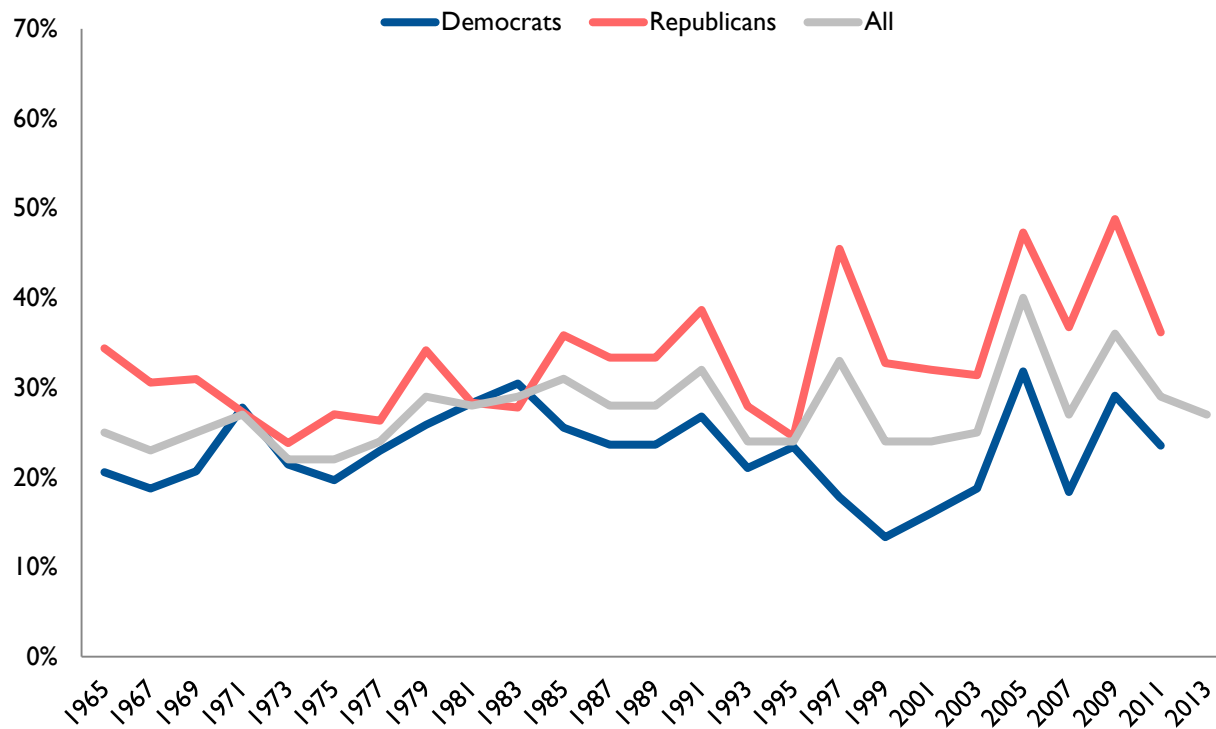


# Share of Senate with Business Backgrounds Fluctuates

## Percentage of Senate with Occupational Backgrounds in Business or Banking



### Analysis

- Between 1965 and 1995, Republicans often—but not always—claimed a greater share of Senators with business backgrounds
- After 1995, Republicans consistently had a greater share of Senators with business backgrounds than Democrats
- As in the House, the share of Senators with business backgrounds has increasingly fluctuated, but unlike the House, no clear increase in the overall share of Senators with business backgrounds has occurred since 1989