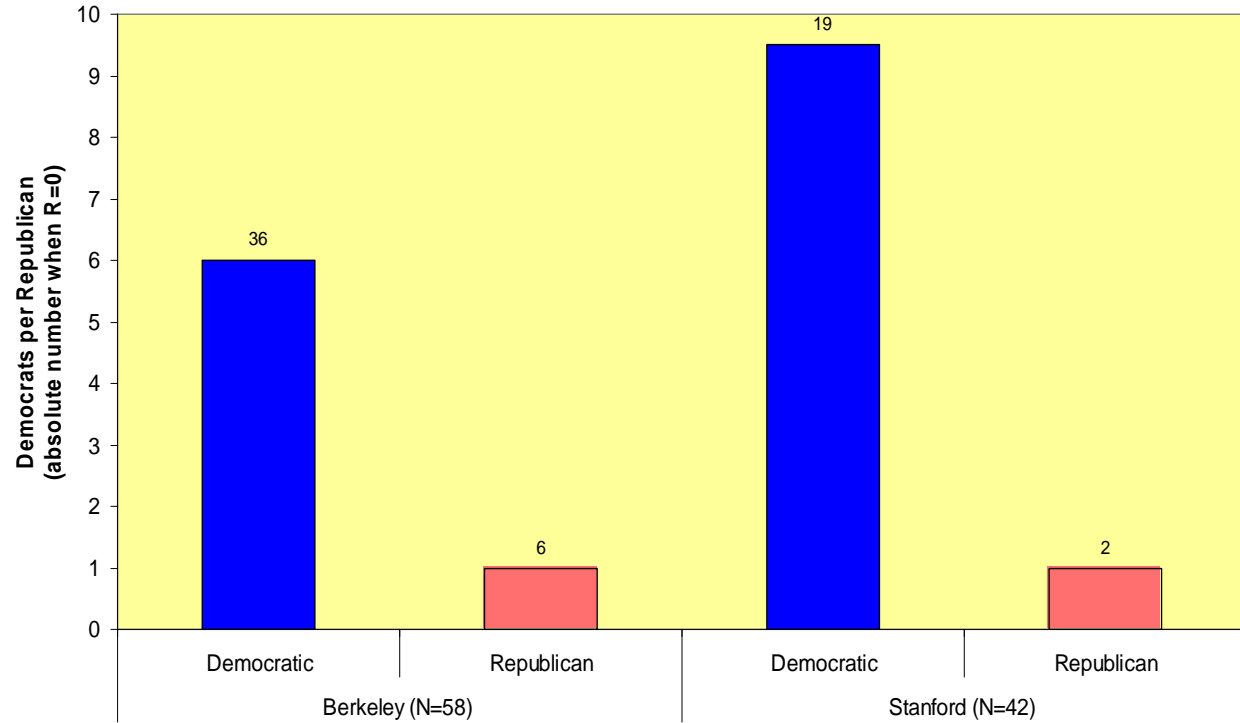
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Electrical Engineering departments' D:R ratios



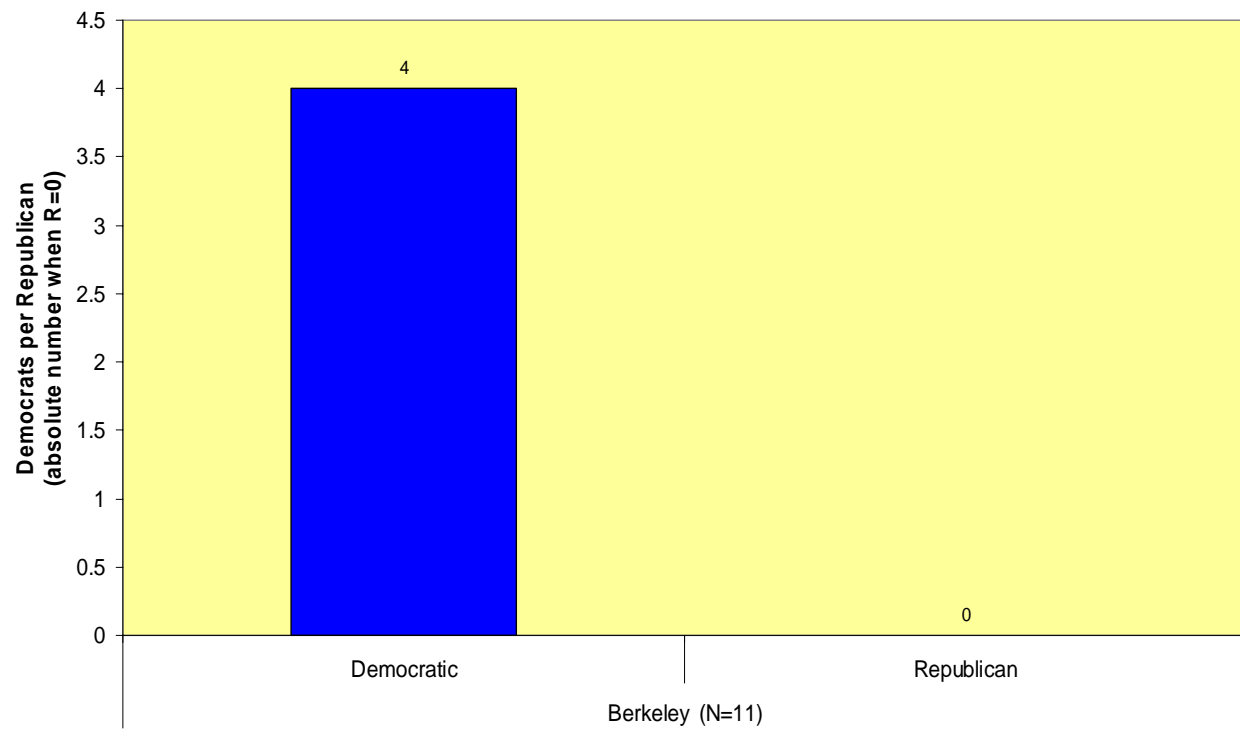
# Law

Law schools' D:R ratios



# Journalism

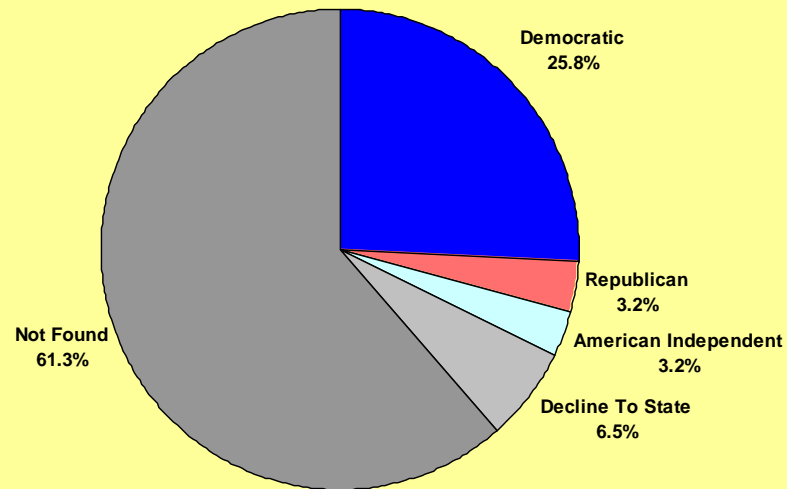
Journalism schools' D:R ratio





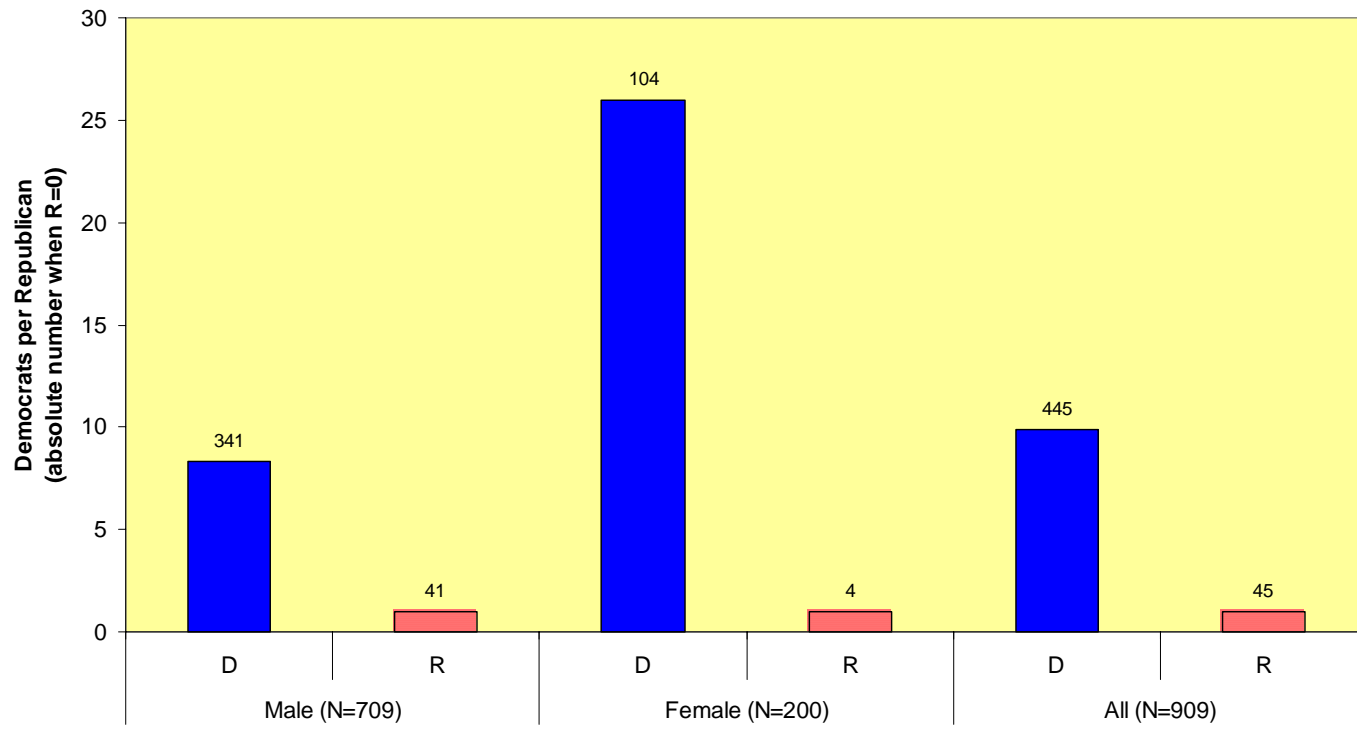
# Accounting and Marketing

Accounting and Marketing dept. data for Berkeley and Stanford  
(N=31)



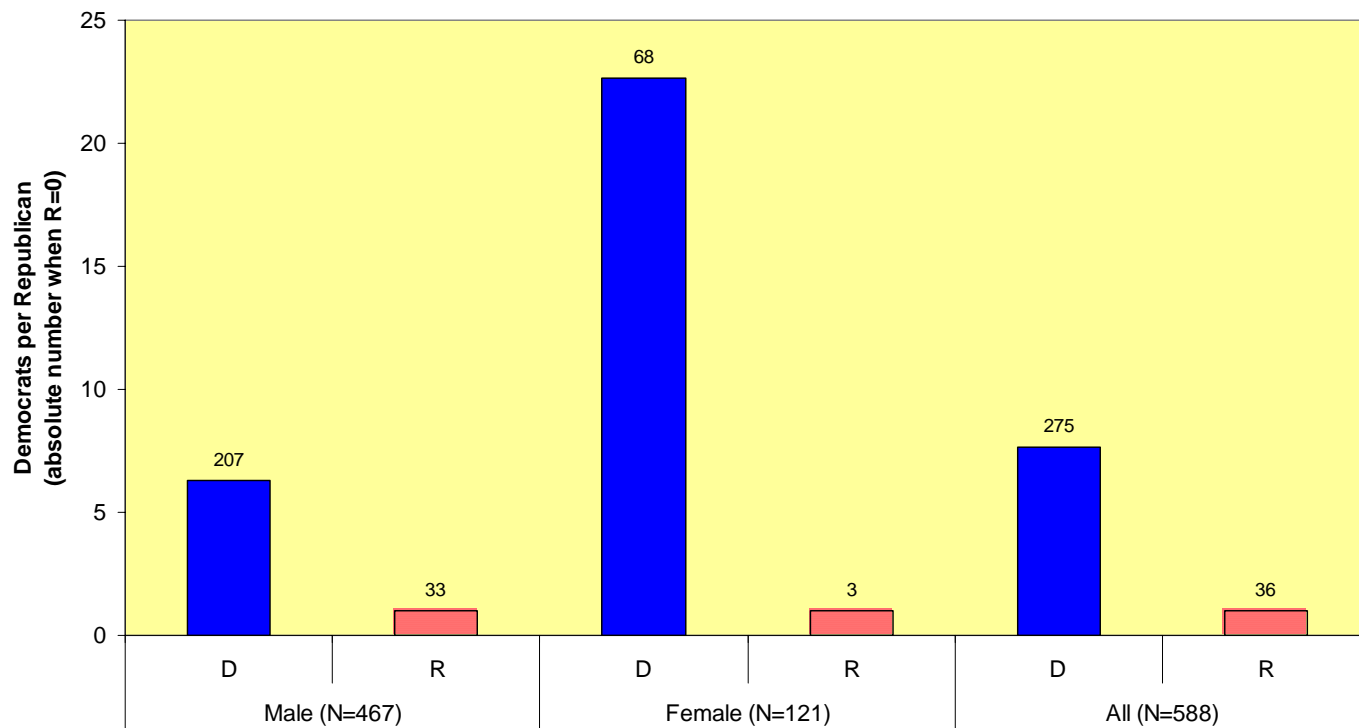
# Gender, Berkeley

UC-Berkeley faculty gender D:R ratios



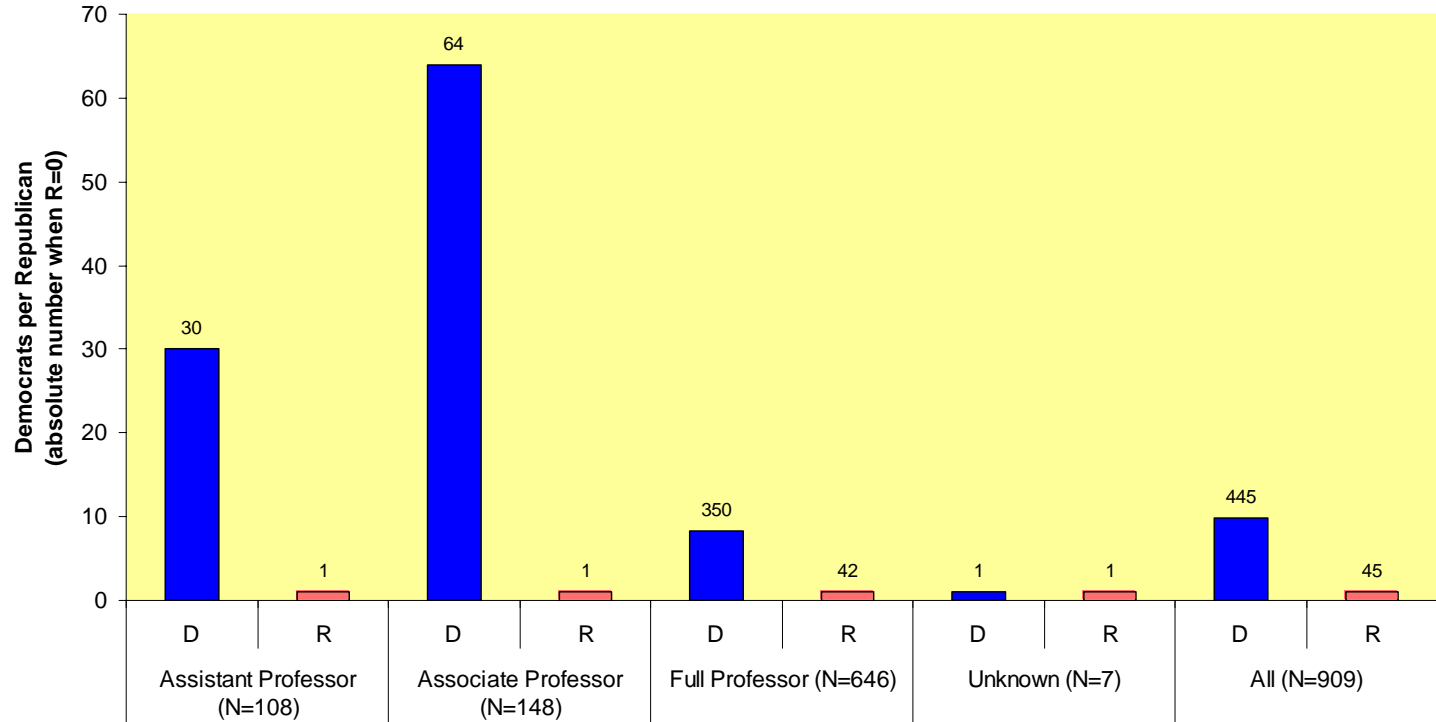
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Stanford University faculty gender D:R ratios



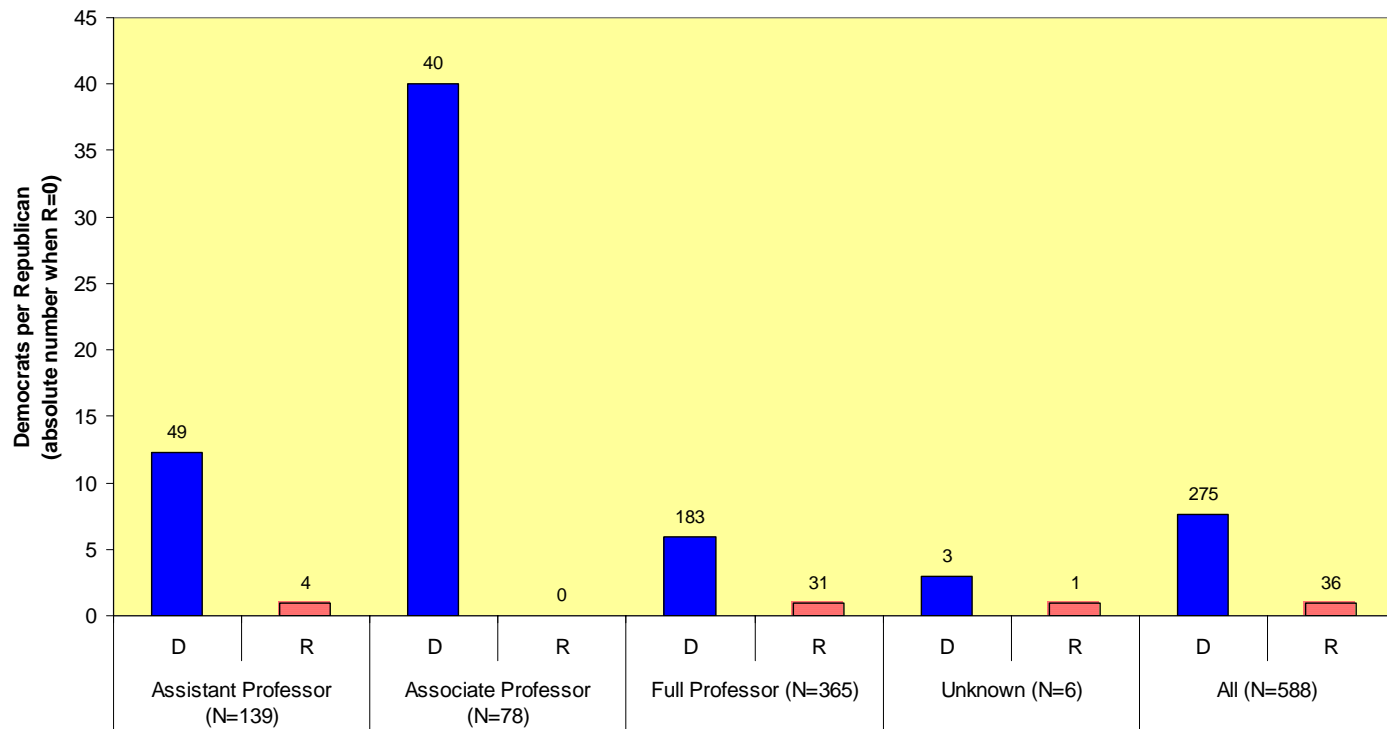
# Rank, Berkeley

UC-Berkeley faculty rank D:R ratios



# Rank, Stanford

Stanford University faculty rank D:R ratios





# Rank, Berkeley and Stanford

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- Among all Associate and Assist. Profs:
  - 183 Democrats
  - 6 Republicans
  - Ratio of 30.5 to 1
    - And of the 6 Repubs, 5 are Assistant
- Republicans are an endangered species
- Lopsidedness will get more extreme



# From 2 Schools to 32

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- Center for the Study of Popular Culture (David Horowitz) and *The American Enterprise* (Karl Zinsmeister) collected voter reg data on 32 elite schools.
- Economics, English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology
- Found 10 to 1



## “Spot-check” of CSPC/ *TAE*

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- Berkeley and Stanford were among CSPC/ *TAE*'s 32.
- We compared line by line, department by department.
- We found 10.7 to 1 compared to their finding of 8.7 to 1.
- This lends support to the integrity of their 10 to 1 finding for the 32 schools.



# Klein-Stern Survey of 6 Academic Associations

- Charlotta Stern, Assistant Prof., Swedish Inst. for Social Research, Stockholm Univ.
- Ph.D., Sociology, Stockholm Univ., quantitative sociologist.





# Survey and data

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- Conducted April 2003
- Handled and certified by independent controller
- 5,486 U.S. members of 6 assns
- 1678 (nonblank) surveys came back  
Response rate 31 percent



# Survey of academic associations

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- Am. Anthropological Assn (1000)
- Am. Economics Assn (1000)
- Am. Historical Assn (1000)
- Am. Soc. for Pol.and Legal Phil. (486)
- Am. Political Science Assn (1000)
- Am. Sociological Assn (1000)



# Survey of academic associations

	<b>Surveys completed</b>	<b>Response rate (%)</b>
<b>Anthropology</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>34.9</b>
<b>Economics</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>26.6</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>30.9</b>
<b>Phil. (pol./legal)</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>22.6</b>
<b>Political Science</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>31.0</b>
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>35.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1678</b>	<b>30.9</b>



# Academics up to 70

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- Pleased check your primary employment (if retired, kindly answer retrospectively):

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academic

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public  
sector

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private  
sector

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independent  
research

\_\_\_\_\_ other

- Academics up to 70: 1029



# The voting question

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- To which political party have the candidates you've voted for in the past ten years mostly belonged?

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Democratic	Green	Liber.	Republican	other

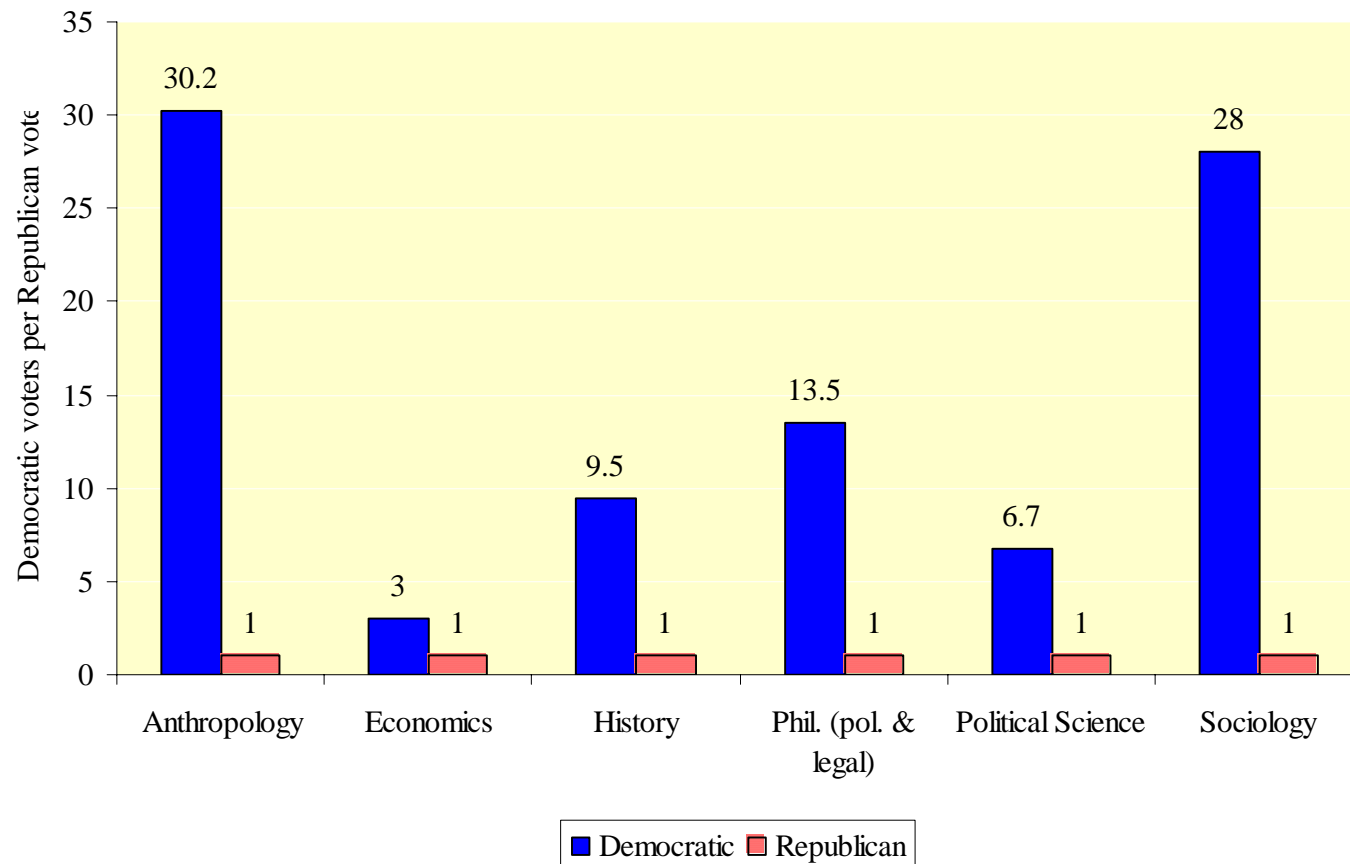
1029 respondents:

828	Democratic
81	Republican
16	Green
12	Libertarian
55	Miscellaneous
37	Declined to answer

96 percent answered the question.

# Democratic to Republican

**Figure 1**  
**D to R Ratio of Six Academic Associations**





# Two possible biases

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- Membership bias: Maybe Democrat historians are more likely than Republican historians to join the AHA
- Response bias: Maybe Democrat historians are more likely than Republican historians to return the survey





# Biases Unlikely Significant

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- Not much reason to expect either bias
- The voter registration ratios are similar, discipline by discipline



# Estimating D to R throughout Social Sciences/Humanities

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- Departmental structure for:
  - big university (we used Berkeley)
  - small university (we used Santa Clara)
- Assume Econ is 3 to 1
- Non-Econ
  - lower-bound assumption: 8 to 1
  - reasonable assumption: 10 to 1



# Social Sciences/Humanities Nationwide

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- Big school:
  - Lower-bound: 7.1 to 1
  - Reasonable: 8.6 to 1
  
- Small school:
  - Lower-bound: 7.0 to 1
  - Reasonable: 8.4 to 1
  
- Conclusion
  - Certainly 7 to 1
  - **Reasonable to speak of 8 to 1**



# Republicans Sorted Out

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	Academic	Not academic
D:	962	324
R:	112	78

8.6 to 1

4.2 to 1

Significant at 1%



# Public vs. Private Schools

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	Public	Private
D:	585	354
R:	54	48
Ratio:	10.8 to 1	7.4 to 1

P-value 0.065



# Policy Questions

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Tariffs on imported goods to protect American industries and jobs:

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support	support	have mixed
strongly	mildly	feelings
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
oppose	oppose
mildly	strongly
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

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Have
no opinion



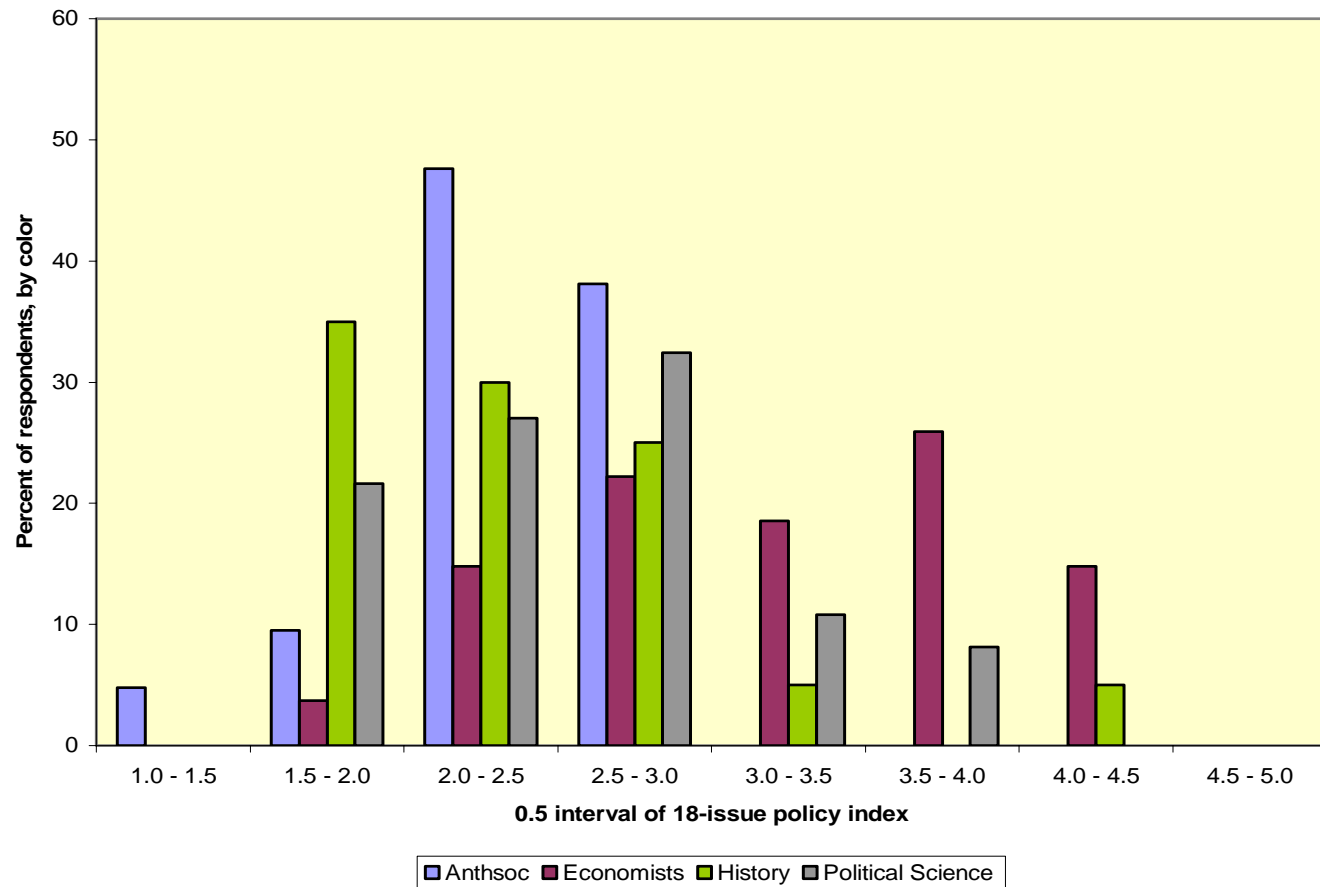
# 18 Policy Questions

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Tariffs, minimum wage, OSHA, FDA, EPA, discrimination, drugs, prostitution, gambling, guns, govt ownership, redistribution, schooling, monetary policy, fiscal policy, immigration, military, foreign aid

# Republican Profs' Policy Views

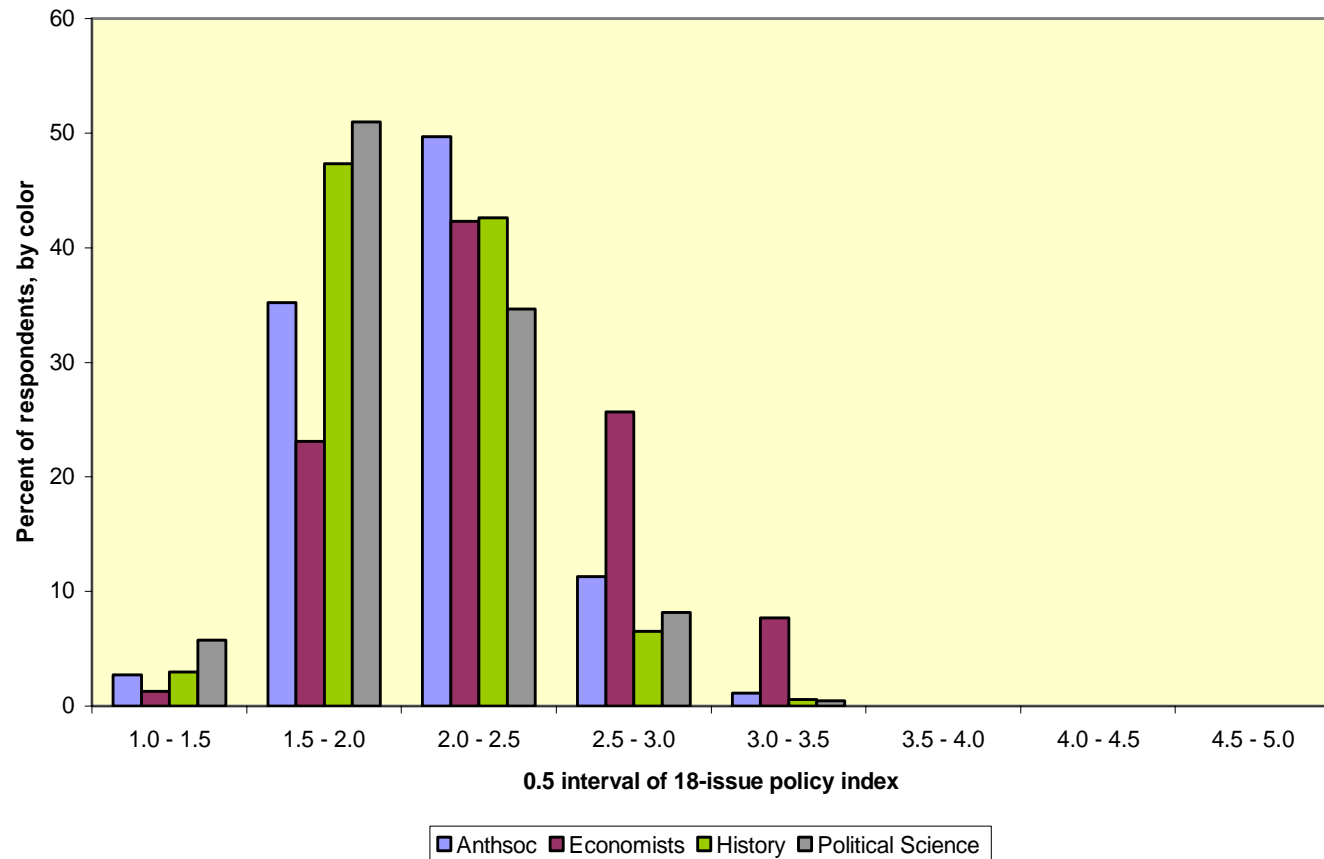
Distribution of 18-isse policy index scores of Republican academics in the disciplines





# Democrat Profs' Policy Views: More statist, Less diverse

Distribution of 18-issue policy index scores of Democratic voters in the disciplines





# Questions in our mind

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- Why does the Left dominate?
  - Leftists are smarter
  - Leftists care, others want money
  - Groupthink
- How you answer will reflect your ideology



# Groupthink

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- Nationwide, each History dept functions within a mono-centric club called History
- The club hierarchy cuts laterally across the country
- The XYU History dept is more a creature of History than of XYU
- Within a university, each dept is autonomous
- Each dept operates by majority rule



# What Is to Be Done?

## By University Administrators

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- Hire more conservatives and libertarians
- How?
  - Affirmative-action: Check an ideology box?
  - Property rights within depts (Stephen Balch)
  - Create campus institutes
  - Create new departments



# What Is to Be Done?

By Taxpayers, Donors, and Parents

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- Know what you pay for
- You might decide you don't want to pay for it



# Conclusions

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- Academia is a major part of our culture
- Its values and ideas are very one-sided
  - 8 to 1 in social sciences and humanities
  - The Left has a narrow tent



# Conclusions

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- The facts are established
- The public is still in the dark
- We need more awareness
- When the public is aware, the academy will have to respond
- Awareness is an end in itself. It helps us to understand the culture around us.



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