

## Presidential Requests for Congressional Action in State of the Union Addresses

| <u>President</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Number<br/>of requests</u> | <u>Percent of Requests</u>  |                                 |                                       |                           |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                  |             |                               | <u>Fully<br/>Successful</u> | <u>Partially<br/>Successful</u> | <u>Fully/partially<br/>Successful</u> | <u>Not<br/>Successful</u> |
| Johnson          |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1965        | 36                            | 66.7                        | 2.8                             | 69.4                                  | 30.6                      |
|                  | 1966        | 36                            | 50.0                        | 2.8                             | 52.8                                  | 47.2                      |
|                  | 1967        | 36                            | 19.4                        | 5.6                             | 25.0                                  | 75.0                      |
|                  | 1968        | 45                            | 44.4                        | 17.8                            | 62.2                                  | 37.8                      |
| Nixon            |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1970        | 17                            | 58.8                        | 11.8                            | 70.6                                  | 29.4                      |
|                  | 1971        | 21                            | 19.0                        | 0.0                             | 19.0                                  | 81.0                      |
|                  | 1972        | 19                            | 21.1                        | 15.8                            | 36.8                                  | 63.2                      |
|                  | 1974        | 13                            | 23.1                        | 15.4                            | 38.5                                  | 61.5                      |
| Ford             |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1975        | 29                            | 24.1                        | 3.4                             | 27.6                                  | 72.4                      |
|                  | 1976        | 34                            | 20.6                        | 8.8                             | 29.4                                  | 70.6                      |
| Carter           |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1978        | 18                            | 33.3                        | 16.7                            | 50.0                                  | 50.0                      |
|                  | 1979        | 20                            | 15.0                        | 10.0                            | 25.0                                  | 75.0                      |
|                  | 1980        | 9                             | 33.3                        | 22.2                            | 55.6                                  | 44.4                      |
| Reagan           |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1981        | 27                            | 37.0                        | 33.3                            | 70.4                                  | 29.6                      |
|                  | 1982        | 22                            | 9.1                         | 22.7                            | 31.8                                  | 68.2                      |
|                  | 1983        | 31                            | 12.9                        | 12.9                            | 25.8                                  | 74.2                      |
|                  | 1984        | 19                            | 21.1                        | 36.8                            | 57.9                                  | 42.1                      |
|                  | 1985        | 35                            | 8.6                         | 11.4                            | 20.0                                  | 80.0                      |
|                  | 1986        | 20                            | 50.0                        | 10.0                            | 60.0                                  | 40.0                      |
|                  | 1987        | 19                            | 0.0                         | 5.3                             | 5.3                                   | 94.7                      |
|                  | 1988        | 18                            | 44.4                        | 16.7                            | 61.1                                  | 38.9                      |
| Bush, G.H.W.     |             |                               |                             |                                 |                                       |                           |
|                  | 1989        | 43                            | 16.3                        | 23.3                            | 39.5                                  | 60.5                      |
|                  | 1990        | 29                            | 17.2                        | 41.1                            | 58.6                                  | 41.4                      |
|                  | 1991        | 21                            | 9.5                         | 28.6                            | 38.1                                  | 61.9                      |
|                  | 1992        | 38                            | 13.2                        | 13.2                            | 26.3                                  | 73.7                      |

| <b>President</b> |                           | <b>Percent of Requests</b> |                             |                                   |                       |
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| Clinton          |                           |                            |                             |                                   |                       |
| 1993             | 49                        | 34.7                       | 16.3                        | 51.0                              | 49.0                  |
| 1994             | 47                        | 38.3                       | 14.9                        | 53.2                              | 46.8                  |
| 1995             | 44                        | 25.0                       | 5.0                         | 29.5                              | 70.5                  |
| 1996             | 42                        | 54.8                       | 9.5                         | 64.3                              | 35.7                  |
| 1997             | 57                        | 33.3                       | 24.6                        | 57.9                              | 42.1                  |
| 1998             | 52                        | 30.8                       | 17.3                        | 48.1                              | 51.9                  |
| 1999             | 77                        | 22.1                       | 13.0                        | 35.1                              | 64.9                  |
| 2000             | 87                        | 11.5                       | 19.5                        | 31.0                              | 69.0                  |
| Bush, G.W.       |                           |                            |                             |                                   |                       |
| 2001             | 33                        | 30.3                       | 24.2                        | 54.5                              | 45.5                  |
| 2002             | 30                        | 36.7                       | 6.7                         | 43.3                              | 56.7                  |
| 2003             | 20                        | 15.0                       | 15.0                        | 30.0                              | 70.0                  |
| 2004             | 34                        | 8.8                        | 29.4                        | 38.2                              | 61.8                  |
| Obama            |                           |                            |                             |                                   |                       |
| 2009             | 21                        | 33.3                       | 14.3                        | 47.6                              | 52.4                  |
| 2010             | 45                        | 48.9                       | 6.7                         | 55.6                              | 44.4                  |
| 2011             | 31                        | 25.8                       | 16.1                        | 41.9                              | 58.1                  |
| 2012             | 42                        | 14.3                       | 7.1                         | 21.4                              | 78.6                  |
| 2013             | 41                        | 4.9                        | 0.0                         | 4.9                               | 95.1                  |
| 2014             | 29                        | 13.8                       | 3.4                         | 17.2                              | 82.8                  |
| Total (N)        | 1436                      | 26.7 (383)                 | 14.4 (209)                  | 41.1 (590)                        | 58.9 (846)            |

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