Current Attitudes, Polarization and Environmental Politics

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Value of bipartisanship/compromise
Building bipartisan cosponsorship coalitions can improve member’s legislative effectiveness

Figure 2: Legislative Advancement for Lawmakers Attracting Bipartisan Cosponsors

Public opinion on compromise and bipartisanship
When people from both parties share the same end goal, even a victory for the opposing side is better than gridlock.

Energy Policy (a consensus issue) vs. Gun Control (a non-consensus issue)

Voting for compromises generally boosts Senator’s approval and vote

Even primary voters, on average, favor compromise