

Table 8. Liberal Decisions of Federal District Judges in Order  
of Magnitude of Partisan Differences for Twenty-Two Types  
Cases, 1933-1985 in Percentages

Type of Case	Overall	Democrats	Republicans	Partisan Difference	Odds Ratio
Local Economic Regulation	67	77	57	20	2.50
Rights of the Handicapped	55	65	46	19	2.20
Race Discrimination	50	57	39	18	2.19
Sec'y of Labor or NLRB v. Unions	56	63	45	18	2.09
Criminal Conviction	38	44	30	14	1.91
Women's Rights	52	59	44	15	1.81
Freedom of Religion	53	58	44	14	1.80
Fourteenth Amendment	41	46	34	12	1.67
Freedom of Expression	56	61	50	11	1.56
Employer v. Employee	40	44	34	10	1.55
U.S. Habeas Corpus Please	27	30	22	8	1.54
U.S. Commerical Regulation	68	72	63	9	1.49
Union v. Company	49	52	45	7	1.35
Alien Petitions	40	42	36	6	1.30
Environmental Protection	60	63	57	6	1.29
Criminal Court Motions	30	32	27	5	1.27
State Habeas Corpus Please	25	26	22	4	1.23
Indian Rights and Law	50	52	47	5	1.22
Rent Control, Excess Profit	59	61	58	3	1.14
Voting Rights Cases	49	49	48	1	1.06
Union Members v. Union	47	48	47	1	1.04
Sec'y of Labor or NLRB v. Employers	68	66	73	-7	0.72

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