

By the Numbers

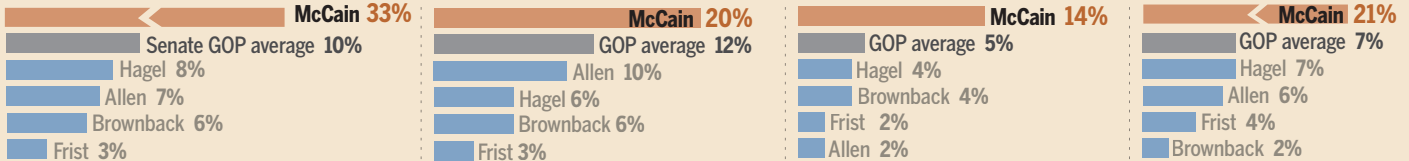
The subtleties and fluctuations in John McCain's reputation as a maverick are revealed in studies of his voting record during the 19 full years he's represented Arizona in the Senate. CQ's two annual

studies show that, during the Bush administration, he has routinely been more of an iconoclast than the four other senators actively pondering runs for the 2008 Republican presidential nomination. Generally McCain has been to the left of his caucus, but occasionally to the right. Presidential support and opposition measures how often a law-

RECENT CQ PRESIDENTIAL OPPOSITION SCORES



RECENT CQ PARTY OPPOSITION SCORES



NOTE: Because of computational differences, the Senate GOP averages are not strictly comparable to individual senator's scores.

Against the Grain in 2005

Last year, McCain's 23 percent presidential opposition score was the fifth-highest among Senate Republicans, and his 16 percent party opposition score was the ninth-highest in the Senate GOP. Some of the most prominent votes on which he broke from the pack:

PRESIDENTIAL OPPOSITION

Energy policy: Cap greenhouse gas emissions at 2000 levels by 2010 (*McCain amendment*)

Bush opposed, McCain voted 'yes'

Energy policy overhaul: Initial passage

Bush supported, McCain voted 'no'

Energy policy overhaul: Adoption of conference report

Bush supported, McCain voted 'no'

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge: Strike oil drilling (*two votes*)

Bush opposed, McCain voted 'yes'

Torture: Ban cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment of overseas prisoners (*McCain amendment*)

Bush opposed, McCain voted 'yes'

PARTY OPPOSITION

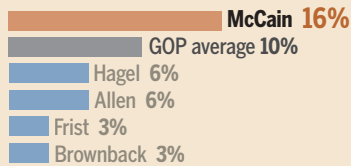
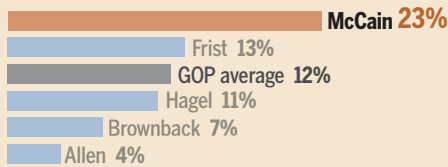
Tax cuts: Restore pay-as-you-go rules (*two votes*)

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maker voted with or against the president on votes on which the president took a clear position beforehand. Party unity and opposition measures how often a lawmaker stood with or against most colleagues in his caucus in votes that broke mainly along party lines. At right are McCain's CQ vote study scores throughout his Senate

career, along with his annual voting record support scores from the leading groups advocating on behalf of labor unions (AFL-CIO) and businesses (U.S. Chamber of Commerce) and two prominent ideological advocacy groups, the liberal Americans for Democratic Action and the American Conservative Union.

2005



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Prescription drugs: Allow federal government to negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare (*two votes*)

Most Republicans opposed, McCain voted 'yes'

Supplemental appropriations: More money for Humvees

Most Republicans opposed, McCain voted 'yes'

	AFL-CIO	AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION		CQ PARTY UNITY	CQ PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORT
2005	14	10	72	80	President George W. Bush	84	77
2004	33	35	67	72		79	92
2003	15	35	61	75		86	91
2002	33	20	79	78		80	90
2001	27	40	50	68		67	91
2000	14	5	75	81	President Bill Clinton	83	38
1999	0	5	75	77		90	38
1998	29	20	76	68		84	49
1997	14	5	100	80		84	70
1996	0	0	100	95		95	32
1995	8	0	100	91	90	36	
1994	0	10	80	96	91	44	
1993	18	15	82	83	91	28	
1992	33	20	90	85	President George Bush	87	75
1991	17	5	70	86		89	86
1990	22	11	83	87		81	75
1989	0	5	88	93	87	76	
1988	14	10	64	80	President Ronald Reagan	87	73
1987	20	15	100	91		88	73

