

GENDER GAP EVIDENT IN NUMEROUS 1998 RACES

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In 72% (47 of 65) races where Voter News Service (VNS) conducted exit polls on election day, there were gender gaps of at least four percentage points - that is, a difference of at least four percentage points between the proportion of women's and men's votes garnered by the winner. There were gender gaps of this magnitude in 70% (23 of 33) gubernatorial races and in 75% (24 of 32) senatorial races. (See table entitled "Election 1998: Exit Poll Results by Gender in Races Where Voter News Service Conducted Exit Polls".) In all but 3 of the 47 races with gender gaps, female voters were more supportive of Democratic candidates than were male voters.

OUTCOMES AFFECTED BY GENDER GAPS: There were thirteen races where a majority of women voted for a different candidate than did the majority of men. Five Democratic candidates owe their victories to women and eight victorious Republicans to men. (See table entitled "1998 Races Where Female and Male Voters Made a Different Voting Choices".)

VNS reports an average margin of error of four percentage points for its statewide polls. Using this standard, there are an additional six races where the votes of one sex were about evenly divided between the candidates while the votes of the other sex more clearly favored one candidate over the other. Among those races, there were four where men were about evenly divided and the Democratic candidates preferred by women won; there were two races where women were about evenly divided and the Republican candidates preferred by men won. (See table entitled "1998 Races Where Female and Male Voters May Have Made Different Voting Choices".)

RACES WITH THE LARGEST GENDER GAPS: In fourteen races, the gender gaps exceeded ten percentage points. In three of those races, women's votes determined the winners: Senate races in New York and North Carolina where Charles Schumer (D) and John Edwards (D) won, and the gubernatorial race in Maryland, where Parris Glendening (D) won. In four gubernatorial races with large gender gaps, men's votes determined the winners: Bill Owens (R-CO); Jeb Bush (R-FL); A. Paul Cellucci (R-MA); and Robert Taft (R-OH). In the other seven races with gender gaps larger than ten percentage points, majorities of women and men favored the same candidates but by widely divergent margins. Those contests included the Senate races of: John Breaux (D-LA); Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO); Christopher Dodd (D-CT); Byron Dorgan (D-ND); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); and two gubernatorial races: John Kitzhaber (D-OR); Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH).

WOMEN CANDIDATES: VNS conducted exit polls in nine of the ten Senate races involving women candidates. (VNS did not poll in Hawaii). In eight of these races, there were gender gaps. Women voters were more supportive of Democratic women candidates in five races Barbara Boxer (D-CA); Blanche Lincoln (D-AR); Barbara Mikulski (D-MD); Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL); and Patty Murray (D-WA). All of these candidates except Moseley-Braun won their Senate races. In two races with Republican women candidates (ND and WA), women voters were more likely than men to support the Democratic candidate.

VNS conducted exit polls in nine of the ten gubernatorial races involving women candidates. There were gender gaps in six of those races: Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Women voted for women gubernatorial nominees in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and New Hampshire. In three races, the majority of women voters favored the Democratic male candidate: Maryland, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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**ELECTION 1998: EXIT POLL RESULTS BY GENDER
IN RACES WHERE VOTER NEWS SERVICE CONDUCTED EXIT POLLS**

| State | Office | Candidates | Seat | Won/ Lost | Vote Counts | | Exit Polls | | Winner Elected By |
|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|----------------------|
| | | | | | Votes | %Votes | %Women | %Men | |
| AL | US Sen. | Clayton Suddith (D) | Chall | Lost | 471,408 | 37 | 40 | 33 | |
| | | Richard Shelby (R) | Incum | Won | 805,337 | 63 | 60 | 66 | |
| AZ | US Sen. | Ed Ranger (D) | Chall | Lost | 190,280 | 27 | 32 | 23 | |
| | | John McCain (R) | Incum | Won | 486,566 | 69 | 65 | 73 | |
| AR | US Sen. | Blanche Lincoln (D) | Open | Won | 347,760 | 56 | 58 | 53 | |
| | | Fay Boozman (R) | Open | Lost | 261,051 | 42 | 39 | 46 | |
| CA | US Sen. | Barbara Boxer (D) | Incum | Won | 3,910,981 | 54 | 57 | 48 | Women |
| | | Matt Fong (R) | Chall | Lost | 3,154,036 | 43 | 39 | 48 | |
| CO | US Sen. | Dottie Lamm (D) | Chall | Lost | 464,091 | 36 | 41 | 29 | |
| | | Ben N. Campbell (R) | Incum | Won | 827,479 | 63 | 58 | 69 | |
| CT | US Sen. | Chris. Dodd (D) | Incum | Won | 605,583 | 66 | 70 | 60 | |
| | | Gary Franks (R) | Chall | Lost | 300,339 | 33 | 29 | 38 | |
| FL | US Sen. | Robert Graham (D) | Incum | Won | 2,283,911 | 62 | 66 | 57 | |
| | | Charlie Crist (R) | Chall | Lost | 1,384,399 | 38 | 34 | 43 | |
| GA | US Sen. | Michael Coles (D) | Chall | Lost | 734,326 | 46 | 51 | 44 | Men |
| | | Paul Coverdell (R) | Incum | Won | 851,330 | 53 | 46 | 51 | |
| ID | US Sen. | Bill Mauk (D) | Open | Lost | 104,241 | 29 | 32 | 29 | |
| | | Mike Crapo (R) | Open | Won | 255,022 | 70 | 68 | 70 | |
| IL | US Sen. | Carol Moseley-Braun | Incum | Lost | 1,566,955 | 47 | 50 | 43 | Men |
| | | Peter Fitzgerald (R) | Chall | Won | 1,698,092 | 51 | 47 | 55 | |
| IN | US Sen. | Evan Bayh (D) | Open | Won | 999,974 | 64 | 62 | 64 | |
| | | Paul Helmke (R) | Open | Lost | 553,571 | 36 | 37 | 33 | |
| IA | US Sen. | David Osterberg (D) | Chall | Lost | 291,899 | 31 | 31 | 31 | |
| | | Charles Grassley (R) | Incum | Won | 640,233 | 69 | 68 | 69 | |
| KS | US Sen. | Paul Feliciano (D) | Chall | Lost | 227,702 | 32 | 33 | 30 | |
| | | Sam Brownback (R) | Incum | Won | 469,632 | 66 | 64 | 66 | |
| KY | US Sen. | Scotty Baesler (D) | Open | Lost | 561,294 | 50 | 54 | 46 | Men |
| | | Jim Bunning (R) | Open | Won | 568,380 | 50 | 46 | 54 | |
| LA | US Sen. | John Breaux (D) | Incum | Won | 619,400 | 64 | 70 | 57 | |
| | | Jim Donelon (R) | Chall | Lost | 306,131 | 32 | 27 | 38 | |
| MD | US Sen. | Barbara Mikulski (D) | Incum | Won | 1,034,834 | 71 | 77 | 63 | |
| | | Ross Pierpont (R) | Chall | Lost | 426,499 | 29 | 23 | 37 | |

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|-------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|----------------------|
| | | | | | Votes | %Votes | %Women | %Men | |
| MO | US Sen. | Jay Nixon (D) | Chall | Lost | 690,688 | 44 | 43 | 46 | |
| | | Christopher Bond (R) | Incum | Won | 830,801 | 53 | 54 | 51 | |
| NV | US Sen. | Harry Reid (D) | Incum | Won | 208,240 | 48 | 48 | 48 | |
| | | John Ensign (R) | Chall | Lost | 207,759 | 48 | 47 | 47 | |
| NH | US Sen. | George Condemetraky | Chall | Lost | 88,518 | 29 | 30 | 26 | |
| | | Judd Gregg (R) | Incum | Won | 212,502 | 68 | 67 | 68 | |
| NY | US Sen. | Charles Schumer (D) | Chall | Won | 2,358,112 | 55 | 59 | 49 | Women |
| | | Alfonse D'Amato (R) | Incum | Lost | 1,937,108 | 45 | 40 | 50 | |
| NC | US Sen. | John Edwards (D) | Chall | Won | 1,008,098 | 52 | 59 | 43 | Women |
| | | Lauch Faircloth (R) | Incum | Lost | 923,824 | 47 | 40 | 55 | |
| ND | US Sen. | Byron Dorgan (D) | Incum | Won | 134,293 | 64 | 69 | 57 | |
| | | Donna Nalewaja (R) | Chall | Lost | 74,695 | 36 | 30 | 40 | |
| OH | US Sen. | Mary Boyle (D) | Open | Lost | 1,456,355 | 44 | 47 | 39 | |
| | | George Voinovich (R) | Open | Won | 1,886,953 | 56 | 52 | 60 | |
| OK | US Sen. | Don Carroll (D) | Chall | Lost | 268,898 | 32 | 35 | 27 | |
| | | Don Nickles (R) | Incum | Won | 570,682 | 67 | 62 | 70 | |
| OR | US Sen. | Ron Wyden (D) | Incum | Won | 261,042 | 59 | 68 | 60 | |
| | | John Lim (R) | Chall | Lost | 159,119 | 36 | 29 | 32 | |
| PA | US Sen. | William Lloyd (D) | Chall | Lost | 1,018,667 | 35 | 36 | 33 | |
| | | Arlen Specter (R) | Incum | Won | 1,803,782 | 62 | 59 | 63 | |
| SC | US Sen. | Ernest Hollings (D) | Incum | Won | 553,362 | 53 | 55 | 48 | Women |
| | | Bob Inglis (R) | Chall | Lost | 483,322 | 46 | 42 | 50 | |
| SD | US Sen. | Tom Daschle (D) | Incum | Won | 151,544 | 63 | 66 | 59 | |
| | | Ron Schmidt (R) | Chall | Lost | 94,819 | 37 | 34 | 40 | |
| UT | US Sen. | Scott Leckman (D) | Chall | Lost | 162,481 | 33 | 35 | 32 | |
| | | Robert Bennett (R) | Incum | Won | 315,070 | 64 | 61 | 66 | |
| VT | US Sen. | Patrick Leahy (D) | Incum | Won | 148,264 | 73 | 74 | 70 | |
| | | Fred Tuttle (R) | Chall | Lost | 46,583 | 23 | 21 | 24 | |
| WA | US Sen. | Patty Murray (D) | Incum | Won | 807,505 | 58 | 61 | 53 | |
| | | Linda Smith (R) | Chall | Lost | 576,674 | 42 | 38 | 45 | |
| WI | US Sen. | Russell Feingold (D) | Incum | Won | 879,300 | 51 | 52 | 49 | |
| | | Mark Neumann (R) | Chall | Lost | 842,197 | 49 | 46 | 50 | |

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|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|------|----------------------|
| | | | | | Votes | %Votes | %Women | %Men | |
| AL | Gov. | Don Siegelman (D) | Chall | Won | 752,087 | 58 | 61 | 54 | |
| | | Fob James (R) | Incum | Lost | 546,504 | 42 | 39 | 46 | |
| AZ | Gov | Paul Johnson (D) | Chall | Lost | 250,840 | 36 | 39 | 38 | |
| | | Jane Dee Hull (R) | Incum | Won | 435,012 | 62 | 59 | 60 | |
| AR | Gov. | Bill Bristow (D) | Chall | Lost | 267,529 | 36 | 41 | 38 | |
| | | Mike Huckabee (R) | Incum | Won | 415,931 | 60 | 59 | 61 | |
| CA | Gov. | Gray Davis (D) | Open | Won | 4,305,746 | 59 | 60 | 54 | |
| | | Dan Lungren (R) | Open | Lost | 2,842,173 | 39 | 35 | 43 | |
| CO | Gov. | Gail Schoettler (D) | Open | Lost | 639,214 | 49 | 55 | 41 | |
| | | Bill Owens (R) | Open | Won | 646,997 | 50 | 43 | 55 | |
| CT | Gov. | Barbara Kennelly (D) | Chall | Lost | 312,881 | 36 | 39 | 34 | |
| | | John Rowland (R) | Incum | Won | 554,386 | 63 | 60 | 64 | |
| FL | Gov. | Buddy MacKay (D) | Open | Lost | 1,660,107 | 45 | 52 | 42 | |
| | | Jeb Bush (R) | Open | Won | 2,062,227 | 55 | 47 | 58 | |
| GA | Gov. | Roy Barnes (D) | Open | Won | 880,653 | 53 | 57 | 50 | |
| | | Guy Millner (R) | Open | Lost | 728,694 | 43 | 40 | 44 | |
| ID | Gov. | Bob Huntley (D) | Open | Lost | 107,415 | 30 | 33 | 28 | |
| | | Dirk Kempthorne (R) | Open | Won | 250,250 | 68 | 66 | 70 | |
| IL | Gov. | Glenn Poshard (D) | Open | Lost | 1,560,978 | 48 | 46 | 48 | |
| | | George Ryan (R) | Open | Won | 1,701,298 | 52 | 53 | 50 | |
| IA | Gov. | Tom Vilsack (D) | Open | Won | 497,729 | 53 | 54 | 52 | |
| | | Jim Ross Lightfoot (R) | Open | Lost | 442,473 | 47 | 45 | 48 | |
| KS | Gov. | Tom Sawyer (D) | Chall | Lost | 163,502 | 23 | 21 | 25 | |
| | | Bill Graves (R) | Incum | Won | 529,208 | 74 | 75 | 71 | |
| ME | Gov. | Tom Connolly (D) | Chall | Lost | 47,500 | 13 | 13 | 15 | |
| | | James Longley (R) | Chall | Lost | 75,005 | 20 | 17 | 22 | |
| | | Angus King (I) | Incum | Won | 231,202 | 59 | 60 | 53 | |
| MD | Gov. | Parris Glendening (D) | Incum | Won | 826,609 | 56 | 60 | 50 | |
| | | Ellen Sauerbrey (R) | Chall | Lost | 662,554 | 44 | 40 | 50 | |
| MA | Gov. | Scott Harshbarger (D) | Chall | Lost | 898,788 | 48 | 54 | 41 | |
| | | A. Paul Cellucci (R) | Incum | Won | 961,099 | 51 | 45 | 56 | |
| MI | Gov. | Geoffrey Fieger (D) | Chall | Lost | 1,135,444 | 38 | 37 | 34 | |
| | | John Engler (R) | Incum | Won | 1,872,709 | 62 | 62 | 65 | |

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| MN | Gov. | Hubert Humphrey (D) | Open | Lost | 580,006 | 28 | 36 | 21 | |
| | | Norm Coleman (R) | Open | Lost | 712,706 | 35 | 29 | 39 | |
| | | Jesse Ventura (RP) | Open | Won | 767,492 | 37 | 35 | 39 | |
| NE | Gov. | Bill Hoppner (D) | Lost | Lost | 237,237 | 46 | 50 | 41 | |
| | | Mike Johanns (R) | Won | Won | 277,985 | 54 | 50 | 59 | |
| NV | Gov. | Jan Laverty Jones (D) | Open | Lost | 181,921 | 43 | 48 | 41 | |
| | | Kenny Guinn (R) | Open | Won | 223,428 | 52 | 46 | 53 | |
| NH | Gov. | Jeanne Shaheen (D) | Incum | Won | 209,851 | 66 | 71 | 60 | |
| | | Jay Lucas (R) | Chall | Lost | 101,475 | 32 | 28 | 35 | |
| NM | Gov. | Martin Chavez (D) | Chall | Lost | 206,745 | 46 | 49 | 42 | |
| | | Gary Johnson (R) | Incum | Won | 241,112 | 54 | 50 | 57 | |
| NY | Gov. | Peter Vallone (D) | Chall | Lost | 1,428,224 | 33 | 35 | 30 | |
| | | George Pataki (R) | Incum | Won | 2,374,621 | 55 | 54 | 56 | |
| OH | Gov. | Lee Fisher (D) | Open | Lost | 1,467,688 | 45 | 49 | 41 | |
| | | Robert Taft (R) | Open | Won | 1,645,649 | 50 | 45 | 55 | |
| OK | Gov. | Laura Boyd (D) | Chall | Lost | 357,552 | 41 | 45 | 36 | |
| | | Frank Keating (R) | Incum | Won | 505,498 | 58 | 54 | 63 | |
| OR | Gov. | John Kitzhaber (D) | Incum | Won | 280,413 | 63 | 72 | 59 | |
| | | Bill Sizemore (R) | Chall | Lost | 139,852 | 32 | 25 | 34 | |
| PA | Gov. | Ivan Itkin (D) | Chall | Lost | 931,852 | 31 | 31 | 32 | |
| | | Tom Ridge (R) | Incum | Won | 1,727,555 | 58 | 58 | 57 | |
| RI | Gov. | Myrth York (D) | Chall | Lost | 124,838 | 42 | 46 | 38 | |
| | | Lincoln Almond (R) | Incum | Won | 151,168 | 51 | 50 | 53 | |
| SC | Gov. | Jim Hodges (D) | Chall | Won | 561,332 | 54 | 55 | 50 | |
| | | David Beasley (R) | Incum | Lost | 479,086 | 46 | 43 | 48 | |
| SD | Gov. | Bernie Hunhoff (D) | Chall | Lost | 84,789 | 33 | 37 | 29 | |
| | | William Janklow (R) | Incum | Won | 165,181 | 65 | 62 | 66 | |
| TN | Gov. | John Hooker (D) | Chall | Lost | 287,241 | 30 | 28 | 31 | |
| | | Don Sundquist (R) | Incum | Won | 668,687 | 69 | 72 | 67 | |
| VT | Gov. | Howard Dean (D) | Incum | Won | 116,731 | 56 | 56 | 55 | |
| | | Ruth Dwyer (R) | Chall | Lost | 86,624 | 42 | 40 | 43 | |
| WI | Gov. | Ed Garvey (D) | Chall | Lost | 671,601 | 39 | 42 | 36 | |
| | | Tommy Thompson (R) | Incum | Won | 1,037,965 | 60 | 56 | 63 | |
| WY | Gov. | John Vinich (D) | Chall | Lost | 70,661 | 41 | 40 | 40 | |
| | | Jim Geringer (R) | Incum | Won | 97,299 | 56 | 56 | 56 | |

**1998 Races Where Female and Male Voters
Made Different Voting Choices**

| <u>State</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Candidates</u> | <u>Seat</u> | <u>Won/ Lost</u> | <u>Vote Counts</u> | | <u>Exit Polls</u> | | <u>Winner Elected By</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | <u>Votes</u> | <u>%Votes</u> | <u>%Women</u> | <u>%Men</u> | |
| CO | Gov. | Gail Schoettler (D) | Open | Lost | 639,214 | 49 | 55 | 41 | Men |
| | | Bill Owens (R) | Open | Won | 646,997 | 50 | 43 | 55 | |
| FL | Gov. | Buddy MacKay (D) | Open | Lost | 1,660,107 | 45 | 52 | 42 | Men |
| | | Jeb Bush (R) | Open | Won | 2,062,227 | 55 | 47 | 58 | |
| IL | US Sen. | Carol Moseley-Braun (D) | Incum | Lost | 1,566,955 | 47 | 50 | 43 | Men |
| | | Peter Fitzgerald (R) | Chall | Won | 1,698,092 | 51 | 47 | 55 | |
| KY | US Sen. | Scotty Baesler (D) | Open | Lost | 561,294 | 50 | 54 | 46 | Men |
| | | Jim Bunning (R) | Open | Won | 568,380 | 50 | 46 | 54 | |
| MA | Gov. | Scott Harshbarger (D) | Chall | Lost | 898,788 | 48 | 54 | 41 | Men |
| | | A. Paul Cellucci (R) | Incum | Won | 961,099 | 51 | 45 | 56 | |
| MD | Gov. | Parris Glendening (D) | Incum | Won | 826,609 | 56 | 60 | 50 | Women |
| | | Ellen Sauerbrey (R) | Chall | Lost | 662,554 | 44 | 40 | 50 | |
| NE | Gov. | Bill Hoppner (D) | Lost | Lost | 237,237 | 46 | 50 | 41 | Men |
| | | Mike Johanns (R) | Won | Won | 277,985 | 54 | 50 | 59 | |
| NV | Gov. | Jan Lavery Jones (D) | Open | Lost | 181,921 | 43 | 48 | 41 | Men |
| | | Kenny Guinn (R) | Open | Won | 223,428 | 52 | 46 | 53 | |
| NY | US Sen. | Charles Schumer (D) | Chall | Won | 2,358,112 | 55 | 59 | 49 | Women |
| | | Alfonse D'Amato (R) | Incum | Lost | 1,937,108 | 45 | 40 | 50 | |
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| | | Lauch Faircloth (R) | Incum | Lost | 923,824 | 47 | 40 | 55 | |
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| | | Bob Inglis (R) | Chall | Lost | 483,322 | 46 | 42 | 50 | |
| WI | US Sen. | Russell Feingold (D) | Incum | Won | 879,300 | 51 | 52 | 49 | Women |
| | | Mark Neumann (R) | Chall | Lost | 842,197 | 49 | 46 | 50 | |

1998 Races Where Female and Male Voters *May Have Made* Different Voting Choices

**1998 Races Where Male Voters Were About Evenly Divided
While Female Voters Strongly Supported the Democratic Winner**

| <u>State</u> | <u>Office</u> | <u>Candidates</u> | <u>Seat</u> | <u>Won/ Lost</u> | <u>Vote Counts</u> | | <u>Exit Polls</u> | |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | <u>Votes</u> | <u>%Votes</u> | <u>%Women</u> | <u>%Men</u> |
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| | | Matt Fong (R) | Chall | Lost | 3,154,036 | 43 | 39 | 48 |
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| NY | US Sen. | Charles Schumer (D) | Chall | Won | 2,358,112 | 55 | 59 | 49 |
| | | Alfonse D'Amato (R) | Incum | Lost | 1,937,108 | 45 | 40 | 50 |

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While Male Voters Strongly Supported the Republican Winner**

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|--------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | | | | <u>Votes</u> | <u>%Votes</u> | <u>%Women</u> | <u>%Men</u> |
| NE | Gov. | Bill Hoppner (D) | Lost | Lost | 237,237 | 46 | 50 | 41 |
| | | Mike Johanns (R) | Won | Won | 277,985 | 54 | 50 | 59 |
| NM | Gov. | Martin Chavez (D) | Chall | Lost | 206,745 | 46 | 49 | 42 |
| | | Gary Johnson (R) | Incum | Won | 241,112 | 54 | 50 | 57 |