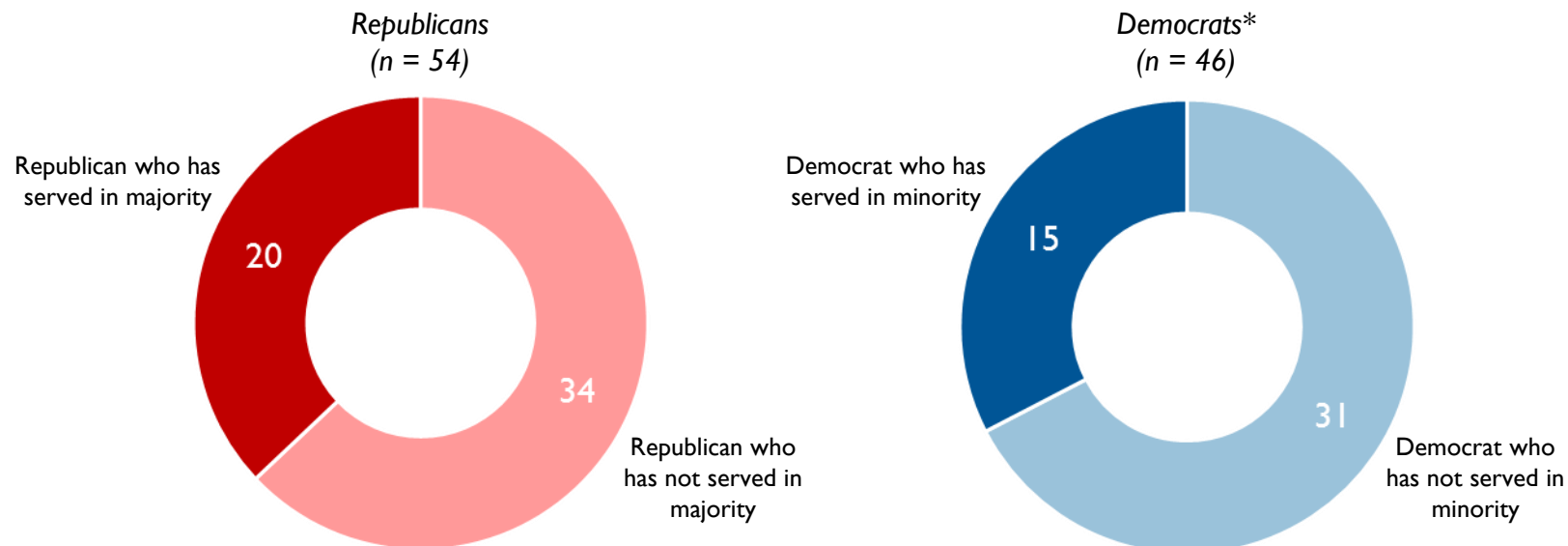


Most Senators in 114th Have Never Served in a Republican Majority

114th Senators, by Experience in Majority and Minority



* Includes 2 independent senators who caucus with Democrats

Analysis

- The last time Republicans held a majority in the U.S. Senate was in 2006
- However, 65 of the Senators in the 114th Congress were sworn in in 2007 or later
- Only 20 of the 54 Republican members of the U.S. Senate (37%) have experience in a majority; only 15 of the 46 members of the Democratic caucus (32%) have experience serving in a minority
- Having experience in the Senate in both the majority and minority party is important; eager majority members without past experience in the majority may not recognize the need for compromise in order to achieve cloture, and minority members may be surprised at how little power they have to constructively amend legislation and influence the chamber's agenda