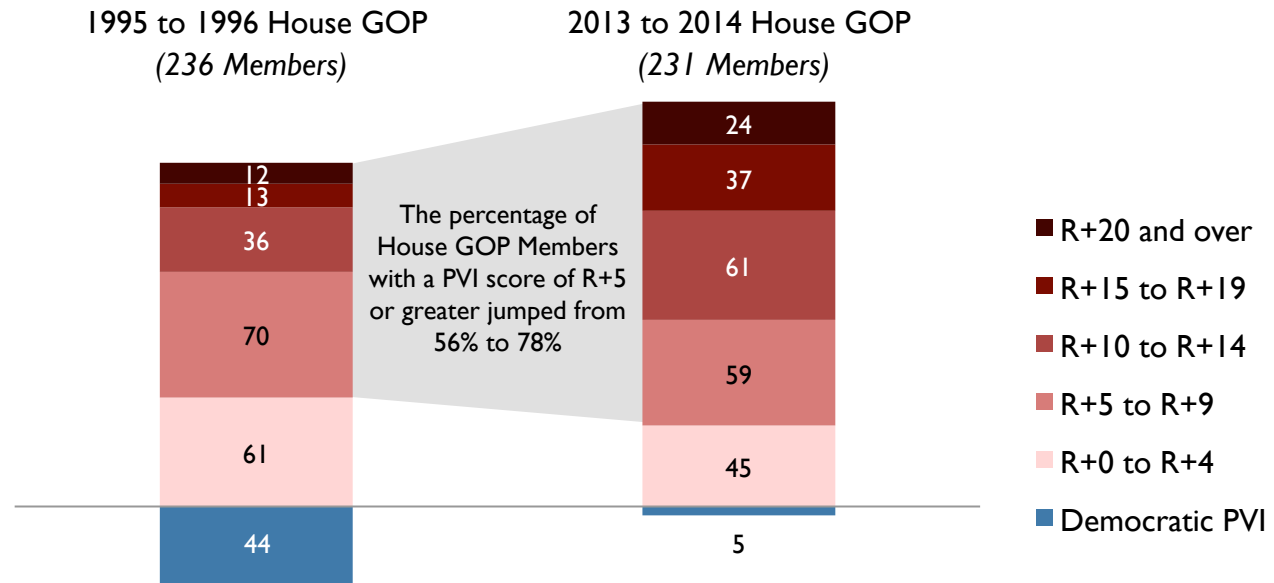


“Super Republicans” Rise Within GOP’s Ranks

House Republicans by Partisan Voter Index (PVI)*, 1995-1996 and 2013-2014



Analysis

- As a result of redistricting and a huge sorting-out of voters and seats, the share of House “Super Republicans”—Republicans from districts with a PVI score of R+5 or higher—has grown nearly fourfold since ‘95/’96
- The “Super Republican” majority means that House Republicans today are likelier to play to a primary audience than be bullied into submission by Democrats

* Partisan Voter Index measures how each district performs at the presidential level relative to the nation as a whole

Source: David Wasserman, “The House GOP’s 80-20 Problem,” Cook Political Report, Oct. 3, 2013.