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The **Democratic Study Group** is the support base for liberals and progressive moderates in the U.S. House of Representatives. The group is the main force for reform in the House, coordinates liberal legislative efforts, and provides Members with quality legislative research and other services. In addition, the group provides campaign assistance to House candidates through its affiliate, the **DSG Campaign Fund**.

**DSG** campaign assistance is targeted on the key races where help is most needed and will have the most impact—i.e. those where there is danger of losing a seat and those where there is a realistic chance of picking up a seat.

In 1974 **DSG** provided assistance to 96 candidates for the House, 66 (70%) of whom won. They included 61 of the 75 new Members.

## Tax Benefits For Contributions To DSG Campaign Fund

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# How Freshmen DSG Members Voted On The Key Issues

The new Members elected with DSG help in 1974 had an immediate impact on the 94th Congress. As the new Congress began, they joined with veteran DSG members to:

- Push through a series of reforms, including abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.
- Remove obstructionist committee chairmen.
- Put an end to U.S. support of the war in Vietnam.
- Close the oil depletion allowance tax loophole.

In addition, they have provided the margin of victory on numerous key votes involving such issues as the 1975 and 1976 tax cuts, women's rights, consumer protection, gasoline prices and oil company profits.

Following is a comparison of how freshmen DSG Members voted on the key issues:

(Figures indicate the percent voting RIGHT)

ISSUE	Republicans	Non-DSG Democrats	DSG Democrats	Freshmen DSG Members
For 1975 Tax Cut <sup>1</sup>	29%	46%	95%	94%
For Jobs/Economic Stimulus <sup>2</sup>	30	85	99	97
For Women's Rights <sup>3</sup>	42	22	91	91
To Hold Down Gasoline Prices <sup>4</sup>	12	43	88	95
To Curb Excessive Oil Profits <sup>5</sup>	27	55	94	98
For Voting Rights <sup>6</sup>	39	40	96	98
For Health Care Programs <sup>7</sup>	34	59	96	91
To Cut Military Spending <sup>8</sup>	13	13	80	85
For Consumer Protection <sup>9</sup>	9	34	86	86
For Strong CIA Investigation <sup>10</sup>	28	70	96	90
For Tax Reform <sup>11</sup>	30	41	92	96
To Override Ford Vetoes <sup>12</sup>	46	75	96	95
Average Right on All Votes	28	49	92	93

1) House Vote Nos. 35, 36, 98 & 99  
 2) House Vote Nos. 46, 82, 211, 227 & 258  
 3) House Vote Nos. 232, 394, 407 & 617  
 4) House Vote Nos. 404, 423, 425, 463 & 513  
 5) House Vote Nos. 13, 34 & 417  
 6) House Vote Nos. 250 & 251

7) House Vote Nos. 41 & 354  
 8) House Vote Nos. 221, 223, 228, 233 & 442  
 9) House Vote Nos. 545 & 672  
 10) House Vote Nos. 17, 18 & 390  
 11) House Vote Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 & 169  
 12) House Vote Nos. 201, 258, 275, 351, 447, 502 & 595