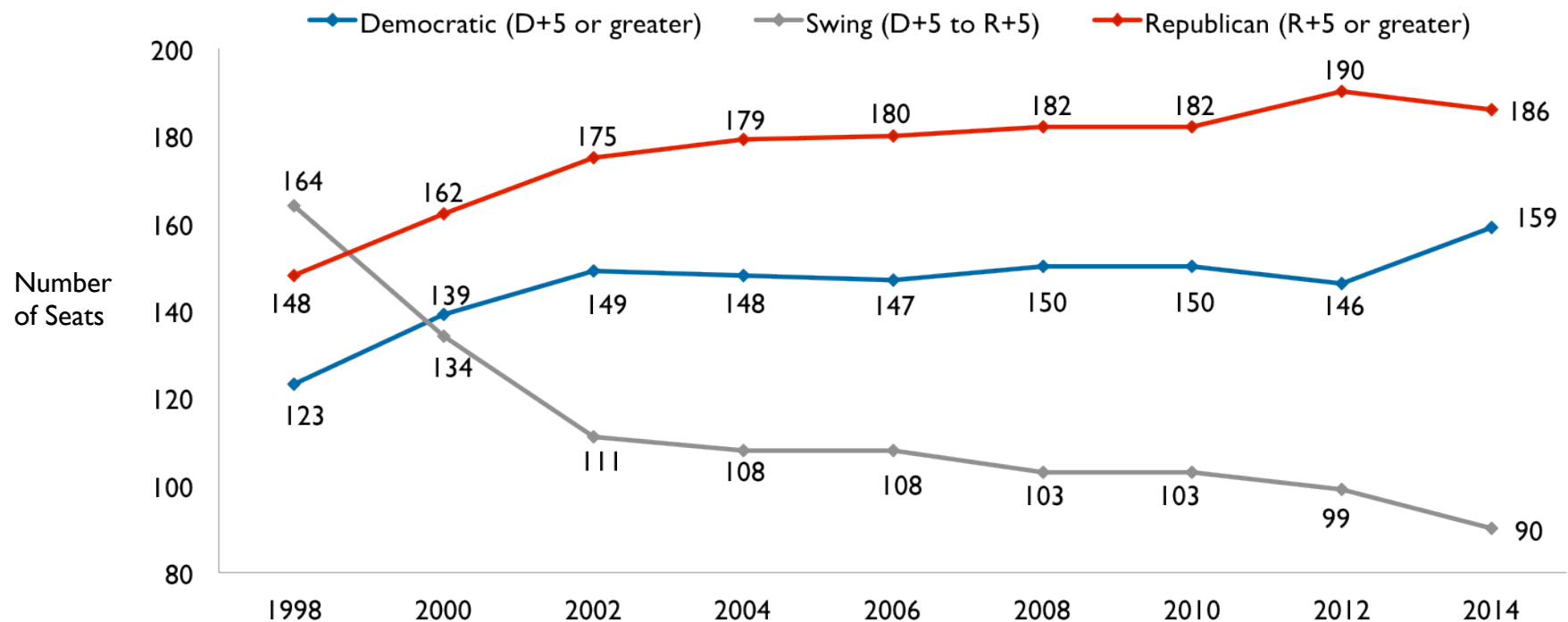


In House, Fewer “Swing” Seats, More Polarization

Charlie Cook Rates the Districts

House Makeup by Cook Partisan Vote Index



Analysis

- According to the Cook Partisan Vote Index, the number of swing seats in the House has dropped 45%, from 164 in 1998 to 90 in 2014
- Fewer swing seats means more polarization in Congress
- As district populations grow increasingly liberal or conservative, incumbents fear radical primary challengers