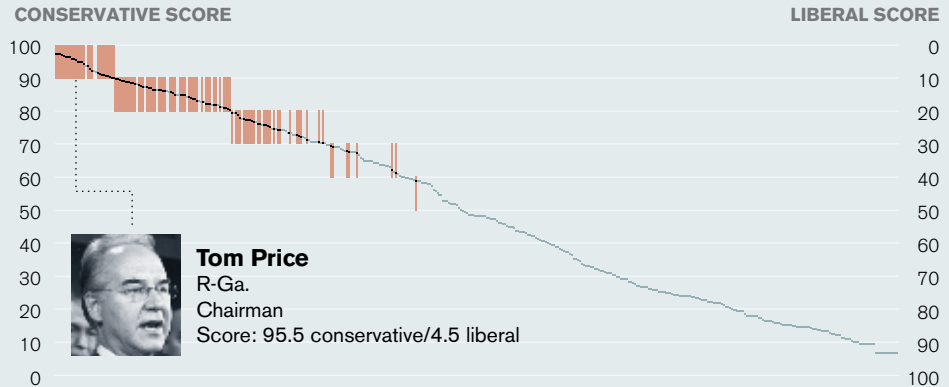


Ideological Caucuses in the House

Here is where the members of four key ideological caucuses in the House fall along the conservative-to-liberal scale in *National Journal's* 2008 vote ratings. Group members and membership totals reflect the 110th Congress, and they do not include members who did not receive composite scores. The leaders pictured are from the current Congress.

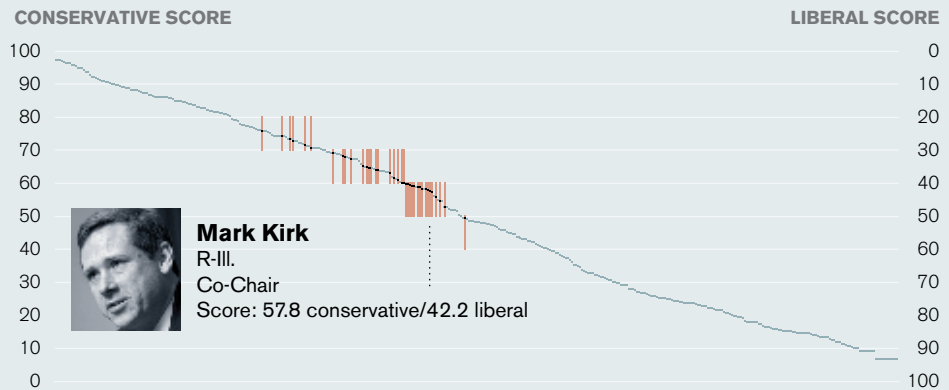
Republican Study Committee 106 MEMBERS

The conservative Republican Study Committee is the largest ideological caucus in the House and includes most of the chamber's GOP leadership. Activist on conservative social issues, RSC members are vocal opponents of earmarked appropriations and vocal supporters of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.



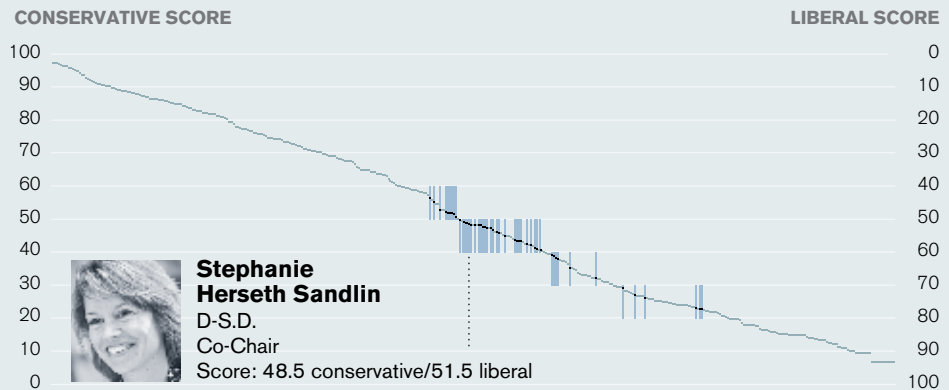
Tuesday Group 37 MEMBERS

Members of the Tuesday Group are moderate Republicans who favor lower taxes, limited government, and strong national defense, but they are less preoccupied with tenets of social conservatism. Their base has eroded as support for moderate Republicans in the Northeast suburbs has declined.



Blue Dog Coalition 47 MEMBERS

Members of the Blue Dog Coalition are fiscally conservative Democrats who advocate "pay-as-you-go" budget rules and a muscular foreign policy. Blue Dogs tend to be more socially conservative and rural-oriented than other Democrats. Many represent districts that President Bush won in 2004.



Progressive Caucus 68 MEMBERS

The liberal Democrats who are members of the Progressive Caucus favor increased social safety net spending and take liberal positions on environmental and civil-liberties issues. They are wary of using military force. Most caucus members represent urban and suburban districts in the country's largest metropolitan areas.

