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As we approach November 6, Republicans control not only both chambers of Congress, but also the White House. While most pundits and analysts predict that Republicans will maintain control of the Senate and Democrats will win a majority in the House, nothing is guaranteed.

Regardless of which party wins in November, the results will shape both what Congress and the White House can accomplish over the next two years. Moreover, both parties will begin to position themselves for the Presidential election in 2020.

If Republicans maintain control of both the House and Senate, a scenario that is becoming increasingly unlikely, then President Trump and congressional Republicans can pursue their agenda as they have done the past two years.

If Republicans keep the Senate but Democrats win the House, the likeliest of outcomes based on current polling and modeling, then Democrats are expected to open several oversight investigations into the President's administration. Although gridlock is to be expected, there are bipartisan opportunities in several key policy areas for members to work together.

If Democrats win both chambers, a possible but improbable scenario, they will enjoy the same legislative capabilities Republicans currently possess but will find most of their policy efforts blocked by a Presidential veto or administrative challenges.

Finally, the Democratic party hopes to gain ground in gubernatorial races and state legislatures across the nation. The outcomes of these elections will have a significant impact on the post-census drawing of congressional districts set to begin in 2020.

Historically, the sitting President's party regularly loses seats in mid-term elections. For example, Democrats lost 62 seats in the House in 2010 after President Obama's first two years in office. But the political climate and the key issues that bring voters to the polls determine election results far more than what simple averages can predict.

This election outlook attempts to give the most accurate accounting possible of the political landscape two weeks ahead of the election. Our goal is not to be predictive of election results, but informative as to where things stand two weeks from November 6.

Troutman Sanders Strategies will provide an update immediately after the election with the results. We will provide an additional report detailing the lame duck agenda, a policy outlook for the 116th Congress, and how the election will affect congressional leadership and committee makeup in the weeks to come.

Thank you,

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ELECTION OVERVIEW: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

All 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election on Tuesday, November 6. Currently, Republicans control 240 seats compared to 195 for Democrats. There are seven seats currently vacant, two previously held by Democrats and five by Republicans. Therefore, Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to get to 218 and win the majority in the House in the 116th Congress.
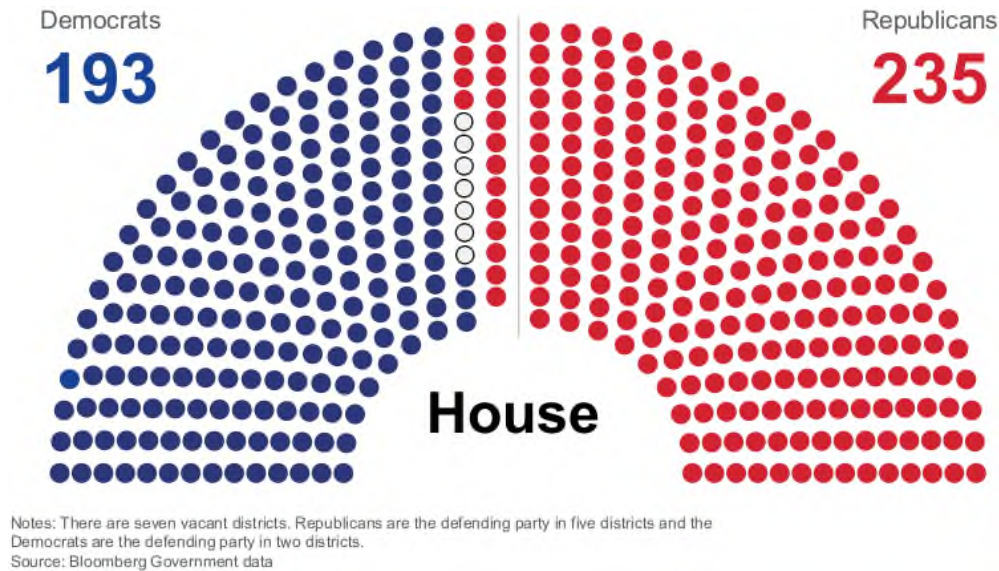
House Republicans are facing a significant disadvantage. Since 1950, the sitting President's party has averaged a loss of 24 seats in midterm elections. Moreover,

Where House Forecasting & Ratings Stand (as of 10/22/2018)		
FiveThirtyEight	6 in 7 (85.7%) chance Dems win control	1 in 7 (14.3%) chance Reps keep control
CNN's The Forecast	226 Dem seats	209 Rep seats
Cook Political Report	1 Dem-held toss up seat	30 Rep-held toss up seats
Sabato's Crystal Ball	1 Dem-held toss up seat	21 Rep-held toss up seats

Republicans are defending 25 seats in districts that Hillary Clinton won in the 2016 election compared to only 12 Democratic-held seats in districts won by President Trump. Finally, over 50 Republican members are retiring at the end of their current term or have resigned, leaving Democrats open to challenge seats without an incumbent. Incumbents typically have strong advantages against challengers such as name recognition and fundraising ability.

With some obvious exceptions, House Democratic candidates' profiles can be broadly distilled down to one of three categories, or a combination of them: women, veterans, and Obama administration officials. Candidates with these profiles will be what will carry Democrats to a House majority, should the election swing the way analysts currently predict. Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and California could provide Democrats with the substantial gains they need to win the majority. While the numbers are in the favor of a Democratic majority, nothing is guaranteed, and Republicans still have a chance to maintain a small majority.

Below is a selection of races that many analysts view as national indicators, signaling how well Democrats or Republicans will do on election night nationwide and lending to a national narrative for who claims the majority out of the 2018 midterm elections.

Notes: There are seven vacant districts. Republicans are the defending party in five districts and the Democrats are the defending party in two districts.
Source: Bloomberg Government data

COMPETITIVE HOUSE RACES
Ratings are up to date as of October 22, 2018

The Trump Districts

IA-01: Rep. Rod Blum (R) vs. Abby Finkenauer (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Lean Democratic
Rod Blum is in his second term representing a district that has swung in favor of the last three presidential election winners. Blum's challenger, Abby Finkenauer, is a popular 29-year-old state representative who has outspent Blum ten to one on television ads. Blum is a self-described Tea Party Republican and a member of the Freedom Caucus, the most conservative of the GOP factions. This seat is labeled "Red to Blue" by the DCCC who view it as critical to winning the majority in the House.

IA-03: Rep. Dave Young (R) vs. Cindy Axne (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Iowa's third congressional district, consisting of parts of Des Moines and Council Bluffs, voted with the country in the presidential since the 2004 election. Obama carried it by four points in 2012 as did Trump in 2016. Dave Young took over the seat in 2014 and is a member of the moderate Republican Main Street Partnership. Axne is a small business owner and former state government employee.

IL-12: Rep. Mike Bost (R) vs. Brendan Kelly (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
This southern Illinois congressional district supported Trump in 2016, but slightly favored Obama in 2012. Rep. Mike Bost, a former state representative, came to office in between those presidential cycles, defeating an incumbent Democrat. Bost's challenger, Brendan Kelly is a county prosecutor and Navy veteran.

KS-02: Steve Watkins (R) vs. Paul Davis (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Rep. Lynn Jenkins holds this eastern Kansas seat and is retiring, creating a competitive race in a district that Trump won by nearly 20 points.   Paul Davis is the former Kansas state house minority leader, running as a conservative Blue Dog Democrat. His opponent, Steve Watkins, is an Army veteran who won a crowded GOP primary field. *FiveThirtyEight*'s elasticity score shows a nearly one-to-one ratio on the district moving in the direction of the national mood.

KY-06: Rep. Andy Barr (R) vs. Amy McGrath (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
The Kentucky sixth congressional district supported President Trump 55% to 39% in 2016, but it also supported the Democratic nominee for Senate. Amy McGrath made history as the first Marine female pilot to fly an F/A-18 in combat, conducting 89 bombing runs in Afghanistan. McGrath, a former lieutenant colonel, made a splash in the race with an impressive campaign ad and is an example of Democrats strong candidate recruitment that has positioned them to have an opportunity against a popular Member in a deep-red congressional district. Barr is currently in his third term and is an attorney by trade.

ME-02: Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R) vs. Jared Golden (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
The Maine second congressional district went to Trump by about 10 points in 2016 but favored Obama in 2012. Democrats held this congressional seat for 20 years before Poliquin won in 2014. Jared Golden, Poliquin's opponent, is a state representative and assistant majority leader, as well as a Marine Corps veteran. Poliquin has attacked Golden by tying him to Nancy Pelosi, forcing Golden (as many other Democratic candidates running in swing districts have done) to state he would not support Pelosi for Speaker. Two independents are also running for the seat which could affect the winner if the margins are as close as they currently appear.

NY-19: Rep. John Faso (R) vs. Antonio Delgado (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
John Faso is in his first term, representing the Hudson Valley and Catskills district which Trump carried by seven points in 2016 and winning the district himself with 54 percentage points. The same district, however, voted for President Obama twice. Faso has done his best to distance himself from the right, by voting against the GOP tax reform bill, but he also supported the efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Faso and the NRCC have attacked Delgado for a past stint as a rapper. Delgado, who is a Rhodes Scholar and Harvard Law graduate, recently announced eye-catching third quarter fundraising numbers of $3.8 million compared to Faso's $1 million.

UT-04: Rep. Mia Love (R-UT) vs. Ben McAdams (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Mia Love is seeking her third term as the only current African-American Republican in the House and the Congressional Black Caucus. Ben McAdams, her challenger, is the current mayor of Salt Lake County which shares approximately 80% of the same voting bloc as the fourth congressional district. Love has made efforts to moderate herself on important issues such as immigration where the Mormon population strikes a much more moderate tone than President Trump's policies. Love has consistently lost ground in polling bringing this race into a toss-up category.

VA-07: Rep. Dave Brat (R) vs. Abbie Spanberger (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
This congressional district was famously represented by former Majority Leader Eric Cantor, whom Dave Brat upset in the Republican primary in 2014. Brat became representative of what the Tea Party movement could mean to incumbent Republicans. Brat is a member of the Freedom Caucus. Until 2017, this seat was considered a "Safe Republican" seat but has slowly moved to "Toss up." Brat's challenger is Abbie Spanberger who grew up in this district and chose to return there after leaving service as a CIA officer.

WV-03: Carol Miller (R) vs. Richard Ojeda (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Lean Republican
The open third congressional seat has shown signs of being winnable for Democrats if a large wave occurs, not due to the demographics of the district, but to candidate recruitment. President Trump won the West Virginia third congressional district with 72 percent of the vote. The Democrat candidate is Richard Ojeda, a state senator who is running against Republican candidate, Carol Miller, a state representative. This open seat has a Democratic history and Ojeda's profile as a working-class candidate and a former Trump supporter/voter has played well with constituents. The race was previously a "toss up," but recent polling has shown it may be a bridge too far for Democrats.

The Hillary Districts

CA-48: Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (CA-R) vs. Harley Rouda (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Dana Rohrabacher has proven increasingly controversial over the past two years, especially due to his support for Russian President Vladimir Putin despite the 2016 election and Russian interference. He has been a vocal supporter of President Trump and has strongly supported his immigration policies. Rohrabacher's challenger, Harley Rouda, is a first-time candidate, real estate executive, and former Republican who is hoping to flip the seat with a moderate appeal.

CA-25: Rep. Steve Knight (R-CA) vs. Katie Hill (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Steve Knight, a former Los Angeles police officer and Army veteran, is serving his second term in Congress. He won his race in 2016 by six points while Hillary won it by less than one point. Since then the district has been a top target for Democrats. Katie Hill, Knight's opponent, is a non-profit executive focused on homelessness. Hill is running as a "pro-growth Democrat," and has discussed her gun ownership as the daughter of a police officer and a nurse. Hill openly identifies as bisexual and has aligned with the LGBTQ community.

CO-06: Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) vs. Jason Crow (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Lean Democratic
Mike Coffman was first elected to Congress in 2008 but redistricting in 2012 has more than doubled the Hispanic population in his district. Obama won the district in 2008 and 2012, but it continues to shift toward a stronger Democratic voter share. Coffman is an Army and Marine Corps Veteran who serves on the House Armed Services Committee. He faced a formidable challenge in 2016 from a state senator in a year that Hillary won the district by nine points. Coffman's challenger is Jason Crow, a top DCCC recruit, an attorney, and a former Army Ranger who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. NRCC canceled ad buys for his seat last week.

FL-26: Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) vs. Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Rep. Carlos Curbelo has worked hard to prove himself as representative of the district, leading on immigration legislation, supporting climate-change solutions, and criticizing President Trump. His work has proven valuable as he remains popular in the Hispanic-majority district that voted for Clinton by 16 points. Curbelo's challenger, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, is a former university official born in Ecuador. She has criticized him on immigration and is attempting to tie him to the President's unpopular policies in the district. A win by Curbelo could show that Republicans running local races, focused on positions, could stem the tide of a blue wave.

TX-07: Rep. John Culberson (R-TX) vs. Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
A Republican has held this seat for 50 years; however, Hillary won the district in 2016. The seventh is majority white district, but also has a nearly 31 percent Hispanic composition. Culberson has represented the district since 2001 and has risen to a subcommittee chairman, or "Cardinal", on the House Appropriations Committee. He has touted his position as a valuable asset to his constituency and has supported some of President Trump's actions on immigration. Lizzie Pannill Fletcher is challenging Culberson and works as an attorney in the Houston-area district.

TX-23: Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX) vs. Gina Ortiz Jones (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Lean Republican
Will Hurd has worked hard to position himself as a moderate, against the grain, Republican while representing this right-leaning district. His hard work may pay off in his toughest race to date. Hurd garnered national notoriety during his road trip from D.C. to Texas with fellow Texan Member and Democrat, Beto O'Rourke. Hurd has routinely criticized Trump for his relationship with Putin, as well as his policy for separating families at the border. Hurd's opponent, Gina Ortiz Jones, is an Air Force Veteran and former Obama administration official. In a Hispanic-majority district, her profile as the daughter of an immigrant and her substantial fundraising gives Ortiz Jones a chance to unseat Hurd.

TX-32: Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) vs. Collin Allred (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Pete Sessions, current House Rules Committee Chairman, faces his strongest challenge since he won his first congressional race in 1996. His challenger is Collin Allred, an attorney and a former NFL player who subsequently worked at the Department of Housing and Urban Development during the Obama Administration. A recent NY Times poll had the race in a dead heat, with Sessions up just one point. This is one of three Texas districts in play that supported Hillary, and some think a "Beto bump" from popular Democratic Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke could benefit down-ballot candidates like Allred.

VA-10: Rep. Barbara Comstock (R) vs. Jennifer Wexton (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Lean Democratic
Virginia's tenth Congressional District has been one of the most hotly contested districts over the past few election cycles but has proven elusive for Democrats. It sits on the doorstep to D.C. in the Virginia suburbs and extends westward toward West Virginia. Generally, it's a higher-income, well-educated district, that has continually drifted away from Republicans. The district supported Hillary 52 percent to 42 percent. Barbara Comstock has represented the district since 2009 and has tried to moderate herself by opposing the GOP's ACA replacement, but she supported the tax cuts and has voted with Trump 97 percent of the time. Jennifer

Wexton, Comstock's opponent, is a state senator and has been steadily polling ahead by several points. However, DCCC maintains ad buys in the district which could be a sign that they expect tightening as election day approaches.

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CA-07 Bera	CA-49 Open		CA-25 Knight	CA-50 Hunter	AZ-06 Schweikert
CA-16 Costa	CO-06 Coffman		CA-39 Open	FL-15 Open	CA-04 McClintock
FL-07 Murphy	IA-01 Blum		CA-45 Walters	FL-16 Buchanan	CA-21 Valadao
MN-07 Peterson	IL-06 Roskam		CA-48 Rohrabacher	GA-06 Handel	CO-03 Tipton
NH-01 Open	KS-03 Yoder		FL-26 Curbelo	GA-07 Woodall	FL-06 Open
NJ-02 Open	MI-11 Open		FL-27 Open	IL-13 Davis	FL-18 Mast
NJ-05 Gottheimer	MN-02 Lewis		IA-03 Young	MN-08 Open	FL-25 Diaz-Balart
PA-05 Vacant	MN-03 Paulsen		IL-12 Bost	MO-02 Wagner	IA-04 King
PA-06 Open	NJ-11 Open		IL-14 Hultgren	MT-AL Gianforte	IN-02 Walorski
PA-08 Cartwright	NV-03 Open		KS-02 Open	NC-02 Holding	MI-01 Bergman
PA-17 Rothfus	NV-04 Open		KY-06 Barr	NE-02 Bacon	MI-03 Amash
	PA-07 Vacant		ME-02 Poliquin	NY-11 Donovan	MI-06 Upton
	VA-10 Comstock		MI-08 Bishop	NY-24 Katko	MI-07 Walberg
			NC-09 Open	NY-27 Collins	NC-08 Hudson
			NC-13 Budd	PA-10 Perry	NY-01 Zeldin
			NJ-03 MacArthur	PA-16 Kelly	NY-02 King
			NJ-07 Lance	SC-01 Open	NY-21 Stefanik
			NM-02 Open	TX-23 Hurd	OH-10 Turner
			NY-19 Faso	TX-31 Carter	OH-14 Joyce
			NY-22 Tenney	VA-05 Open	PA-14 Open
			OH-01 Chabot	WA-03 Herrera Beutler	TX-02 Open
			OH-12 Balderson	WA-05 McMorris Rodgers	TX-21 Open
			PA-01 Fitzpatrick	WI-01 Open	TX-22 Olson
			TX-07 Culberson	WV-03 Open	TX-24 Marchant
			TX-32 Sessions		WI-06 Grothman
			UT-04 Love		
			VA-02 Taylor		
			VA-07 Brat		
			WA-08 Open		

Source: Cook Political Report
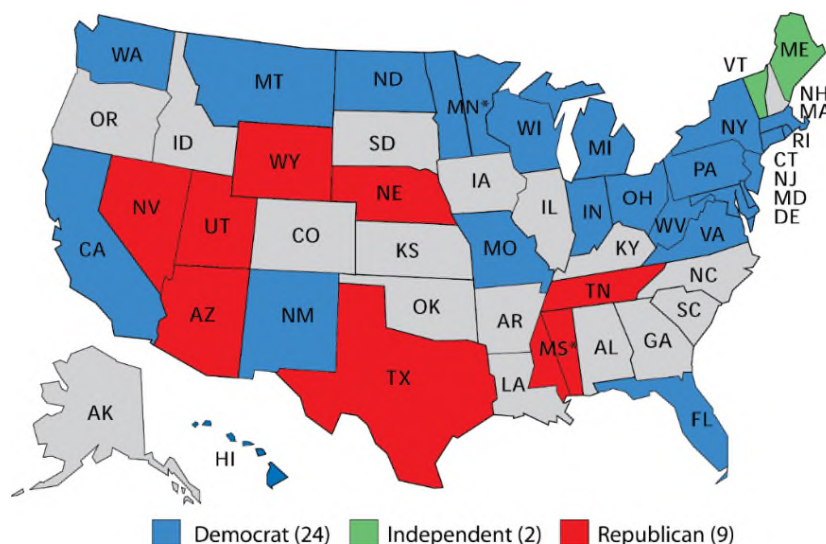
ELECTION OVERVIEW: U.S. SENATE

Republicans currently hold a slight majority in the upper chamber with 51 seats compared to 49 for Democrats (including two Independents). Although Democrats only need a gain of two seats to win back the majority, which they lost at the start of the 114th Congress, Republicans hold a significant structural advantage.

Of the 35 Senate seats up for reelection, 26 are currently held by Democrats compared to only nine for Republicans. Moderate Democrats Claire McCaskill, Joe Manchin, Joe Donnelly, and Heidi Heitkamp are defending seats in states won by President Trump in the 2016 election by very large margins.

Meanwhile, the President has held rallies and given speeches in several of the states that Republicans hope to maintain or to flip, most recently in Montana, Arizona, Texas, and Nevada. The President's ability to drive his base to the voting booths,

Where Senate Forecasting & Ratings Stand (as of 10/22/2018)		
FiveThirtyEight	2 in 9 (22.2%) chance Dems win control	7 in 9 (77.9%) chance Reps keep control
CNN's The Forecast	49 Dem seats	51 Rep seats
Cook Political Report	4 Dem-held toss up seats, 1 Dem-held leans Rep	4 Rep-held toss up seats, 1 leans Rep
Sabato's Crystal Ball	3 Dem-held toss up seats, 1 Dem-held leans Rep	2 Rep-held toss up seats

even when he's not up for reelection, will play a key role in which party controls the Senate come 2019.

The races that are most widely considered as competitive by analysts include Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. More detail is provided on those races below.

Democrat (24)   Independent (2)   Republican (9)

Notes: Both independents caucus with Democrats. *Minnesota and Mississippi will each hold special elections in Nov. 2018 for their Class II seats along with the regularly-scheduled elections for their Class I seats.

Source: UVA Center for Politics

COMPETITIVE SENATE RACES
Ratings are up to date as of October 22, 2018

Arizona: Rep. Krysten Sinema (D) vs. Rep. Martha McSally (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Arizona is one of the Democrats' best opportunities to flip a Republican seat held by retiring Senator Jeff Flake. President Trump won the state over Hillary Clinton 49% to 45%. The current RCP average has Rep. McSally ahead by a mere 46% to 45.3%; a statistical dead heat. Rep. Sinema is currently in her third term in office and Rep. McSally is in her second.

Florida: Sen. Bill Nelson (D) vs. Gov. Rick Scott (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Florida is a key swing state in Presidential elections and may swing the same way in this midterm. President Trump won Florida by a slight 49% to 48% in 2016. Both candidates have strong name recognition; Governor Scott has been in office since 2011 and Senator Nelson has been in office since 2001 and was a longtime state House member before that. The RCP average currently rates Nelson ahead of Scott by 2.4%.

Indiana: Sen. Joe. Donnelly (D) vs. Ex-State Rep. Mike Braun (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Senator Donnelly is defending his seat for the first time in a state heavily won by President Trump in 2016; 57% for Trump to 38% for Clinton. Donnelly currently has significantly more cash on hand and has a lead of 3% in the RCP average. However, Braun has been hammering Donnelly for his vote against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and against the 2017 tax-cuts, which could tighten the race down the home stretch.

Missouri: Sen. Claire McCaskill (D) vs. State AG Josh Hawley (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
The second-term Senator McCaskill is in a similar situation as her colleague Senator Donnelly; she is defending her seat in a state President Trump heavily won 57% to 38% over Hillary Clinton. Although McCaskill has nearly three times as much cash on hand as Hawley, they remain in a statistical tie with the RCP average putting Hawley slightly ahead 46% to 45.8%.

Montana: Sen. Jon Tester (D) vs. State Auditor Matt Rosendale (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
The Montana contest is currently on pace to become the most expensive in the state's history. President Trump won the state by 20 points in 2016 and recently gave a speech in Missoula attacking Senator Tester for going public with information that derailed Trump's pick to lead the Department of Veterans' Affairs earlier this year. The RCP average currently has Tester favored by 3% but could tighten as election day nears.

Nevada: Sen. Dean Heller (R) vs. Rep. Jacky Rosen (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Senator Heller is the only Republican Senator defending his seat in a state that President Trump did not win. Hillary Clinton won Nevada 48% to Trump's 46% in 2016. Nevada, along with Arizona, are probably the best opportunities for Democrats to pick up seats. Heller has about $2 million more cash on hand than Rosen and is currently ahead in the RCP average by 1.7%. Heller and Rosen were first elected to their current seats in 2012 and 2016, respectively.

North Dakota: Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D) vs. Rep. Kevin Cramer (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Leans Republican
President Trump won North Dakota by 36% in 2016, giving Republicans one of their best opportunities to pick up a seat from Democrats. Both Heitkamp and Cramer began serving in their respective positions in January 2013. Although Senator Heitkamp is a relatively moderate Democrat, she took a political gamble by voting against the nomination of Justice Kavanaugh. The RCP average currently has Rep. Cramer ahead by 8.7%.

Tennessee: Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R) vs. Ex-Governor Phil Bredesen (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
Since winning the Republican primary in early August, Rep. Blackburn has not only caught up to her opponent in polling but has surpassed him. The RCP average has Blackburn ahead of Bredesen by 6.5%. Although this race was originally considered competitive, Blackburn appears to have a strong advantage. She has significantly more cash on hand and President Trump won the state by 26% in the last election.

Texas: Sen. Ted Cruz (R) vs. Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D)
Cook Political Report Rating: Toss up
The last Democratic Senator to be elected in Texas (and not appointed by a Governor) was Lloyd M. Bentsen in 1988. Regardless, the race remains competitive despite President Trump winning the state by 9% in 2016. Cruz and O'Rourke were both elected to the current positions in 2012, but O'Rourke has outraised Senator Cruz by several millions of dollars. The current RCP average has Senator Cruz ahead by 7%.

West Virginia: Sen. Joe Manchin (D) vs. State AG Patrick Morrisey (R)
Cook Political Report Rating: Leans Democrat
President Trump won West Virginia by an astounding 43% in 2016, his largest margin of victory in any state. Despite this, Senator Manchin, a conservative Democrat, remains ahead of Morrisey by 9.4% in the RCP average and has significantly more cash on hand going into the final days of the election. Senator Manchin's independent branding and his "yes" vote for Justice Kavanaugh will likely continue to help him down the home stretch.
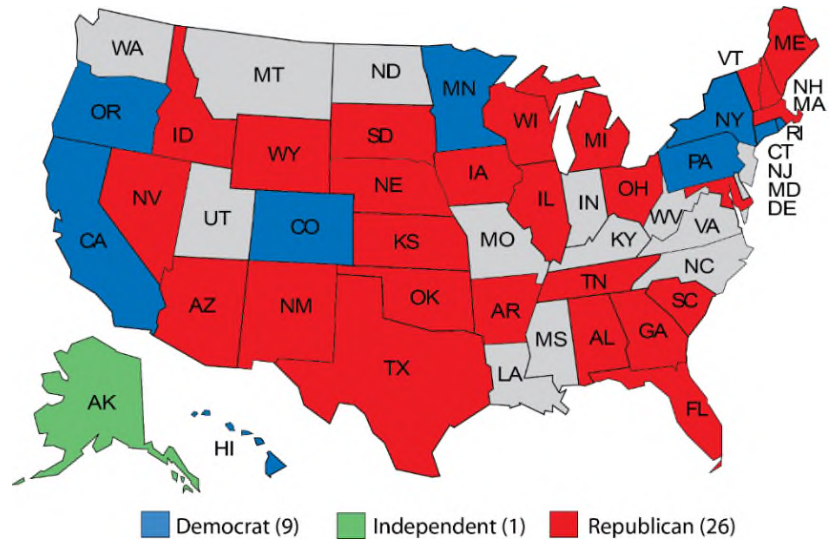
All Senate Races

State	115th Senate Incumbent	Challengers/Candidates
*Incumbent is retiring and not up for reelection		
Arizona*	Jeff Flake (R-retiring)	Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D) Rep. Martha McSally (R)
California	Dianne Feinstein (D)	Devin de Leon (D)
Connecticut	Chris Murphy (D)	Matthew Corey (R)
Delaware	Tom Carper (D)	Robert Arlett (R)
Florida	Bill Nelson (D)	Governor Rick Scott (R)
Hawaii	Mazie Hirono (D)	Ron Curtis (R)
Indiana	Joe Donnelly (D)	Former Rep. Mike Braun (R)
Maine	Angus King (Independent)	Zak Ringelstein (D) Eric Brakey (R)
Maryland	Ben Cardin (D)	Tony Campbell (R)
Massachusetts	Elizabeth Warren (D)	Geoff Diehl (R)
Michigan	Debbie Stabenow (D)	John James (R)
Minnesota	Amy Klobuchar (D)	Jim Newberger (R)
Minnesota (special)	Tina Smith (D)	Karin Housley (R)
Mississippi	Roger Wicker (R)	David Baria (D)
Mississippi (special)	Cindy Hyde-Smith (R)	Chris McDaniel (R) Former Rep. Mike Espy (D)
Missouri	Claire McCaskill (D)	Josh Hawley (R)
Montana	Jon Tester (D)	Matt Rosendale (R)
Nebraska	Deb Fischer (R)	Jane Raybould (D)
Nevada	Dean Heller (R)	Jacky Rosen (D)
New Jersey	Bob Menendez (D)	Bob Hugin (R)
New Mexico	Martin Heinrich (D)	Mick Rich (R) Gary Johnson (Libertarian)
New York	Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	Chele Farley (R)
North Dakota	Heidi Heitkamp (D)	Rep. Kevin Cramer (R)
Ohio	Sherrod Brown (D)	Rep. Jim Renacci (R)
Pennsylvania	Bob Casey (D)	Rep. Lou Barletta (R)
Rhode Island	Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	Robert Flanders (R)
Tennessee*	Bob Corker (R-retiring)	Phil Bredesen (D) Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R)
Texas	Ted Cruz (R)	Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D)
Utah*	Orrin Hatch (R-retiring)	Mitt Romney (R) Jenny Wilson (D)
Vermont	Bernie Sanders (Independent)	Lawrence Zupan (R)
Virginia	Tim Kaine (D)	Corey Stewart (R)
Washington	Maria Cantwell (D)	Susan Hutchison (R)
West Virginia	Joe Manchin (D)	Patrick Morrisey (R)
Wisconsin	Tammy Baldwin (D)	Leah Vukmir (R)
Wyoming	John Barrasso (R)	Gary Trauner (D)

ELECTION OVERVIEW: GUBERNATORIAL

Republicans currently sit in 33 of the governor's mansions across the nation, giving Republicans a tremendous advantage in shaping policy at the state level. However, of the 36 gubernatorial seats up for reelection this year, 26 are currently held by Republicans. Several of these Republican governors are term limited, giving Democrats their best chance to level the playing field in several years by running for seats without an incumbent. The remaining 10 seats are held by nine Democrats and one Independent.

Source: UVA Center for Politics

Although it appears certain Democrats will gain a few governorships, dozens of the races are considered toss-ups. States with races currently considered competitive include Maine, Nevada, Georgia, Kansas, Wisconsin, Ohio, South Dakota, Iowa, Oregon, Florida, New Mexico, Connecticut, and Alaska.

The table below identifies all the gubernatorial races in 2018 along with the incumbents and the major party challengers or candidates.

All Governors Races

State	Incumbent	Challengers/Candidates
*Incumbent is term limited or retiring and not up for reelection		
Alabama	Kay Ivey (R)	Walter Maddox (D)
Alaska	Bill Walker (Independent)	Former Sen. Mark Begich (D) Mike Dunleavy (R)
Arizona	Doug Ducey (R)	David Garcia (D)
Arkansas	Asa Hutchinson (R)	Jared Henderson (D) Mark West (Libertarian)
California*	Jerry Brown (D-term limited)	Gavin Newsom (D) John Cox (R)
Colorado*	John Hickenlooper (D-term limited)	Rep. Jared Polis (D) Walker Stapleton (R)
Connecticut*	Dan Malloy (D-retiring)	Ned Lamont (D) Bob Stefanowski (R) Oz Griebel (Independent)
Florida*	Rick Scott (R-term limited)	Andrew Gillum (D) Rep. Ron Desantis (R)
Georgia*	Nathan Deal (R-term limited)	Stacey Abrams (D) Sec. of State Brian Kemp (R)
Hawaii	David Ige (D)	Andria Tupola (R)

*Idaho**	Butch Otter (R-retiring)	Paulette Jordan (D) Lt. Gov. Brad Little (R)
Illinois	Bruce Rauner (R)	J. B. Pritzker (D) Kash Jackson (Libertarian)
Iowa	Kim Reynolds (R)	Fred Hubbell (D)
*Kansas**	Jeff Colyer (R-lost nomination)	Laura Kelly (D) Sec. of State Kris Kobach (R) Greg Orman (Independent)
*Maine**	Paul LePage (R-term limited)	Atty. Gen. Janet Mills (D) Shawn Moody (R)
Maryland	Larry Hogan (R)	Ben Jealous (D)
Massachusetts	Charlie Baker (R)	Jay Gonzalez (D)
*Michigan**	Rick Snyder (R-term limited)	Gretchen Whitmer (D) Atty. Gen. Bill Schuette (R)
*Minnesota**	Mark Dayton (D-retiring)	Rep. Tim Walz (D) Jeff Johnson (R)
Nebraska	Pete Ricketts (R)	Bob Krist (D)
*Nevada**	Brian Sandoval (R-term limited)	Steve Sisolak (D) Atty. Gen. Adam Laxalt (R)
New Hampshire	Chris Sununu (R)	Molly Kelly (D)
*New Mexico**	Susana Martinez (R-term limited)	Rep. Michell Lujan Grisham (D) Rep. Steve Pearce (R)
New York	Andrew Cuomo (D)	Marcus Molinaro (R) Stephanie Miner (Independent)
*Ohio**	John Kasich (R-term limited)	Richard Cordray (D) Atty. Gen. Mike Dewine (R)
*Oklahoma**	Mary Fallin (R-term limited)	Drew Edmondson (D) Kevin Stitt (R)
Oregon	Kate Brown (D)	Knute Buehler (R)
Pennsylvania	Tom Wolf (D)	Scott Wagner (R)
Rhode Island	Gina Raimondo (D)	Allan Fung (R) Joe Trillo (Independent)
South Carolina	Henry McMaster (R)	James Smith (D)
*South Dakota**	Dennis Daugaard (R-term limited)	Billie Sutton (D) Rep. Kristi Noem (R)
*Tennessee**	Brian Haslam (R-term limited)	Karl Dean (D) Bill Lee (R)
Texas	Greg Abbott (R)	Lupe Valdez (D)
Vermont	Phil Scott (R)	Christine Hallquist (D)
Wisconsin	Scott Walker (R)	Tony Evers (D)
*Wyoming**	Matt Mead (R-term limited)	Mary Throne (D) Mark Gordon (R)

115TH CONGRESS HOUSE & SENATE DEPARTURES

Senate

Republicans	Democrats
*died in office **resigned	
Sessions (R), AL** (Attorney General)	Franken (D), MN (Jan. 2, 2018)**
Corker (R), TN	
Flake (R), AZ	
Hatch (R), UT	
Cochran (R), MS (April 1, 2018)**	
McCain (R), AZ*	

House of Representatives

Republicans	Democrats
*died in office **resigned	
Noem (R), SD (Governor)	Becerra (D), CA (CA Atty. Gen.) **
Zinke (R), MT (Administration)**	Lujan Grisham (D), NM (Governor)
Pompeo (R), KS (CIA)**	Walz (D), MN (Governor)
Johnson, Sam (R), TX	O'Rourke (D), TX (Senate)
Price (R), GA (Administration)**	Polis (D), CO (Governor)
Jenkins, Lynn (R), KS	Tsongas (D), MA
Mulvaney (R), SC (Administration)**	Sinema (D), AZ (Senate)
Renacci (R), OH (Senate)	Shea-Porter (D), NH
Chaffetz (R), UT**	Delaney (D), MD (President)
Ros-Lehtinen (R). FL	Rosen (D), NV (Senate)
Labrador (R), ID (Governor)	Hanabusa (D), HI (Governor)
Reichert (R), WA	Green, Gene (D), TX
Dent (R), PA**	Gutierrez (D), IL
Trott (R), MI	Levin (D), MI
Murphy (R), PA**	Conyers (D), MI**
Blackburn (R), TN (Senate)	Kihuen (D), NV
Tiberi (R), OH**	Brady (D), PA
Duncan, John Jr. (R), TN	Nolan (D), MN
Barletta (R), PA (Senate)	Slaughter (D), NY*
Messer (R), IN (Senate)	Esty (D), CT
Black (R), TN (Governor)	Ellison (D), MN (MN Atty. Gen.)
Rokita (R), IN (Senate)	Crowley (D), NY (lost primary)
Pearce (R), NM (Governor)	Capuano (D), MA (lost primary)
Jenkins, Evan (R), WV	
Hensarling (R), TX	
Smith, Lamar (R), TX	
Poe (R), TX	
LoBiondo (R), NJ	
Goodlatte (R), VA	
Barton (R), TX	
Franks (R), AZ**	
Farenthold (R), TX**	
Shuster (R), PA	
Harper (R), MS	

Royce (R), CA	
DeSantis (R), FL (Governor)	
Issa (R), CA	
McSally (R), AZ (Senate)	
Meehan (R), PA**	
Frelinghuysen (R), NJ	
Gowdy (R), SC	
Rooney (R), FL	
Cramer (R), ND (Senate)	
Costello (R), PA	
Ryan (R), WI	
Ross (R), FL	
Bridenstine (R), OK** (Administration)	
Garrett (R), VA	
Pittenger (R), NC (lost primary)	
Sanford (R), SC (lost primary)	

Departed Member	Special Election	Successor
*died in office **resigned		
Pompeo (R), KS**	April 11, 2017	Estes (R), KS
Becerra (D), CA**	June 6, 2017 runoff	Gomez (D), CA
Price (R), GA **	June 20, 2017 runoff	Handel (R), GA
Mulvaney (R), SC**	June 20, 2017	Norman (R), SC
Zinke (R), MT **	May 25, 2017	Gianforte (R), MT
Chaffetz (R), UT **	Nov. 7 General	Curtis (R), UT
Murphy (R), PA**	March 13, 2018	Lamb (D), PA
Tiberi (R), OH **	May 8, 2018 primary/August 7, 2018 special election	Balderson (R), OH
Conyers (D), MI **	Aug. 7, 2018 primary/Nov. 6, 2018 general election	
Franks (R), AZ **	April 24, 2018	Lesko (R), AZ
Slaughter (D), NY*		
Farenthold (R), TX**	June 30, 2018 emergency special election	Cloud (R), TX
Bridenstine (R), OK**		
Meehan (R), PA**	Nov. 6, 2018 special election	
Dent (R), PA **	Nov. 6, 2018 special election	
Jenkins, Evan **		

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