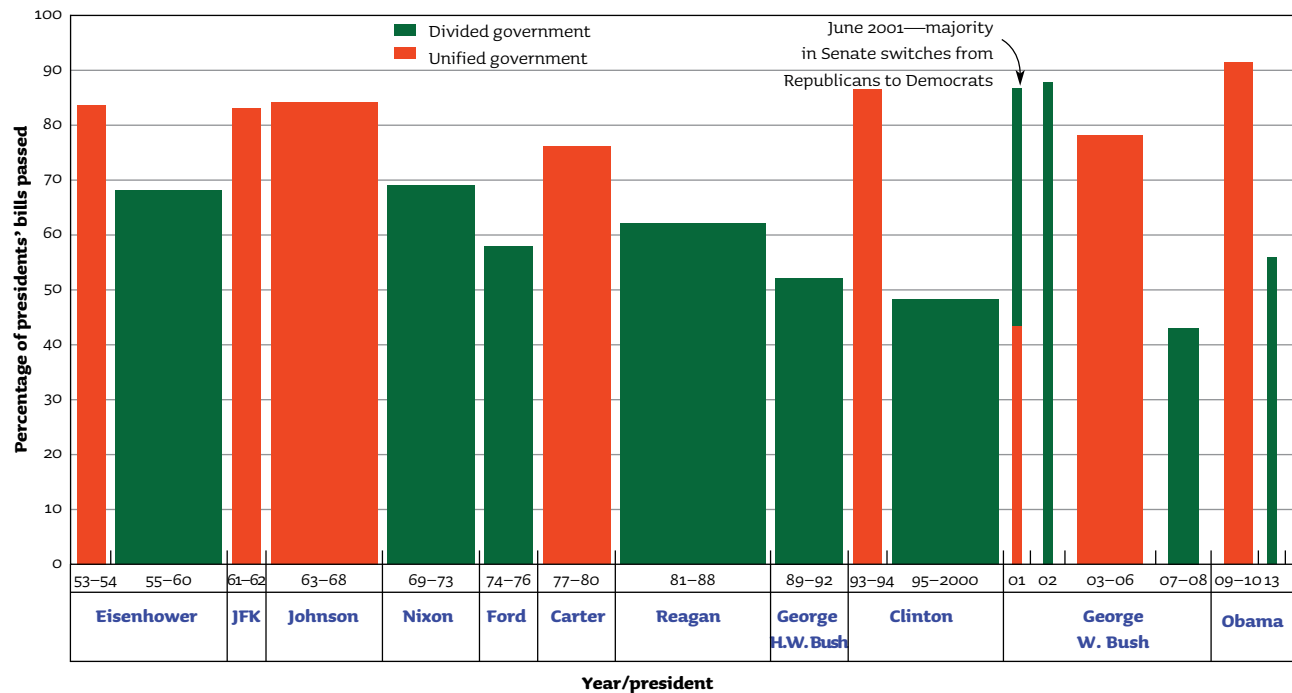


PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESS UNDER UNIFIED AND DIVIDED GOVERNMENT, EISENHOWER TO OBAMA

When the president faces a divided government—that is, when the opposing party controls one or both houses of Congress—he usually finds it harder to get his bills passed.



Source: Data from “Presidential Support Background,” *CQ Weekly*, January 11, 2010, 117; “Table 6-7: Presidential Victories on Votes in Congress, 1953–2010,” in Harold W. Stanley and Richard G. Niemi, eds., *Vital Statistics on American Politics 2011–2012* (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2011), 246–248; Sam Goldfarb, “2011 Vote Studies: Presidential Support,” *CQ Weekly*, January 16, 2012, 98–104; “2012 Vote Studies: Presidential Support,” *CQ Weekly*, January 21, 2013; “2013 Vote Studies: Presidential Support,” *CQ Weekly*, February 3, 2014.