

The Big Sort:

Migration, Economy and Politics
in the United States of 'Those People'

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FOR PEACE

Bring the Troops Home

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PREPARE
TO MEET
GOD



**UNITED
AS A NATION**

**UNITED
AS A COMMUNITY**

MASON

**PROUDLY
SUPPORTS
OUR TROOPS!**

**SOVEREIGNTY
FOREVER**



U.N. NEVER!

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PRAISE WHATEVER HIGHER POWER(S) YOU
MAY OR MAY NOT BELIEVE IN... YEE HA!
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER,
AND READ!



BOOKPEOPLE PRESENTS

2/9 CHARLIE HILLS 3PM

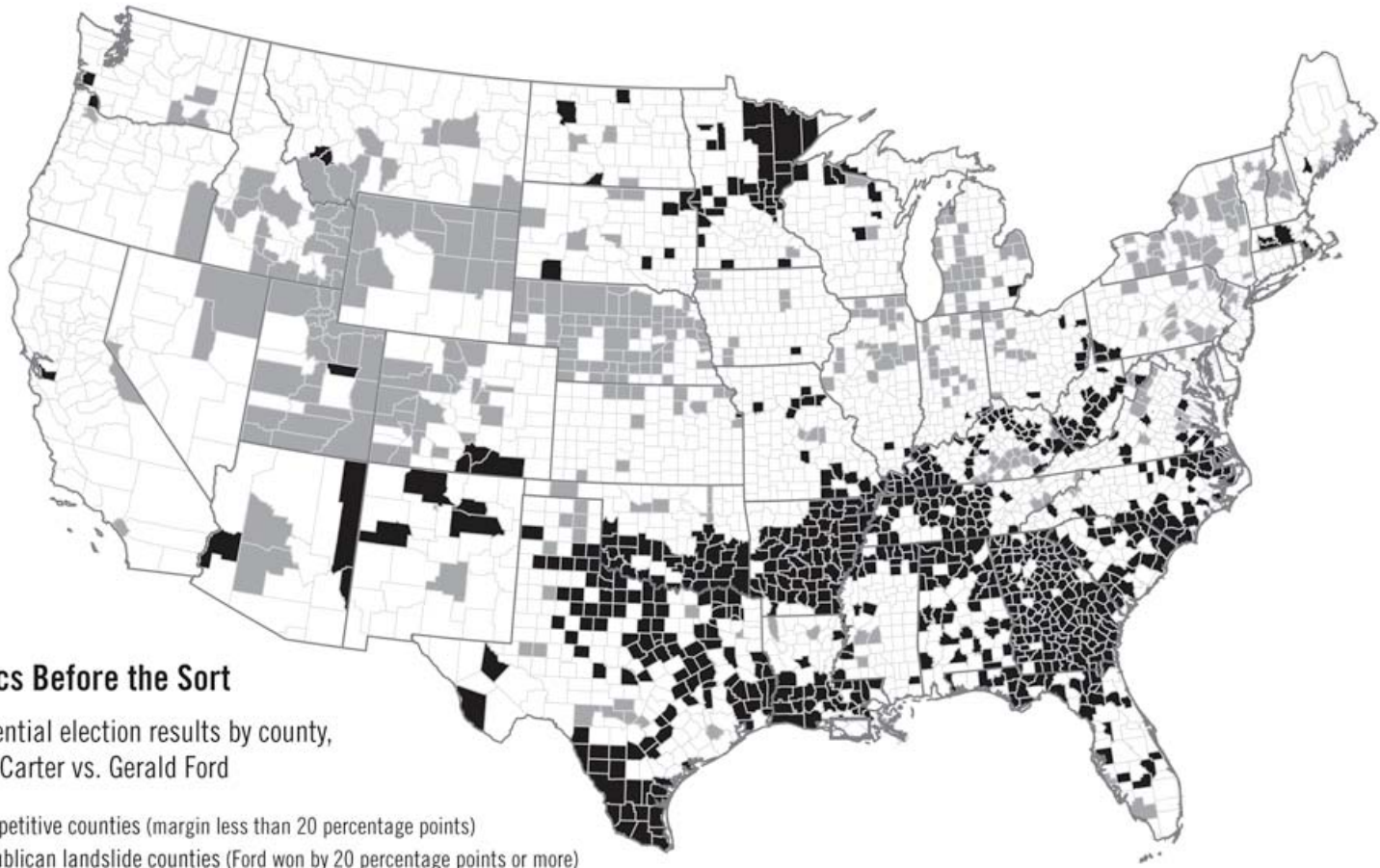
WHY YOUR LAST DIET FAILED

2/10 DARWIN DAY 1PM

CELEBRATION

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No War On Iraq
South Austin Neighbors For Peace

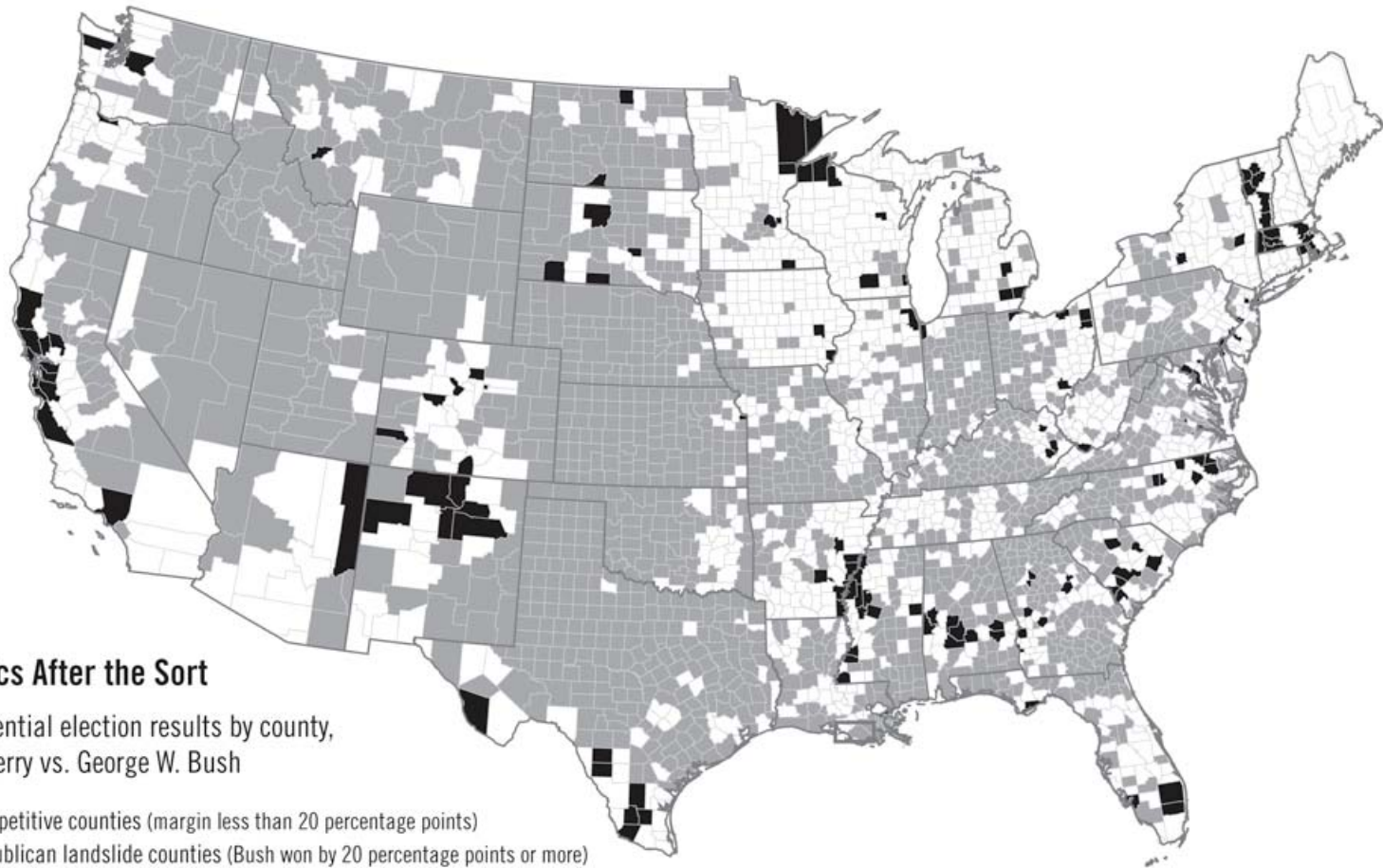




1976 Politics Before the Sort

Presidential election results by county,
Jimmy Carter vs. Gerald Ford

- Competitive counties (margin less than 20 percentage points)
- Republican landslide counties (Ford won by 20 percentage points or more)
- Democratic landslide counties (Carter won by 20 percentage points or more)



Voters in Landslide Counties

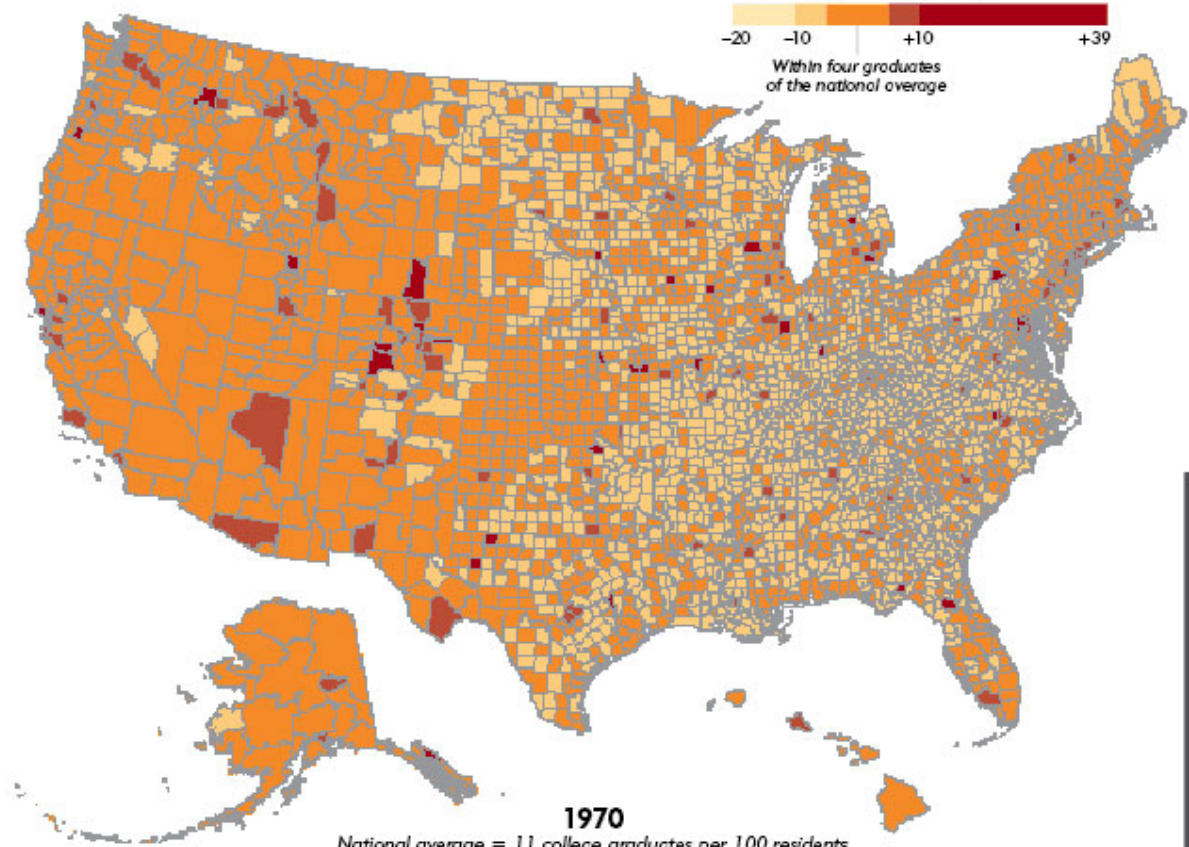
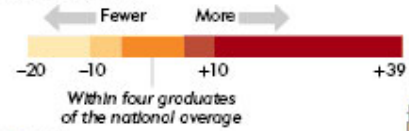
	Competitive Elections	Uncompetitive elections
1976	26.8% (2.1% margin)	
1980		41.8% (10.6% margin) 55% (18.3% margin)
1984	41.7% (7.8% margin)	
1988	37.7% (6.9% margin)	
1992	42.1% (9.5% margin)	
1996	45.3% (0.5% margin)	
2000	48.3% (2.5% margin)	

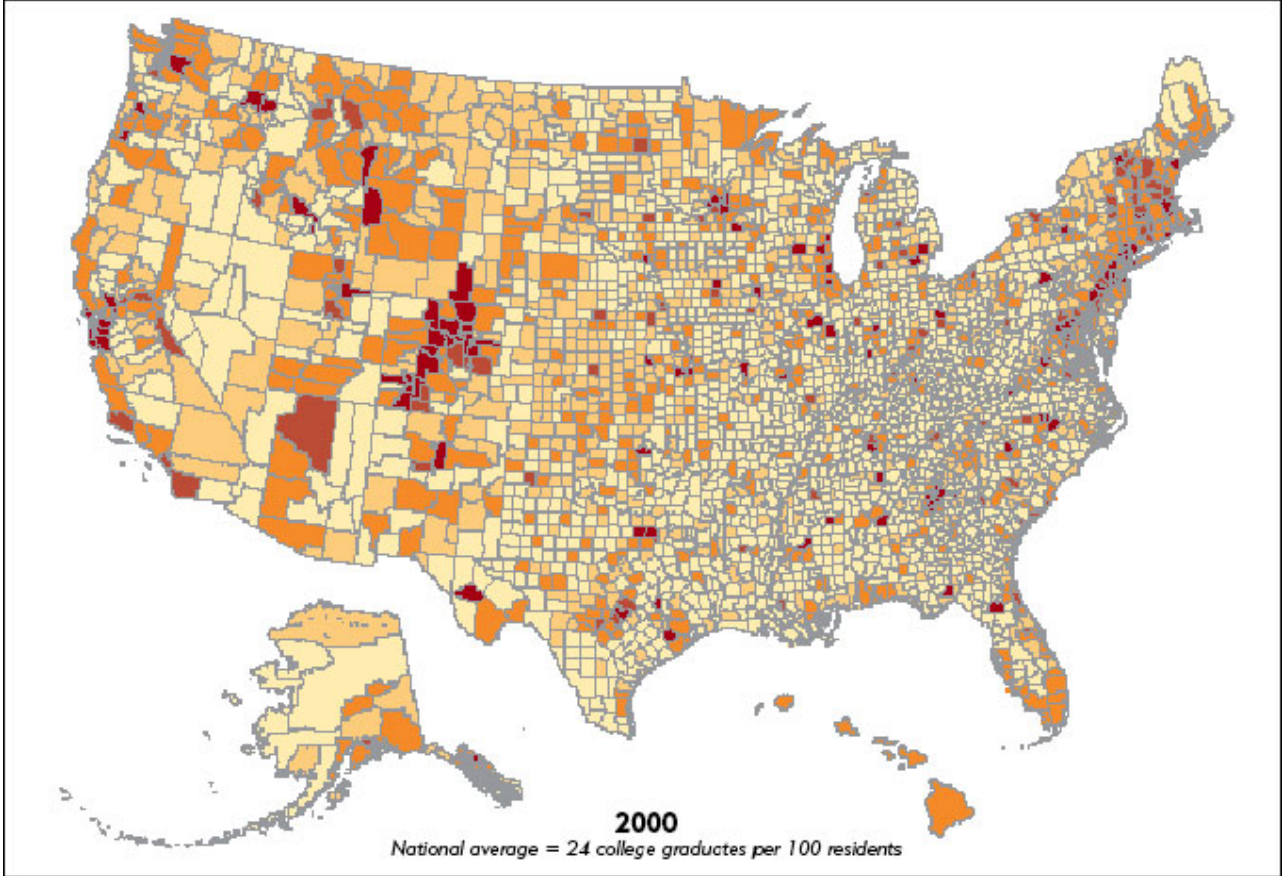
R & D votes Only

THE MIGRATION OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

Since 1970, college graduates have flocked to select American cities

College graduates in each county, compared with the national average (per 100 residents)





High-Tech Cities -- Compared to Low-Tech

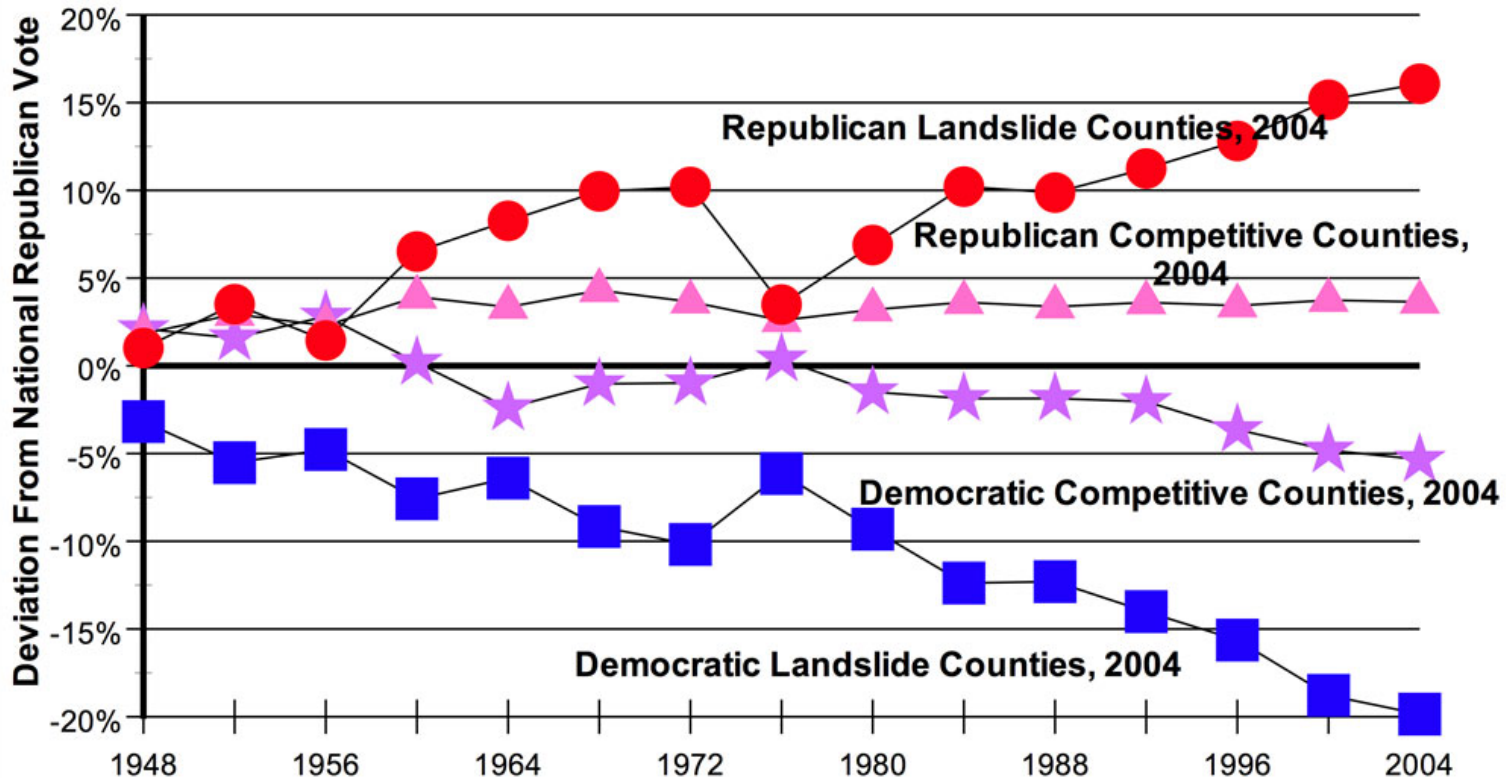
- More interested in other places/cultures
- More likely to 'try anything once'
- More likely to engage in individualistic activities
- More optimistic
- Volunteering increasing less than in low-tech cities
- Church attendance decreasing
- Club membership decreasing
- Community projects decreasing

Low-Tech Cities -- Compared to High-Tech

- More likely to attend church
- More family oriented
- More supportive of traditional authority
- More social activities with other people
- Volunteering increasing
- Church attendance increasing
- Club membership decreasing, but less so than in high-tech cities
- Community projects increasing
- More feelings of isolation and economic vulnerability

The Separation of American Communities

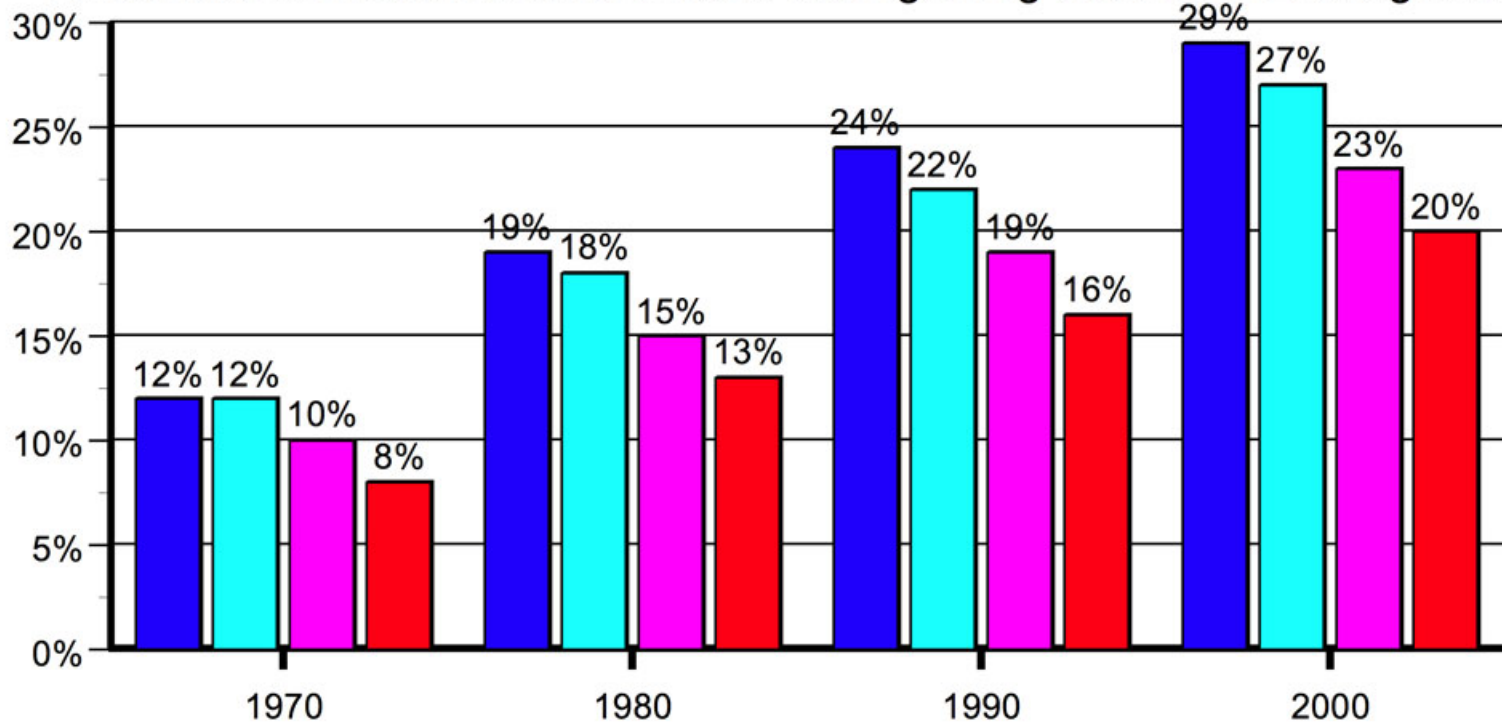
Political divisions of 2004 have been growing for decades



Landslide counties had 20 point margins in 2004. Competitive counties had margins under 20.

Communities are Separating by Education

Landslide Democratic counties have been gaining those with BA degrees

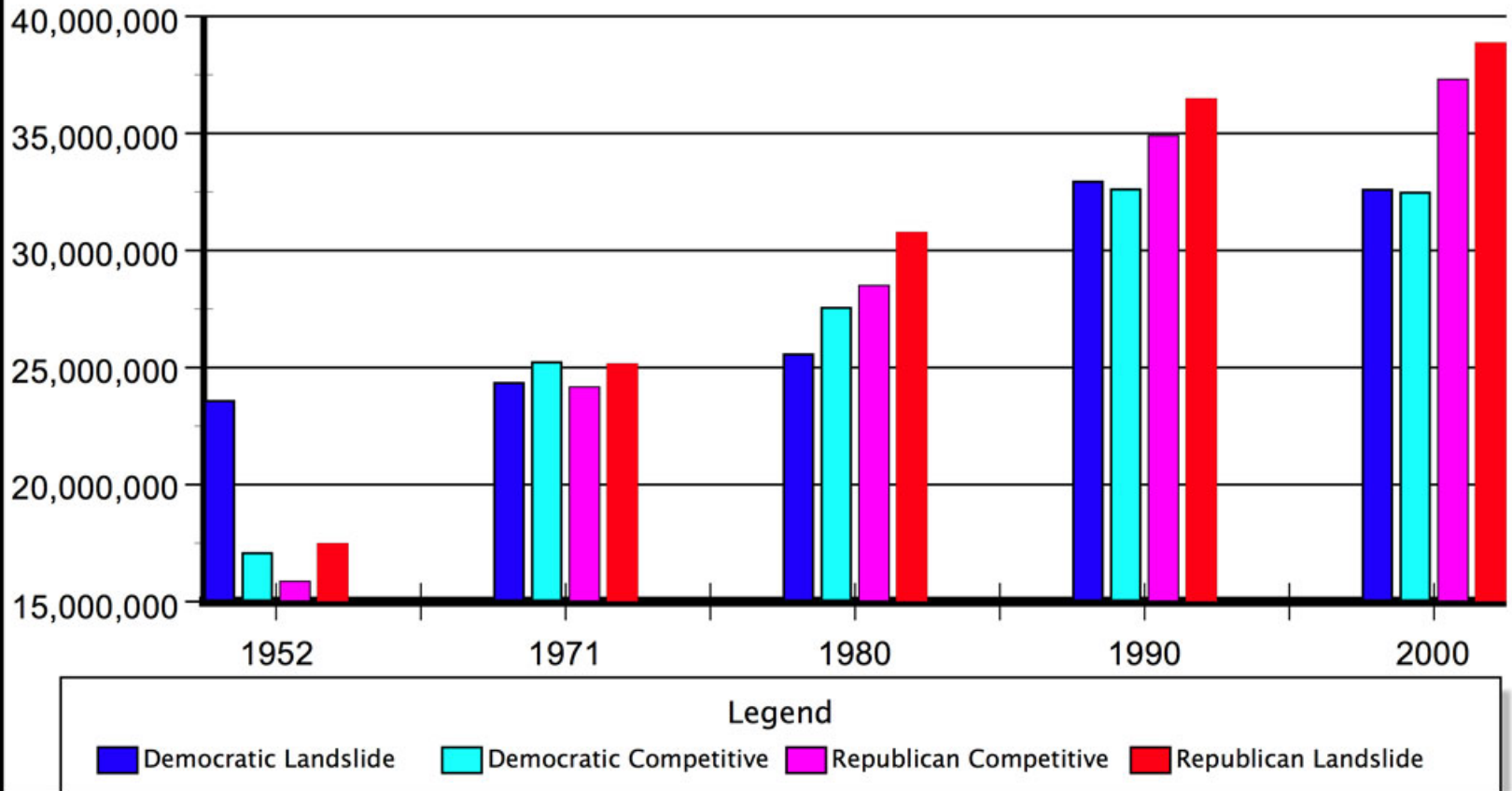


Legend

■ Democratic Landslide ■ Democratic Competitive ■ Republican Competitive ■ Republican Landslide

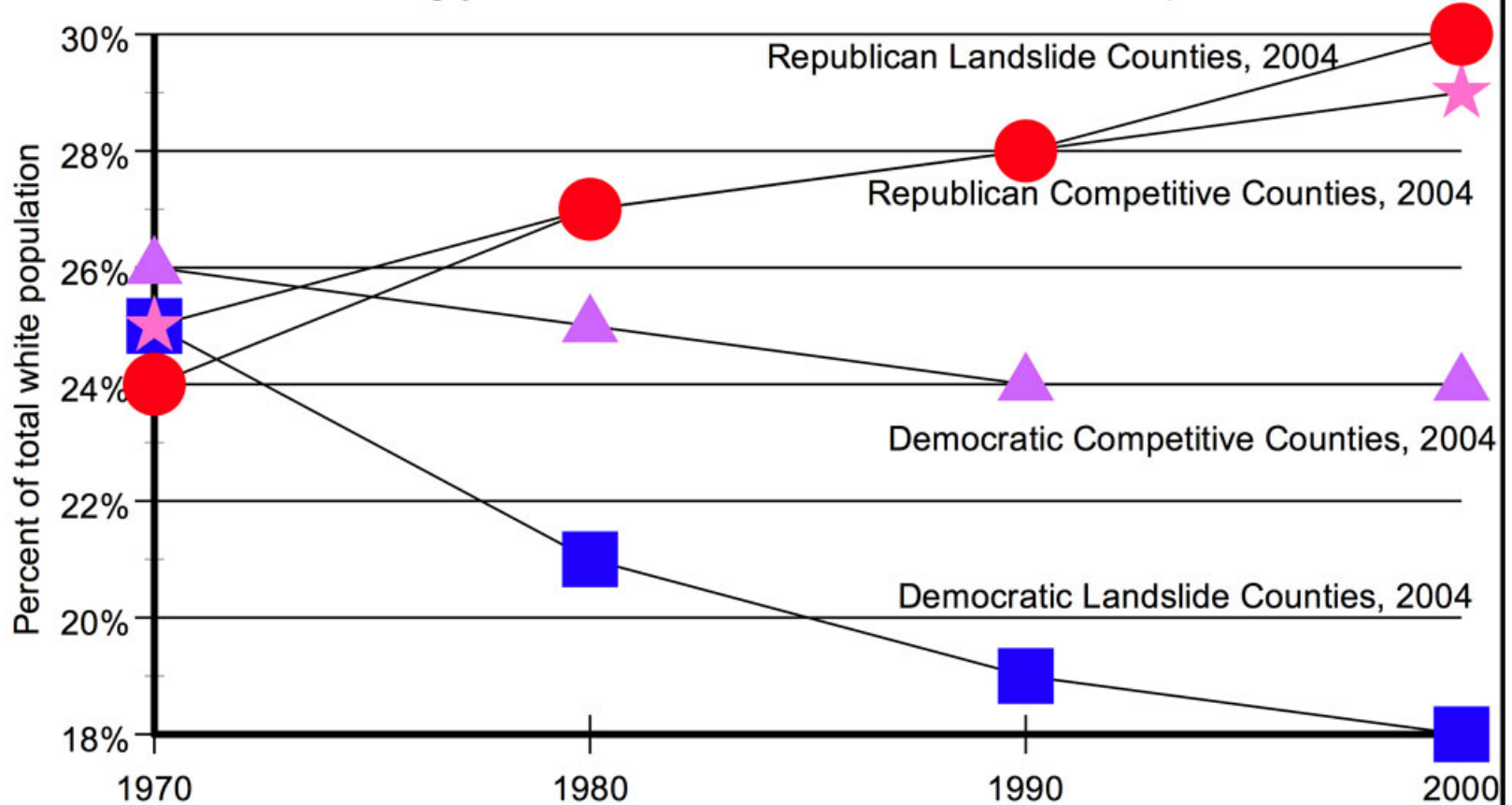
The Separation of Church-Goers

Republican counties gain the most church members in the last 50 years



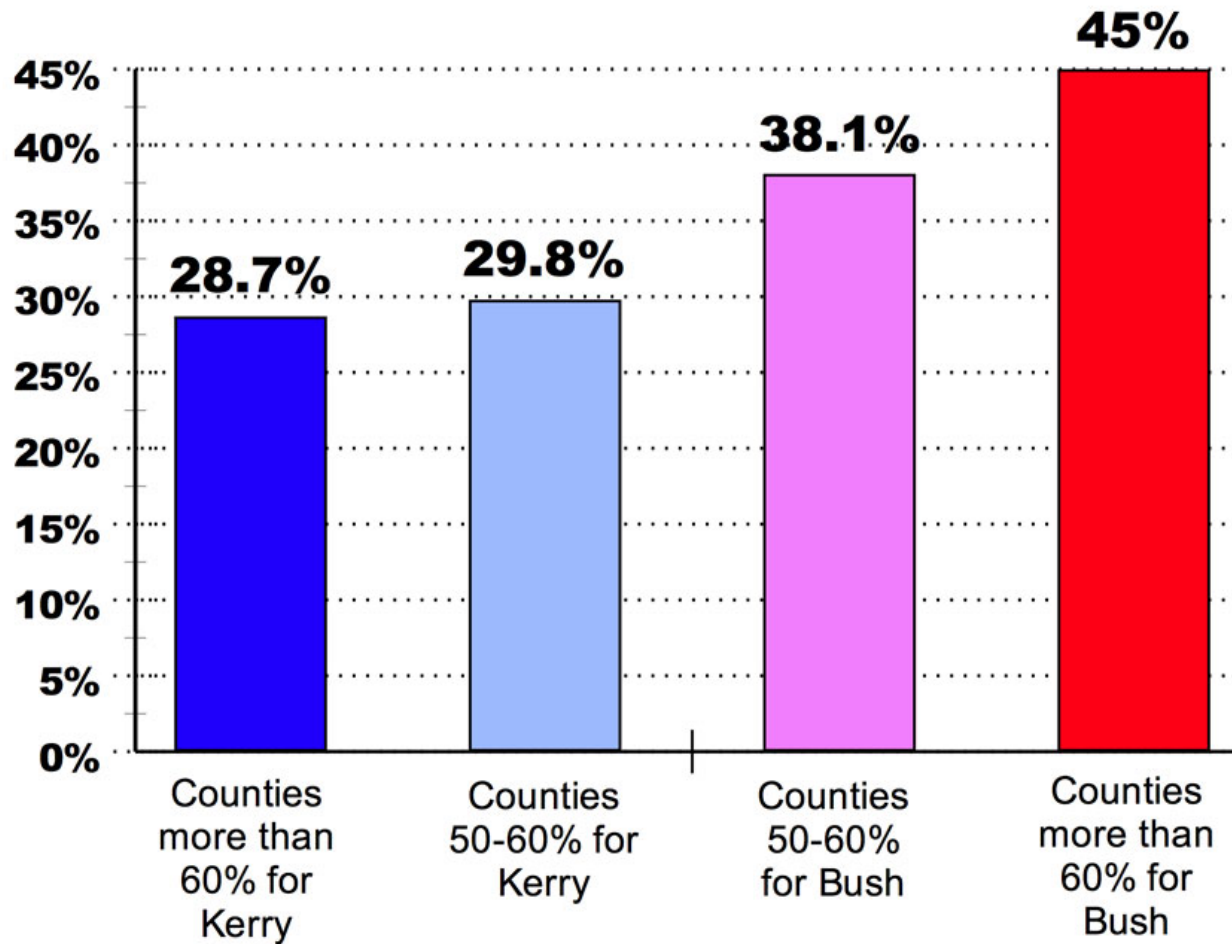
The New White Flight

Whites have increasingly clustered in counties that voted Republican in 2004



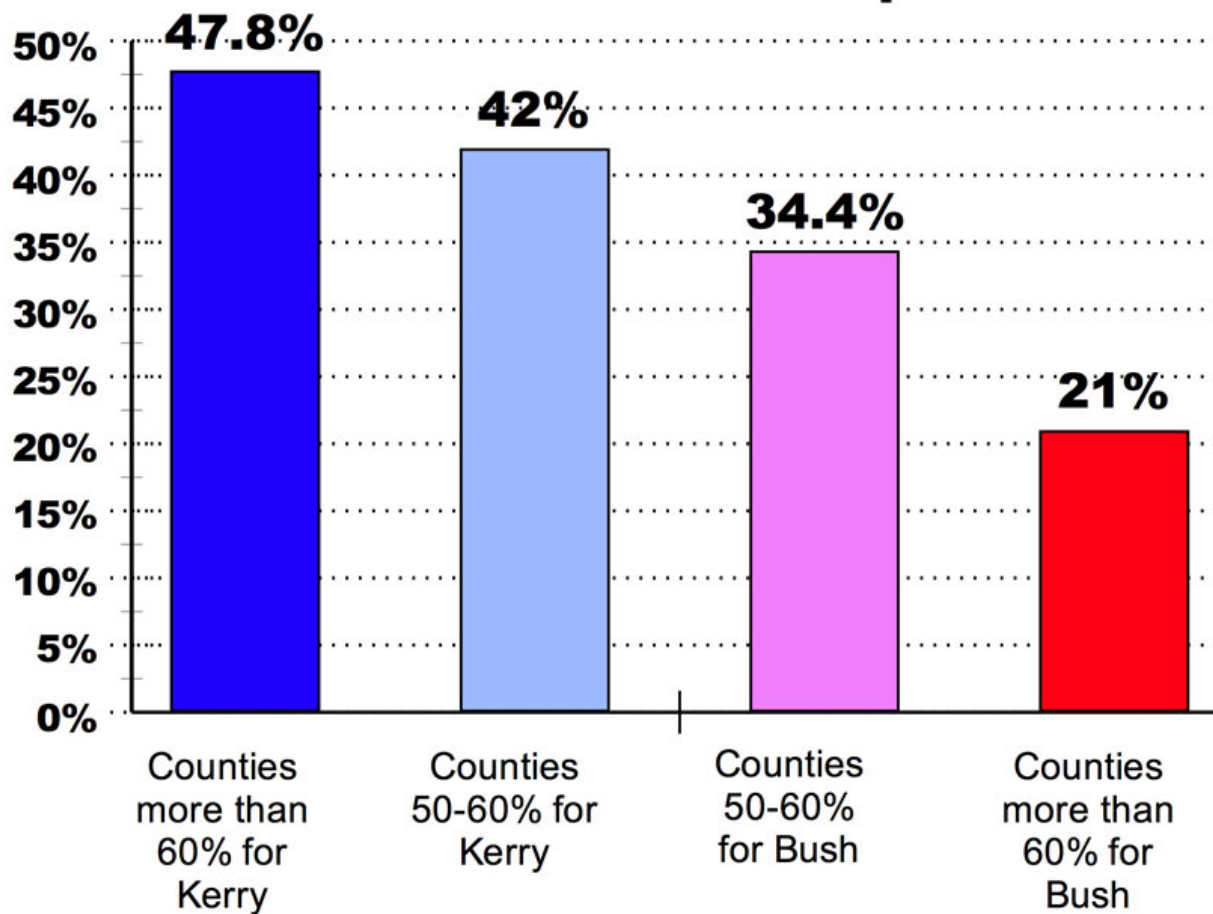
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Attend Bible Study or Prayer Group



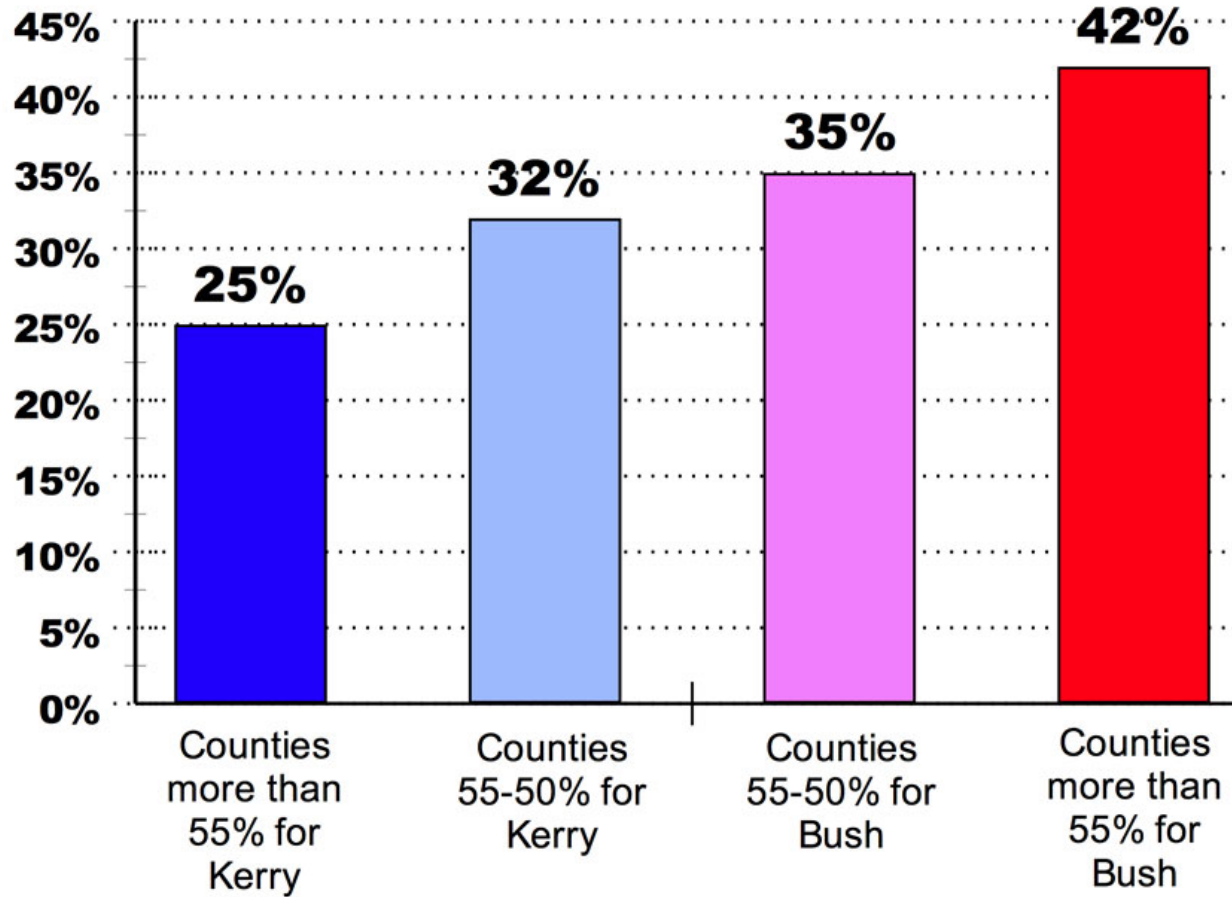
Source: Pew Research

Feel 'Strongly' Homosexuality Should Be Accepted



Source: Pew Research

Self-Described Liberals: Iraq Was Right Decision



Source: Pew
Research
2004