Senators Running Toward the Middle

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Santorum

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Burns

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Stabenow

Among the nine senators in competitive re-election bids in 2006, many of them "ran toward the middle" by **voting more moderately during the campaign year** than they did during the first five years of their term, according to composite scores in *National Journal*'s annual vote ratings. Six of the senators were defeated.

REPUBLICANS	Composite Conservative Score		Differential
	2001-2005 AVG.	2006	
Mike DeWine, Ohio*	60.9	49.0	-11.9
Rick Santorum, Pa.*	77.3	70.3	-7.0
Lincoln Chafee, R.I.*	46.5	41.0	-5.5
Conrad Burns, Mont.*	81.9	77.2	-4.7
Jim Talent, Mo.*	72.1	68.3	-3.8
George Allen, Va.*	79.7	78.0	-1.7
Jon Kyl, Ariz.	85.5	90.8	+ 5.3
DEMOCRATS	**Composite Liberal Score**		**Differential**
	2001-2005 AVG.	**2006**	
Debbie Stabenow, Mich.	84.7	68.0	-16.7
Robert Menendez, N.J.	70.3	82.7	+ 12.4

*No longer a member of the Senate.
NOTE: Menendez's 2001-2005 scores are from the House.