

The relationship is strong and monotonic – as a state’s orientation progresses from “strongly Democratic” to “strongly Republican,” the federal revenue returned for each tax dollar sent to Washington increases at every stage, from \$.086 (strongly Democratic) to \$1.50 (strongly Republican). (Source: Dana Milbank’s “Washington Sketch” in the Washington Post, May 4, citing data from the Tax Foundation. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/03/AR2010050304265.html>)