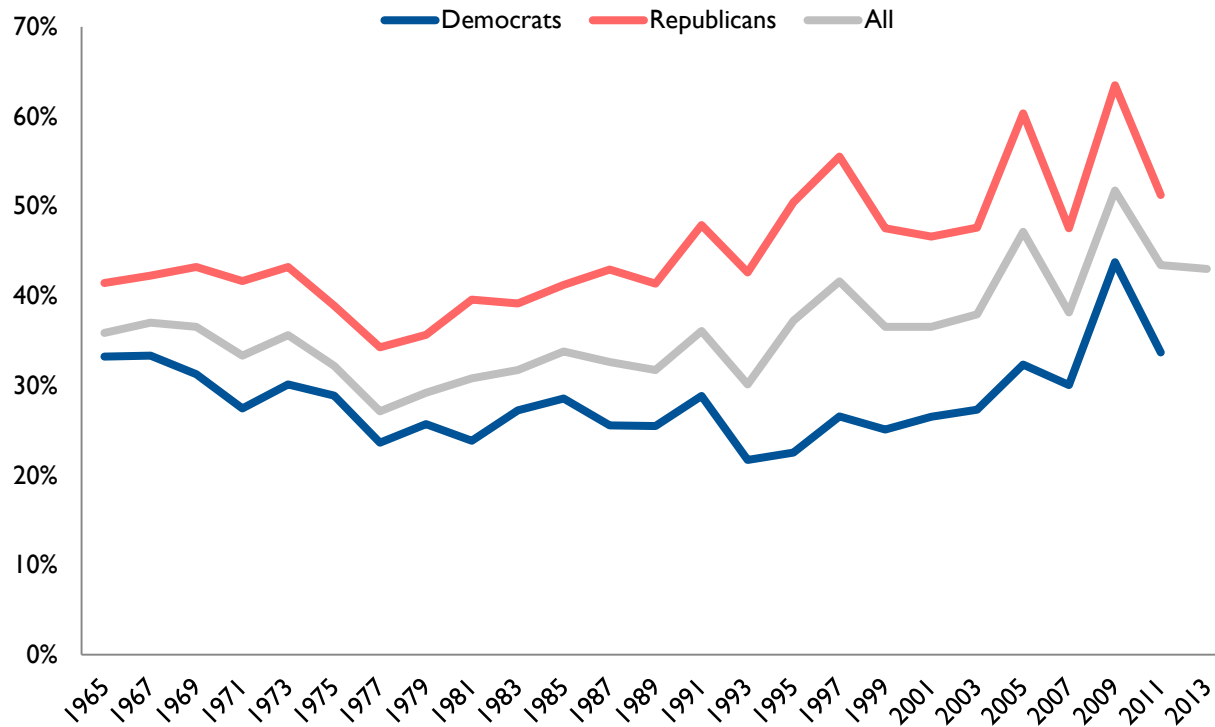


Since 1989, 38% Increase in Representatives with Business Backgrounds

Percentage of House of Representatives with Occupational Backgrounds in Business or Banking



Analysis

- Historically, a larger share of House Republicans have had backgrounds in business and banking: on average, since 1965, 45% of Republicans have had business backgrounds, while 28% of Democrats have had business backgrounds
- Since 1989, the share of Representatives with business backgrounds has increased from 31% to 43%, largely due to Republican gains
- Since 2004, however, the share of Representatives with business backgrounds has fluctuated in both parties to a greater extent than in the past