

# ■ 2008 Democratic Presidential Wannabes

The following chart shows the **composite liberal scores**, based on *National Journal's* annual vote ratings, of the Democratic members of Congress who are running for president in 2008. *NJ* began compiling the ratings in 1981.

	SENATE				HOUSE
	Barack Obama III. (First elected 2004)	Christopher Dodd Conn. (First elected 1980)	Hillary Rodham Clinton N.Y. (First elected 2000)	Joseph Biden Del. (First elected 1972)	Dennis Kucinich Ohio (First elected 1996)
1981	—	88.8	—	79.0	—
1982	—	88.5	—	75.8	—
1983	—	89.8	—	78.3	—
1984	—	85.8	—	70.7	—
1985	—	83.8	—	77.7	—
1986	—	78.7	—	85.8	—
1987	—	69.8	—	82.7	—
1988	—	79.2	—	*	—
1989	—	79.7	—	69.7	—
1990	—	76.0	—	80.8	—
1991	—	61.5	—	87.2	—
1992	—	60.7	—	91.2	—
1993	—	72.8	—	67.8	—
1994	—	80.8	—	78.2	—
1995	—	80.2	—	65.2	—
1996	—	79.8	—	70.3	—
1997	—	75.5	—	60.8	74.3
1998	—	80.8	—	69.7	63.0
1999	—	79.5	—	78.7	68.0
2000	—	85.8	—	76.7	69.2
2001	—	81.5	76.3	87.3	81.8
2002	—	80.8	86.7	75.3	84.5
2003	—	75.7	88.8	75.3	80.3
2004	—	78.8	71.0	78.7	92.5
2005	82.5	79.7	79.8	80.2	93.7
2006	86.0	84.0	70.2	77.5	87.0
<b>Lifetime Average Composite Liberal Score</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>79.4</b>

\*Biden did not receive scores that year because of missed votes.