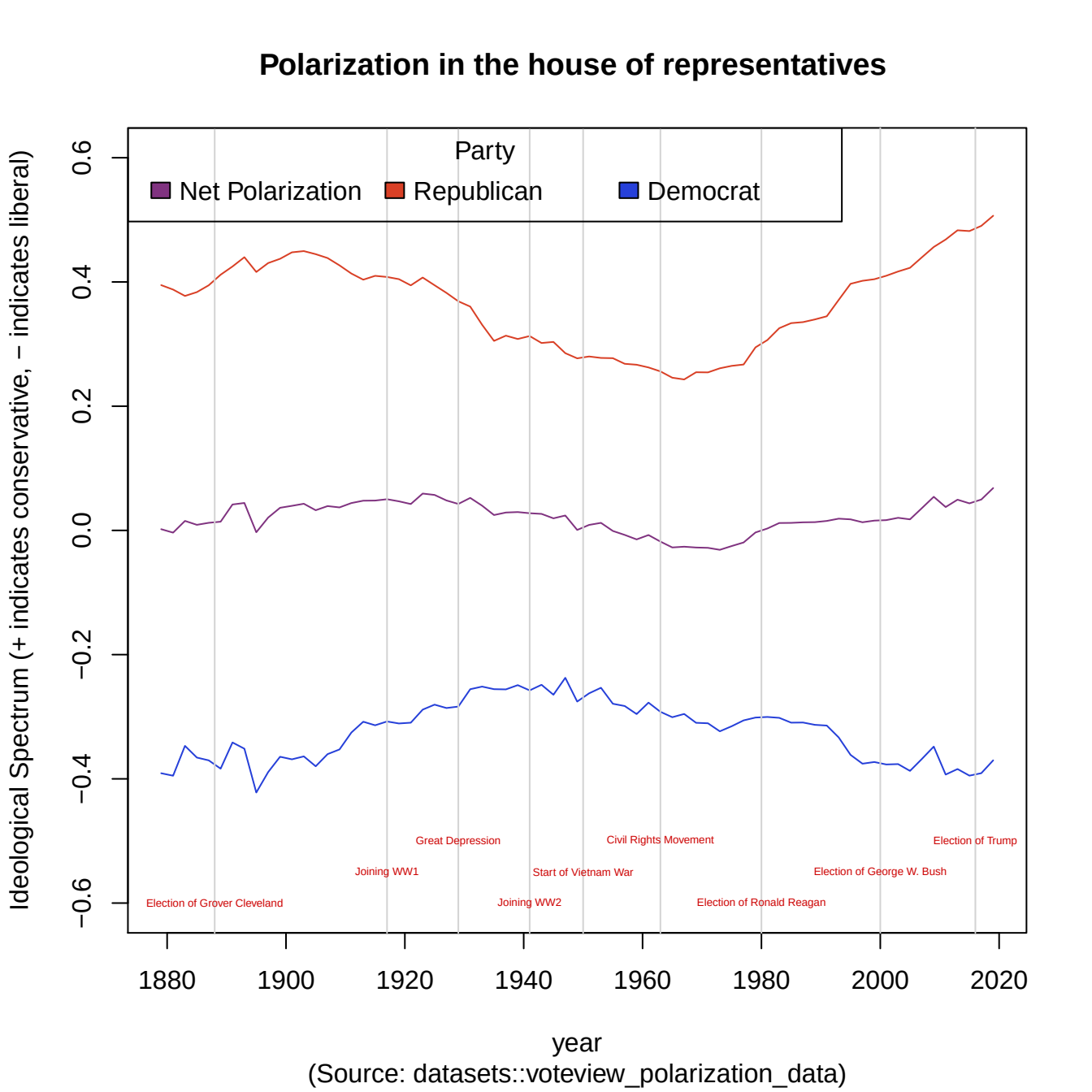
Polarization in the house of representatives
Party
Net Polarization
Republican
Democrat
Ideological Spectrum (+ indicates conservative, − indicates liberal)
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−0.4
−0.6
1880
1900
1920
1940
1960
1980
2000
2020
Election of Grover Cleveland
Joining WW1
Great Depression
Joining WW2
Start of Vietnam War
Civil Rights Movement
Election of Ronald Reagan
Election of George W. Bush
Election of Trump
year
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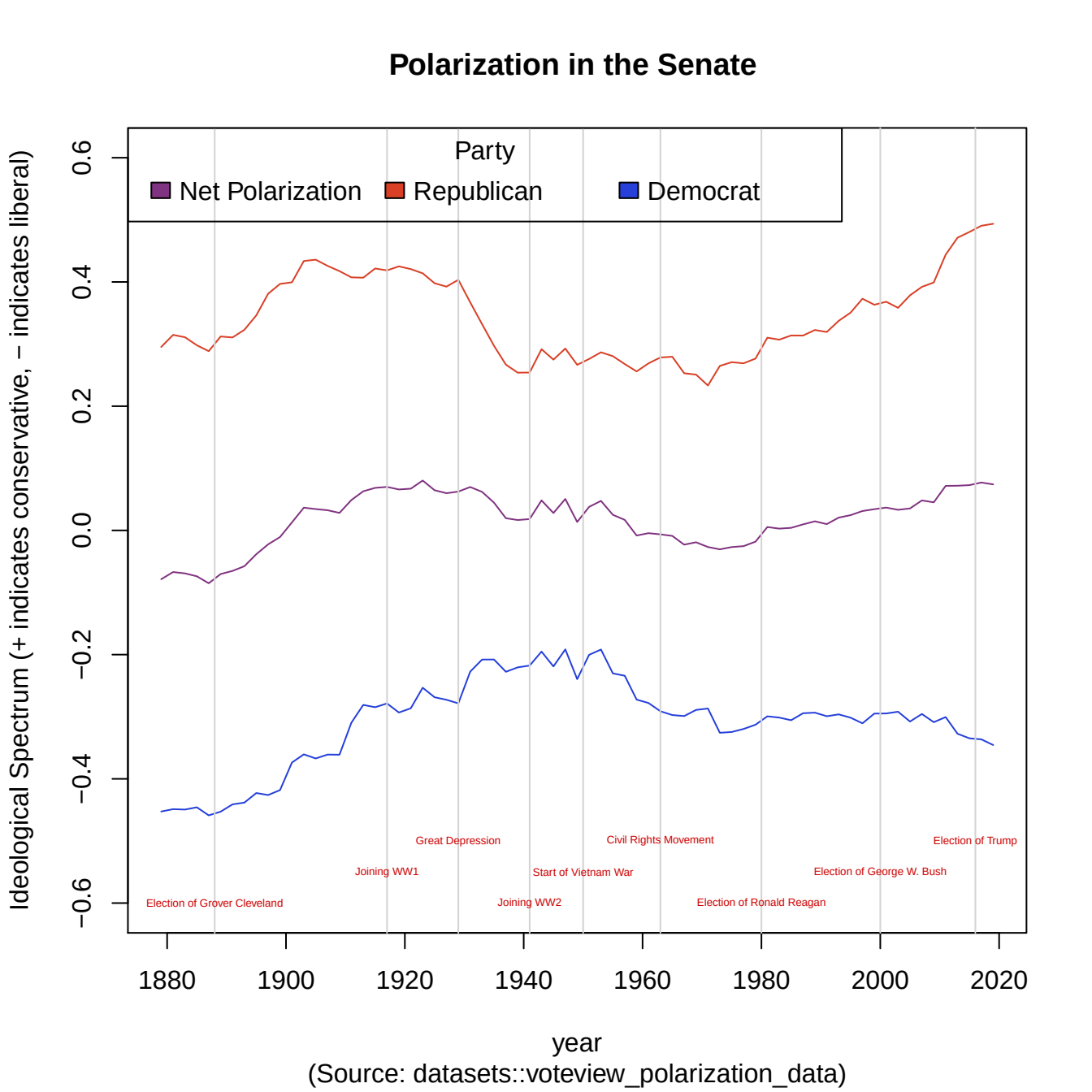
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Party
Net Polarization
Republican
Democrat
Ideological Spectrum (+ indicates conservative, − indicates liberal)
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