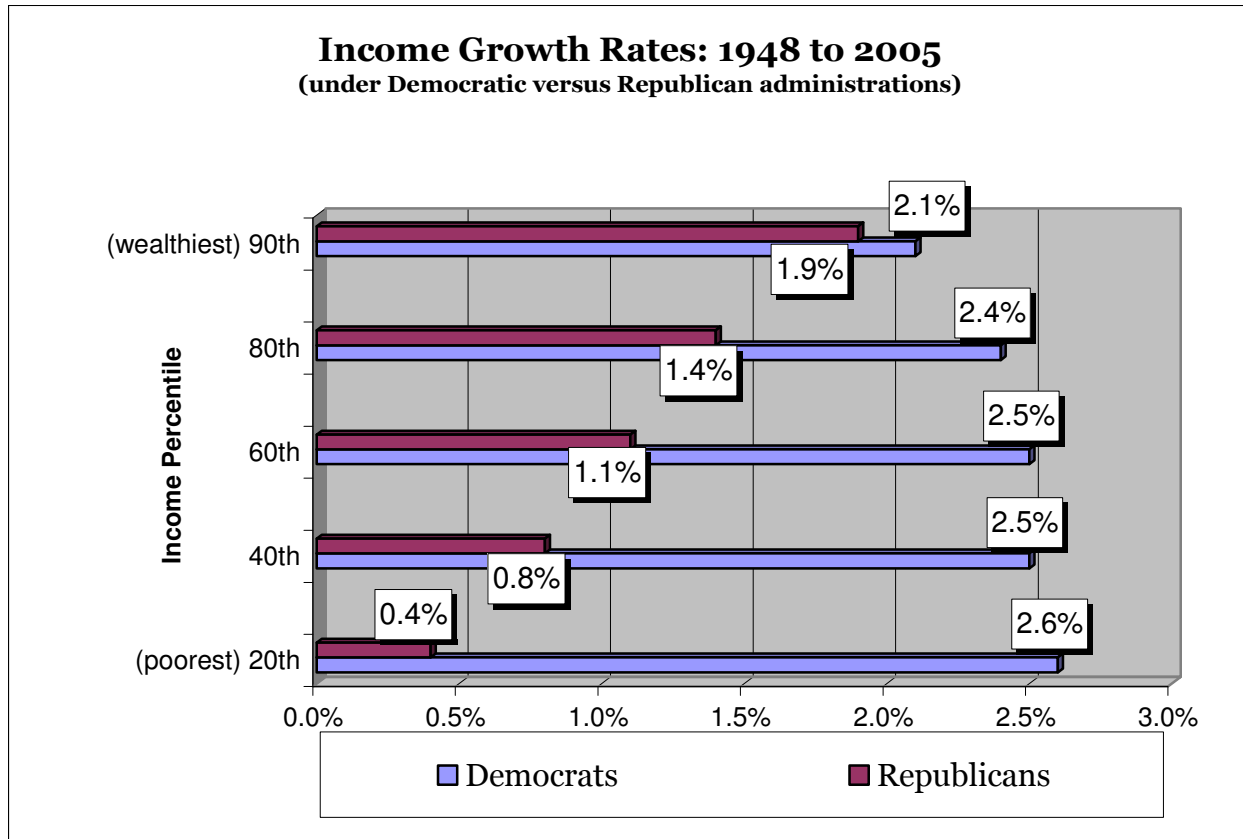
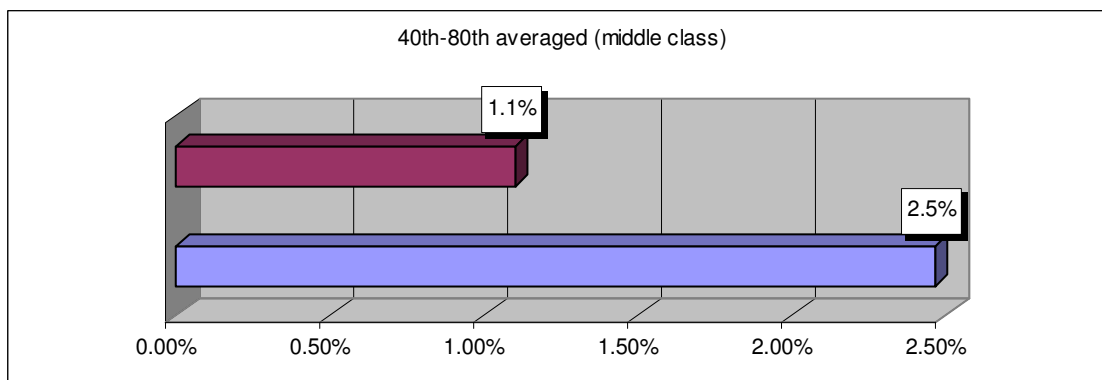


Even the Rich Do Better Under Democrats

Consider these compelling historical figures, compiled by political scientist Larry Bartels and reported by slate.com. Bartels, “looked up income growth rates for families at various income percentiles for the years 1948–2005, then cross-checked these with whether the president was a Republican or a Democrat.” He revealed two distinct but opposite trends: income grows at about the same rate for everybody under Democratic presidents – right around 2.4% per year; under Republicans, we all make less and the poorest among us *really* make less. The rich get less rich under Republicans, and the poor – alas for the poor, for they do poorly indeed.



If the middle numbers, representing the broadest definition of the American “middle class,” are averaged together and compared, we get the following income growth rates for 1948–2005:



57 years of history proves that the middle class does twice as well under Democrats. So, it seems best to vote in our own best interests, and those of our fellow Americans, rich or poor or in-between— a compelling reason to vote Democratic this year.