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2018 Midterm Elections Overview
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Beginning in May 2018, our team has carefully tracked and compiled data to display current trajectories for the November 2018 midterm election outcomes. Our overview highlights competitive Senate and House races, which will define the 116th Congress but does not attempt to predict the outcome.

The Senate overview provides recent polling and political rankings from Real Clear Politics, Cook Political Report and Sabato's Crystal Ball, while the House overview imparts a general look into more competitive races. Information regarding both chambers is supplemented by previous voter trends in congressional and presidential elections. Our congressional midterm analysis further leverages unique political insight from former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R) and Senator John Breaux (D), co-chairs of the firm's Public Policy Practice.

Additionally, Republicans currently hold a majority in both gubernatorial and attorney general positions throughout the country. We profile several key races for each position and illustrate President Trump's respective endorsements to target where and if the Republican advantage will remain intact.

This overview will be updated, periodically, leading up to November 6 to provide real-time polling information.

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House of Representatives

The Democrats must flip 23 seats for majority control. Democrats currently have 193 seats; Republicans have the majority with 236 seats and six seats are vacant. There are more than 60 predicted toss-up seats, and reports suggest Democrats have as high as an 84% chance to retake the House majority.

Senate

There are 35 Senate seats up for re-election in 2018. The Democrats must gain two seats to secure the majority. There are 6 toss up races: Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Montana and Nevada. Control of the Senate will also depend on notable races in New Jersey, North Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia. Republicans have the current majority with 51 seats, and reports suggest that the party has a 82% chance of maintaining its control.

Gubernatorial

Gubernatorial elections will be held in 36 states and three territories in 2018. There are 10 toss-ups: Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon and Wisconsin. Republicans currently have the majority of gubernatorial seats with 33.

Attorneys General

There are eight competitive State Attorneys General (AG) races. Key toss-up races are in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio and Wisconsin. Republicans hold the majority of State Attorney General positions, with 27 to Democrats 22, with one additional unaffiliated AG.

Leadership

Trent Lott served as Senate Majority Leader and represented Mississippi in Congress for 35 years.

John Breaux served as Democratic Chief Deputy Whip in the US Senate and represented Louisiana for 33 years.

They are co-chairs of Squire Patton Boggs' Public Policy Practice.

While polling provides insight into the election, the determining factor will be voter turnout. We must elect officials who can bring civility back to Congress and work across the aisle to get things done.

Senator John Breaux

No matter how the election turns out, Congress must find a way to get things done for the American People.

Senator Trent Lott

Notable Changes Since October 22

Real Clear Politics shifted Senate races in Michigan and West Virginia to "Lean Democrat" and "Likely Democrat," respectively.

In Michigan, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D) is ahead of challenger John James (R) by 7 points in the latest poll, a decrease from earlier polling.

In West Virginia, Senator Joe Manchin (D) is steadily increasing his lead over Patrick Morrisey (R), with latest polls demonstrating a 16 point advantage.

In Indiana, Senator Joe Donnelly (D) trails challenger Mike Braun (R) by half a point on average, a notable shift from the incumbent's previous 3-point lead.

Entering November, the Republican National Committee and its campaign committees, with $111,751,779 in cash on hand, leads the Democratic National Committee and its House and Senate committees, with $98,551,565 in cash on hand.

Several House races across the country are narrowing, with key races in Arizona, California, Florida, New Mexico, Texas. Notable races include:

AZ-02: Former Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D) leads opponent Lea Marquez Peterson (R) by 11 points.

KY-06: Rep. Andy Barr (R) leads challenger Amy McGrath (D) by 1 point.

NM-02: Yvette Herrell (R) holds a 1 point lead over Xochitl Torres Small (D).

TX-32: Rep. Pete Sessions (R) holds a narrow 1 point lead over challenger Colin Allred (D).

Hurricane Michael left portions of the Florida Panhandle without electricity, complicating voter turnout initiatives, pre-election polling and absentee balloting.

After Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the Governor of Florida was given authority to change the date of state, though not federal, elections under an emergency power.

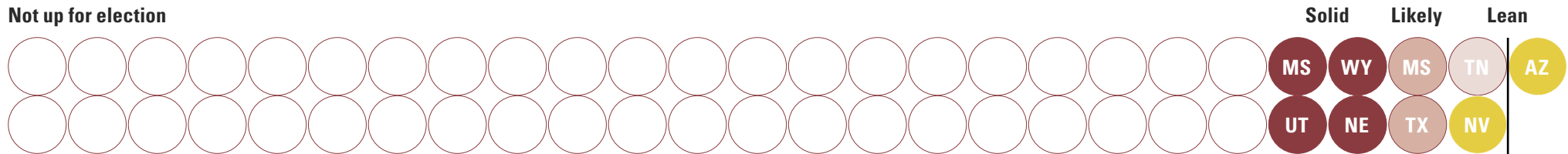| Parties	Democratic	Republican	Independent
Post 2016 Election	46	52	2
Currently (2018)	47	51	2
Seats Up for Election	24	9	2
Retirements	0	3	0
Incumbents Up for Election	24	6	2

51 Current Republicans

Not up for election   Solid   Likely   Lean

MS WY MS TN AZ
UT NE TX NV

49 Current Democrats

Not up for election   Solid   Likely   Lean   Toss-up

VA DE CA NM MA NY CT PA NJ MT OH MO ND
ME MD HI WA MN VT RI MN MI FL WI IN WV
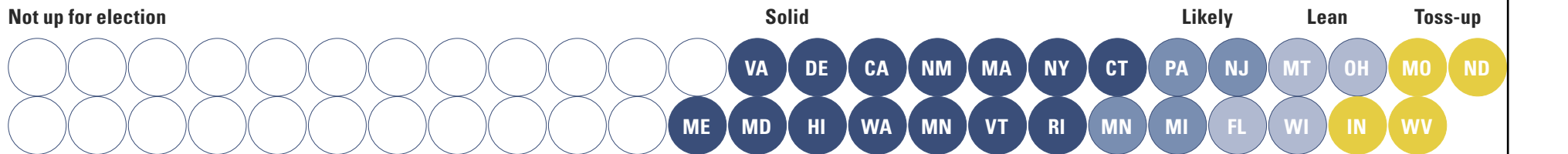
50 Seats

Source: *The New York Times*

President Trump September Approval in Competitive States

State	Approval %	Disapprove %	Margin	Incumbent
West Virginia	62	33	+29	D – Manchin
Tennessee	58	38	+20	R – Open
North Dakota	52	44	+8	D – Heitkamp
Missouri	51	45	+6	D – McCaskill
Montana	51	45	+6	D – Tester
Texas	51	45	+6	R – Cruz
Indiana	50	46	+4	D – Donnelly
Florida	49	47	+2	D – Nelson
Arizona	47	50	-3	R – Open
Ohio	46	49	-3	D – Brown
Nevada	44	52	-8	R – Heller
Pennsylvania	44	52	-8	D – Casey
Wisconsin	40	56	-16	D – Baldwin
New Jersey	39	57	-18	D – Menendez

Source: *Morning Consult*
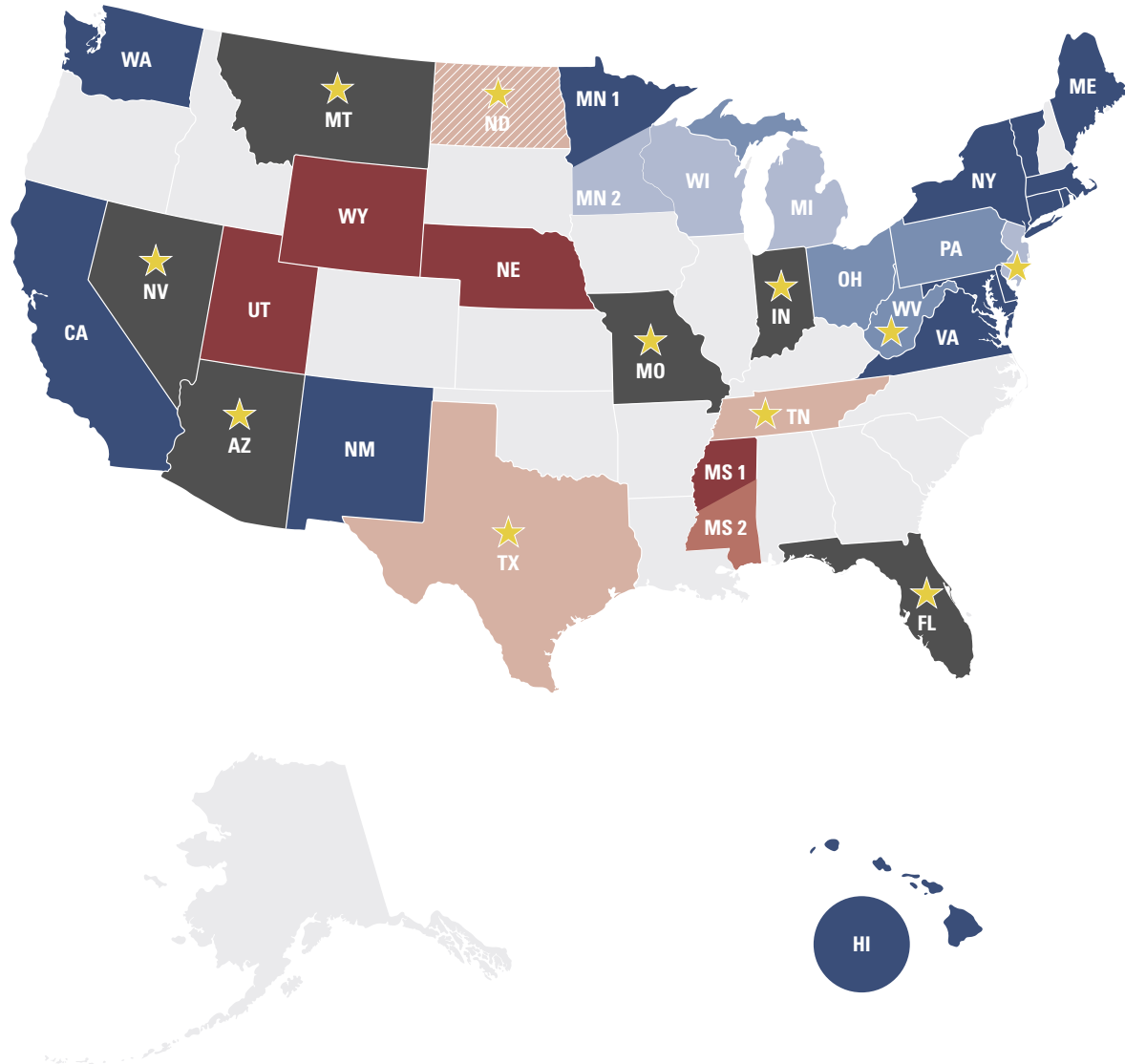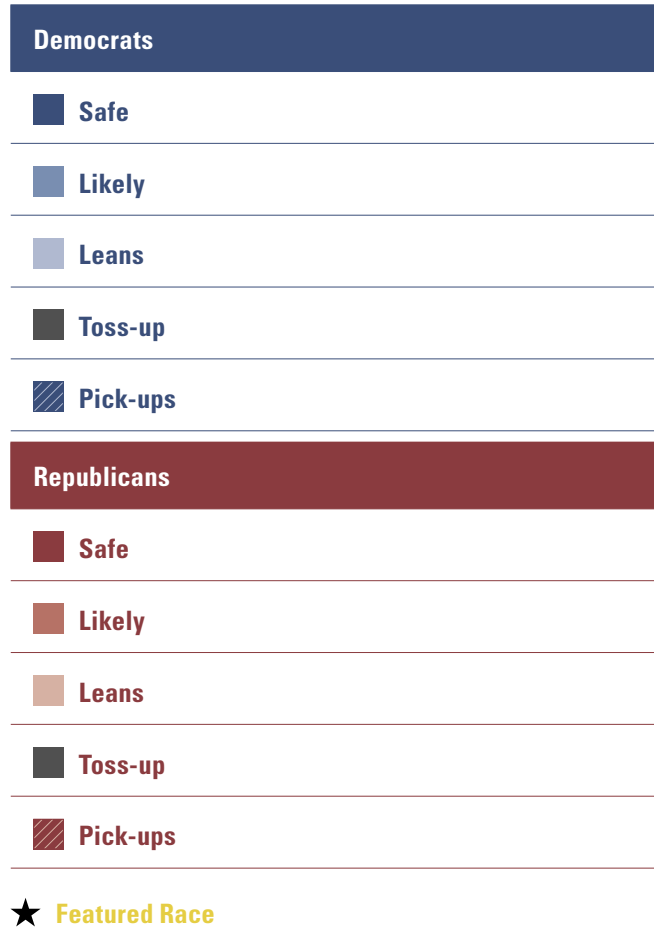
A Net Republican Advantage

Democrats have significant barriers to recapturing the majority.
2012 Senate elections favored Democratic candidates.
Democrats must flip two Republican seats to take the majority.

Republican Opportunities

10 Democratic incumbents running in states that President Trump won.

Florida	Indiana	Michigan	Missouri	Montana
North Dakota	Ohio	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Wisconsin

Of the 10 states, President Trump won five by more than 18 points.

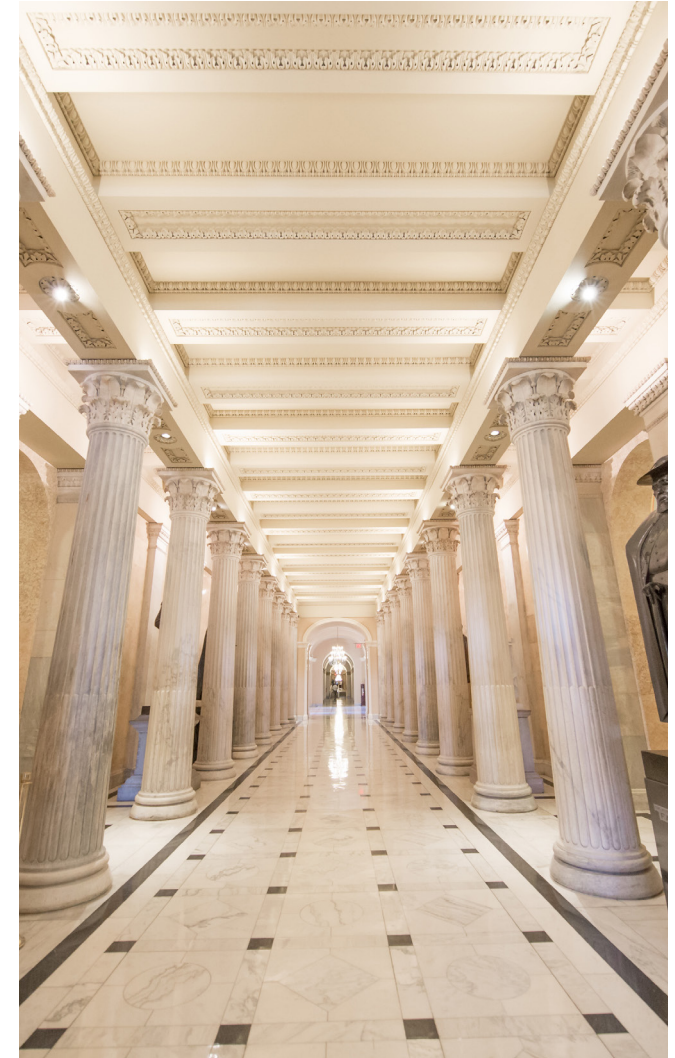| Indiana	Missouri	Montana	North Dakota	West Virginia

Democrat Opportunities

Arizona	Nevada	Tennessee

Senators Flake (R-AZ) and Corker (R-TN) retiring after high profile disputes with the President.

Senator Heller (R-NV) is the only Republican running in a state that did not vote for President Trump.

Limited opportunities for Democrats

| Mississippi	Texas

Senate Polling Averages

State	Incumbent	Candidates	Real Clear Politics Average
Arizona	Flake (R)	Sinema (D) vs. McSally (R)	McSally (R) +0.7
Florida	Nelson (D)	Nelson (D) vs. Scott (R)	Nelson (D) +2.6
Indiana	Donnelly (D)	Donnelly (D) vs. Braun (R)	Braun (R) +0.5
Missouri	McCaskill (D)	McCaskill (D) vs. Hawley (R)	Hawley (R) +2.0
Montana	Tester (D)	Tester (D) vs. Rosendale (R)	Tester (D) +4.5
Nevada	Heller (R)	Rosen (D) vs. Heller (R)	Heller (R) +1.7
New Jersey	Menendez (D)	Menendez (D) vs. Hugin (R)	Menendez (D) +6.5
North Dakota	Heitkamp (D)	Heitkamp (D) vs. Cramer (R)	Cramer (R) +14.0
Tennessee	Corker (R)	Bredeson (D) vs. Blackburn (R)	Blackburn (R) +6.5
Texas	Cruz (R)	O'Rourke (D) vs. Cruz (R)	Cruz (R) +6.8
West Virginia	Manchin (D)	Manchin (D) vs. Morrissey (R)	Manchin (D) +12.0
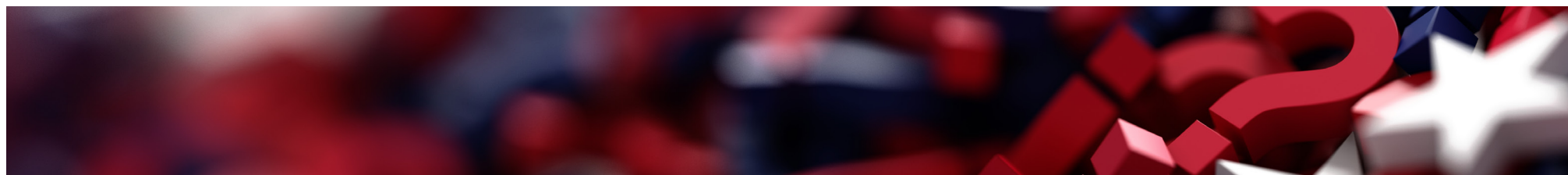
Source: www.realclearpolitics.com

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Martha McSally	Kyrsten Sinema

2012 Election Results
Senate

Flake: 49.20%	Carmona: 46.20%

Presidential

Romney: 53.50%	Obama: 44.50%

2016 Election Results
Senate

McCain: 53.70%	Kirkpatrick: 40.70%

Presidential

Trump: 48.10%	Clinton: 44.60%

*Former Senator Jon Kyl was appointed by Gov. Ducey to fill Senator John McCain's seat.

General Election (10/23 – 26)	
Candidate	**% of Support**
McSally	44%
Sinema	47%

Source: CBS News/YouGov

Political Rankings (10/29)	
Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Toss-up
Inside Elections	Toss-up

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Rick Scott	Bill Nelson (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results
Senate

Nelson: 55.2%	Mack: 42.2%

Presidential

Obama: 50.01%	Romney: 49.13%

2016 Election Results
Senate

Rubio: 52%	Murphy: 44.3%

Presidential

Trump: 49%	Clinton: 47.8%

General Election (10/23 – 27)	
Candidate	% of Support
Nelson	48%
Scott	44%

Source: NY Times/Siena

Political Rankings (10/29)	
Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Toss-up
Inside Elections	Toss-up

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Mike Braun	Joe Donnelly (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

Donnelly: 50.00%	Mourdock: 44.30%

Presidential

Romney: 54.10%	Obama: 43.90%

2016 Election Results

Senate

Young: 52.10%	Bayh: 42.40%

Presidential

Trump: 56.80%	Clinton: 37.90%

General Election (10/12 – 16)	
Candidate	**% of Support**
Donnelly	43%
Braun	46%

Source: CBS News/YouGov

Political Rankings (10/29)	
Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Toss-up
Inside Elections	Toss-up

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Josh Hawley	Claire McCaskill (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

McCaskill: 54.80%	Akin: 39.10%

Presidential

Romney: 53.80%	Obama: 44.40%

2016 Election Results

Senate

Blunt: 49.20%	Kander: 46.40%

Presidential

Trump: 57.10%	Clinton: 38.00%

General Election (10/24 – 25)

Candidate	% of Support
McCaskill	45%
Hawley	49%

Source: Missouri Scout

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Toss-up
Inside Elections	Tilt Republican

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Matt Rosendale	Jon Tester (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

Tester: 48.6%	Rehberg: 44.9%

Presidential

Romney: 55.35%	Obama: 41.70%

2016 Election Results

Presidential

Trump: 56.20%	Clinton: 35.70%

General Election (10/8 – 13)

Candidate	% of Support
Tester	47%
Rosendale	38%

Source: MSU-Billings

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Leans Democratic
Inside Elections	Tilt Democratic

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Dean Heller (Incumbent)	Jacky Rosen

2012 Election Results

Senate

Heller: 45.9%	Berkley: 44.7%

Presidential

Obama: 52.4%	Romney: 45.7%

2016 Election Results

Senate

Cortez Masto: 47.1%	Heck: 44.7%

Presidential

Trump: 45.5%	Clinton: 47.92%

General Election (10/10 – 12)

Candidate	% of Support
Heller	48%
Rosen	41%

Source: Emerson

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Toss-up
Inside Elections	Toss-up

New Jersey Senate Race

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Bob Hugin	Robert Menendez (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

Menendez: 58.9%	Kyrillos: 39.4%

Presidential

Obama: 58.4%	Romney: 40.6%

2016 Election Results

Presidential

Clinton 54.9%	Trump: 41.0%

General Election (10/24 – 26)

Candidate	% of Support
Hugin	42%
Menendez	47%

Source: Emerson

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Likely Democratic
Inside Elections	Solid Democratic

North Dakota Senate Race

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Kevin Cramer	Heidi Heitkamp (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

Heitkamp: 50.2%	Berg: 49.3%

Presidential

Obama: 38.7%	Romney: 58.32

2016 Election Results

Senate

Hoeven: 78.5%	Glassheim: 17%

Presidential

Trump: 63%	Clinton: 27.2%

General Election (10/12 – 19)

Candidate	% of Support
Heitkamp	40%
Cramer	56%

Source: NBC Valley News

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Lean Republican
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Leans Republican
Inside Elections	Lean Republican

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Marsha Blackburn	Phil Bredesen

2012 Election Results
Senate

Corker: 64.9%	Clayton: 30.4%

Presidential

Obama: 39.08%	Romney: 59.48%

2016 Election Results
Presidential

Trump: 60.7%	Clinton: 34.7%

General Election (10/8 – 13)

Candidate	% of Support
Bredesen	44%
Blackburn	43%

Source: Vanderbilt University

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Toss-up
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Leans Republican
Inside Elections	Lean Republican

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Ted Cruz (Incumbent)	**Beto O'Rourke**

2012 Election Results

Senate

Cruz: 56.6%	**Sadler: 40.5%**

Presidential

Obama: 41.4%	**Romney: 57.2%**

2016 Election Results

Presidential

Trump: 52.2%	**Clinton: 43.2%**

General Election (10/15 – 21)	
Candidate	**% of Support**
Cruz	51%
O'Rourke	45%

Source: UT/Texas Tribune

Political Rankings (10/29)	
Cook Political Report	**Toss-up**
Sabato's Crystal Ball	**Leans Republican**
Inside Elections	**Likely Republican**

General Election Candidates

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Patrick Morrisey	Joe Manchin (Incumbent)

2012 Election Results

Senate

Manchin: 60.6%	Raese: 36.5%

Presidential

Romney: 62.3%	Obama: 35.5%

2016 Election Results

Presidential

Trump: 68.5%	Clinton: 26.4%

General Election (10/12 – 19)

Candidate	% of Support
Manchin	52%
Morrisey	36%

Source: WSAZ-TV

Political Rankings (10/29)

Cook Political Report	Lean Democratic
Sabato's Crystal Ball	Leans Democratic
Inside Elections	Tilt Democratic

187 Solid and continuing Democrats

50%

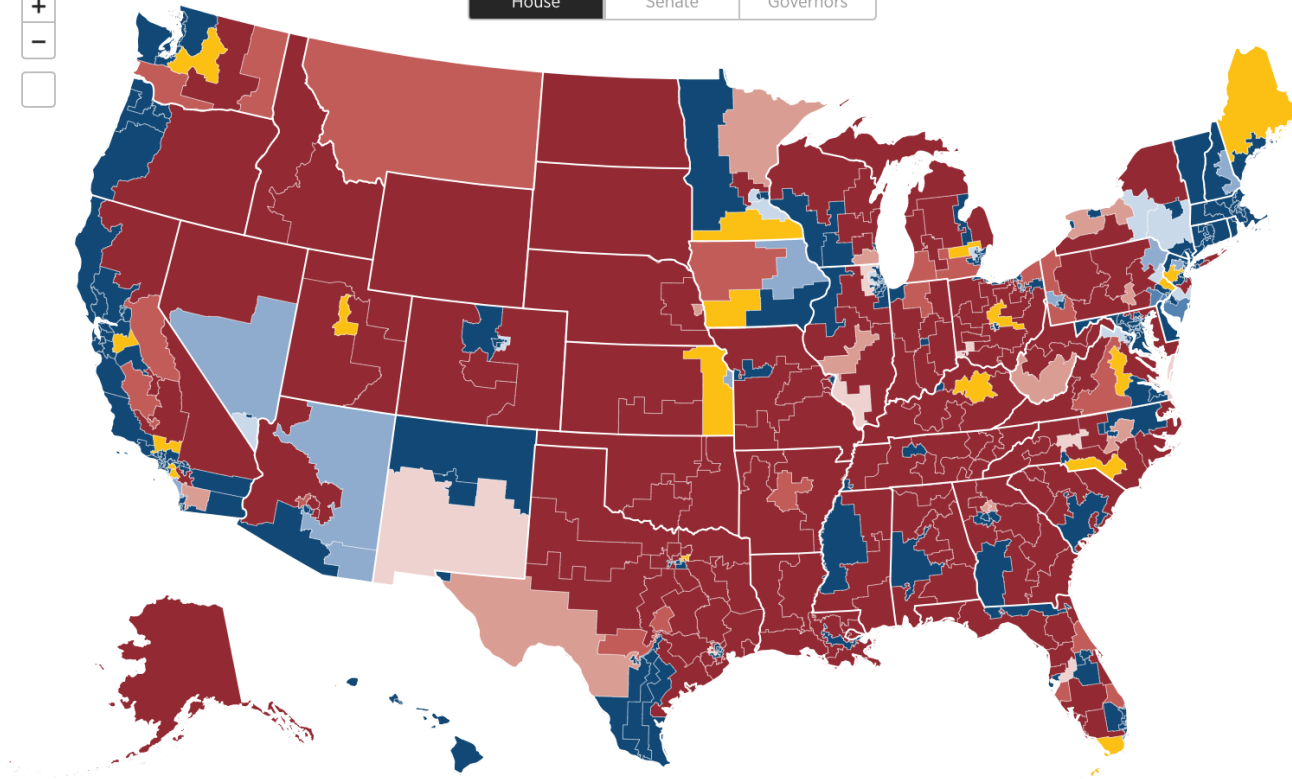Solid and continuing Republicans 162
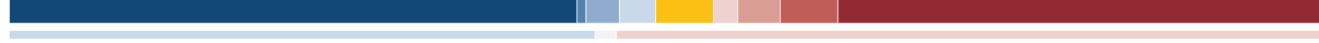
Current Breakdown:
193 Democrats

235 Republicans

| House | Senate | Governors |

Source: CQ.com

Historically, the party of a newly elected president has suffered an average loss of 23 seats in the House in the following midterm. Due to this trend, more House seats that are currently held by Republican incumbents are expected to be in play.

Democrats have comprised the House minority since 2010. They must gain a minimum of 23 seats, and secure the existing 193 seats along with two Democratic vacated seats, to retake the majority.

According to the *The New York Times*, 25 Republican seats lie in territories won by Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

Additionally, many incumbents chose to retire as opposed to running for reelection. Because incumbents generally amass more contributions and run stronger campaigns, Democrats are entering the midterm elections with a greater advantage than they may have otherwise had.

If the Democrats regain the House, it is highly probable former Speaker Nancy Pelosi regains the Speaker's gavel, becoming the first Speaker since Sam Rayburn to hold the office for nonconsecutive terms.

If the Republicans retain a majority, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise are favored candidates for Speaker, with other Members, such as Jim Jordan (R-OH), having declared candidacies.

Source: 270towin, Cook Political Report

District	Incumbent	Status	2016 Presidential Vote
AZ-02	Martha McSally (R)	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Clinton – 49.6%
CA-10	Jeff Denham (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 48%
CA-25	Steve Knight (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 50.3%
CA-39	Ed Royce (R)	Open Seat	Clinton – 51.5%
CA-49	Darrell Issa (R)	Open Seat	Clinton – 50.7%
CO-06	Mike Coffman (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 50.2%
FL-26	Carlos Curbelo (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 56.7%
FL-27	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Clinton – 58.5%
IA-01	Rod Blum (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 48.7%
KS-03	Kevin Yoder (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 47%
MI-08	Mike Bishop (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 51%
MI-11	Dave Trott (R)	Open Seat	Trump- 49.7%
MN-01	Tim Walz (D)	Open Seat	Trump – 53.3%
MN-03	Erik Paulsen (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 50.8%
MN-08	Rick Nolan (D)	Open Seat	Trump – 54.2%

Source: 270towin, Cook Political Report

District	Incumbent	Status	2016 Presidential Vote
NC-13	Ted Budd (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 53%
NJ-02	Frank LoBiondo (R)	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Trump – 50.6%
NJ-11	Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Trump – 48.8%
NY-02	Peter King (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 53%
NY-27	Chris Collins (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 59%
PA-01	Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 59.4%
PA-05	Vacant (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 62.6% (Redistricted)
PA-07	Vacant (R)	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Clinton – 48.7% (Redistricted)
PA-14	Vacant	Potential Party Turnover/Open Seat	Trump – 62.9% (Redistricted)
PA-17	Keith Rothfus (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 49.4% (Redistricted)
TX-23	Will Hurd (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton – 49.8%
TX-31	John Carter (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 53%
VA-02	Scott Taylor (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Trump – 48%
VA-10	Barbara Comstock (R)	Potential Party Turnover	Clinton- 52.2 %
WA-08	Dave Reichert (R)	Open Seat	Clinton – 47.7%
WV-03	Evan Jenkins (R)	Open Seat	Trump – 73%

Campaign Expenditures

| Organization	Total Raised	Total Spent	Cash on Hand
Democratic Party (Total)	**$801,946,287**	**$738,264,978**	**$98,551,565**
Republican Party (Total)	**$859,379,283**	**$693,927,160**	**$111,751,779**
Democratic National Committee (DNC)	$151,818,531	$148,849,826	$14,771,212
Republican National Committee (RNC)	$283,584,298	$274,675,319	$34,236,991
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC)	$250,344,135	$240,202,632	$16,823,747
National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC)	$174,067,562	$152,535,745	$32,968,278
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC)	$135,258,882	$117,176,613	$21,381,097
National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	$129,354,624	$122,146,750	$14,340,813

Source: opensecrets.org

Competitive Gubernatorial Races

Democrats

- Safe
- Likely
- Leans
- Toss-up
- Pick-ups | IL, ME, MI, NM

Republicans

- Safe
- Likely
- Leans
- Toss-up
- Pick-ups | AK

★ Featured Race
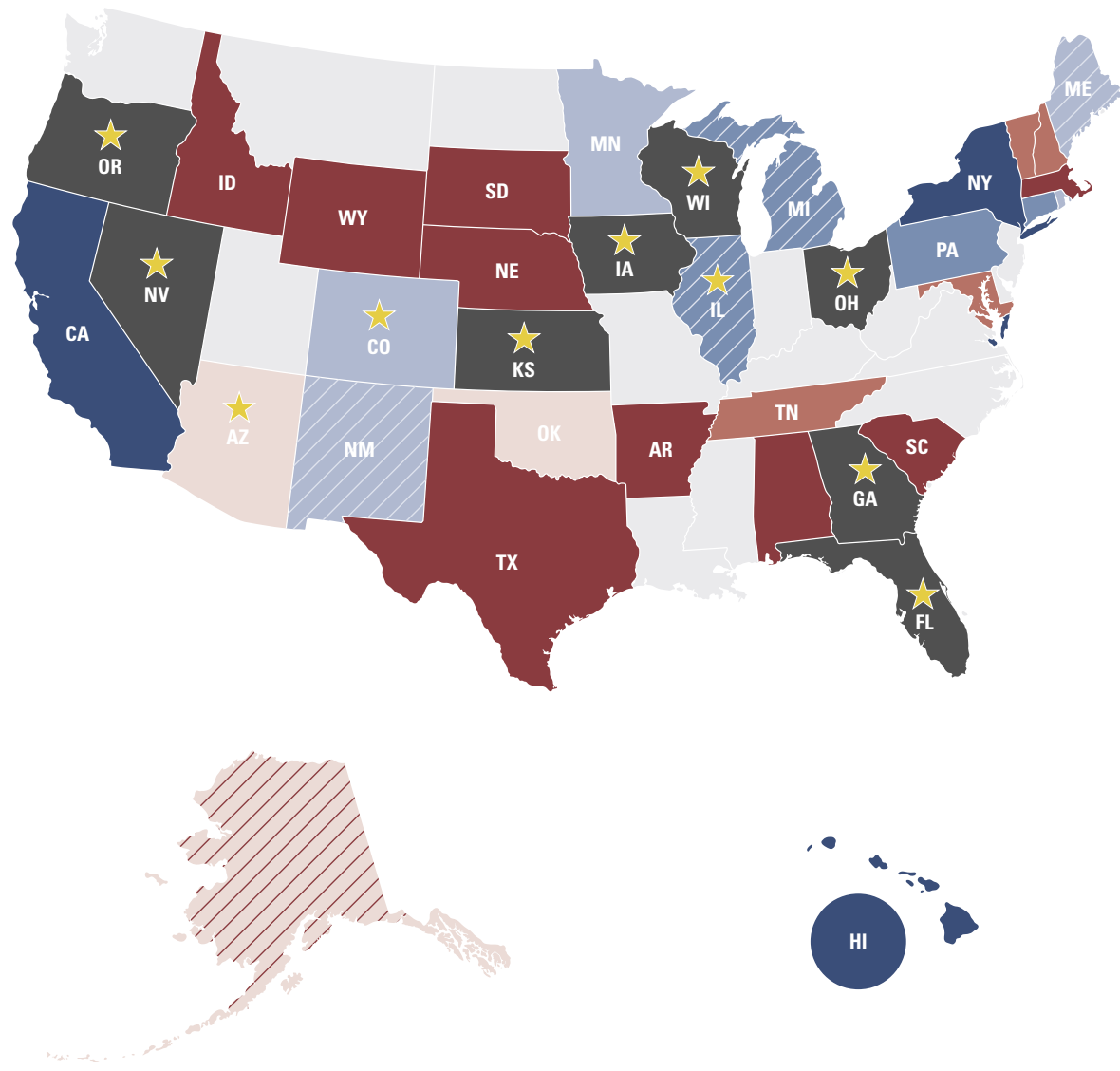
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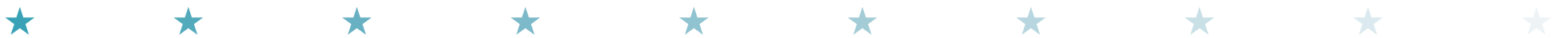
Alaska

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Mike Dunleavy, State Senator	**Mark Begich**, former US Senator

Independent Candidate	
On October 20, incumbent Governor Bill Walker suspended his campaign and endorsed Mark Begich (D).	

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Parnell: 45.9%	Walker (ind.): 48.1%

General Election Poll (10/19 – 22)

Candidate	% of Support
Dunleavy (R)	48%
Begich (D)	44%
Walker (I)	–

Source: Alaska Survey Research

Arizona

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Doug Ducey, Incumbent	**David Garcia**, Professor

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Ducey: 53.4%	DuVal: 41.5%

General Election Poll (10/23 – 26)

Candidate	% of Support
Ducey (R)	52%
Garcia (D)	41%

Source: CBS News/YouGov

Competitive Gubernatorial Races

Colorado

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Walker Stapleton, State Treasurer	**Jared Polis**, US Representative

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Hickenlooper: 49.3%	**Beauprez: 46.0%**

General Election Poll (10/8 – 10)

Candidate	% of Support
Polis (D)	**47%**
Stapleton (R)	**40%**

Source: Magellan

Florida

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Ron DeSantis, US Representative	**Andrew Gillum**, Mayor of Tallahassee

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Scott: 48.1%	**Lopez: 47.1%**

General Election Poll (10/23 – 27)

Candidate	% of Support
Gillum (D)	**48%**
DeSantis (R)	**43%**

Source: NY Times/Siena

Georgia

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Brian Kemp, Georgia Secretary of State	**Stacey Abrams**, former Georgia House Minority Leader

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Deal: 52.8%	**Carter: 44.8%**

General Election Poll (10/14 – 18)

Candidate	% of Support
Kemp (R)	**49%**
Abrams (D)	**47%**

Source: NBC News/Marist

Illinois

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Bruce Rauner, Incumbent	**J.B. Pritzker**, Entrepreneur

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Rauner: 50.3%	**Quinn: 46.3%**

General Election Poll (9/27 – 10/7)

Candidate	% of Support
Pritzker (D)	**50%**
Rauner (R)	**30%**

Source: Ipsos

Iowa

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Kim Reynolds, Incumbent	**Fred Hubbell**, Businessman

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Branstad: 59.0%	**Hatch: 37.3%**

General Election Poll (9/17 – 20)

Candidate	% of Support
Hubbell (D)	**43%**
Reynolds (R)	**41%**

Source: Des Moines Register

Kansas

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Kris Kobach, Kansas Secretary of State	**Laura Kelly**, Kansas State Senator
Independent Candidate	
Greg Orman	

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Brownback: 49.8%	**Davis: 46.1%**

General Election Poll (9/26 – 28)

Candidate	% of Support
Kobach (R)	**37%**
Kelly (D)	**36%**
Orman (I)	**9%**

Source: Emerson

Competitive Gubernatorial Races

Michigan

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Bill Schuette, MI Attorney General	**Gretchen Whitmer**, former State Senator

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Snyder: 50.9%	**Schauer: 46.9%**

General Election Poll (10/24 – 26)

Candidate	% of Support
Whitmer (D)	**52%**
Schuette (R)	**41%**

Source: Emerson

Nevada

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Adam Laxalt, Nevada Attorney General	**Steve Sisolak**, Clark County Commissioner

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Sandoval: 70.6%	**Goodman: 23.9%**

General Election Poll (10/12 – 19)

Candidate	% of Support
Sisolak (D)	**41%**
Laxalt (R)	**46%**

Source: Ipsos

New Hampshire

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Chris Sununu, Incumbent	**Molly Kelly**, former State Senator

Libertarian Party	
Jilletta Jarvis, Project Manager	

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Sununu: 48.8%	Van Ostern: 46.6%

General Election Poll (10/10 – 12)

Candidate	% of Support
Sununu (R)	**50%**
Kelly (D)	**39%**

Source: University of New Hampshire

Ohio

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Mike DeWine, former US Senator	**Richard Cordray**, former Director of the CFPB

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Kasich: 63.6%	FitzGerald: 33.0%

General Election Poll (10/4 – 8)

Candidate	% of Support
DeWine (R)	**40%**
Cordray (D)	**46%**

Source: Suffolk University

Oregon

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Knute Buehler, Oregon State Representative	**Kate Brown**, Incumbent

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Brown: 50.62%	**Pierce: 43.45%**

General Election Poll (10/4 – 11)

Candidate	% of Support
Buehler (R)	35%
Brown (D)	40%

Source: OPB/DHM Research

Rhode Island

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Allan Fung, Mayor of Cranston	**Gina Raimondo**, Incumbent

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Raimondo: 40.7%	**Fung: 36.2%**

General Election Poll (10/5 – 9)

Candidate	% of Support
Fung (R)	32%
Raimondo (D)	40%

Source: SocialSphere
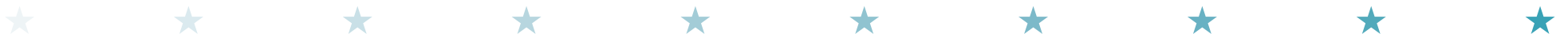
Competitive Gubernatorial Races

Tennessee

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Bill Lee, Businessman	**Karl Dean**, former Mayor of Nashville

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Haslam: 70.3%	**Brown: 22.8%**

General Election Poll (10/8 – 13)

Candidate	% of Support
Lee (R)	**48%**
Dean (D)	**37%**

Source: Vanderbilt University

Wisconsin

Republican Candidate	Democratic Candidate
Scott Walker, Incumbent	**Tony Evers**, Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Institutions

2014 Gubernatorial Election

Walker: 52.3%	**Burke: 46.6%**

General Election Poll (9/30 – 10/4)

Candidate	% of Support
Walker (R)	**47%**
Evers (D)	**46%**

Source: Marquette

President Trump's Primary Endorsements – Gubernatorial Races

Organization	State	Position
Doug Ducey	Arizona	Incumbent
Asa Hutchinson	Arkansas	Incumbent
John Cox	California	Challenger
Bob Stefanowski	Connecticut	Challenger
Ron DeSantis	Florida	Challenger
Brian Kemp	Georgia	Challenger
Kris Kobach	Kansas	Challenger
Adam Laxalt	Nevada	Challenger
Bill Schuette	Michigan	Challenger
Henry McMaster	South Carolina	Incumbent
Bill Lee	Tennessee	Challenger
Greg Abbott	Texas	Incumbent
Scott Walker	Wisconsin	Incumbent
Foster Friess	Wyoming	Challenger

Competitive Attorney General Races

Democrats

- Safe Democratic
- Likely Democratic
- Lean Democratic
- Toss-up

Republicans

- Safe Republican
- Likely Republican
- Lean Republican
- Toss-up
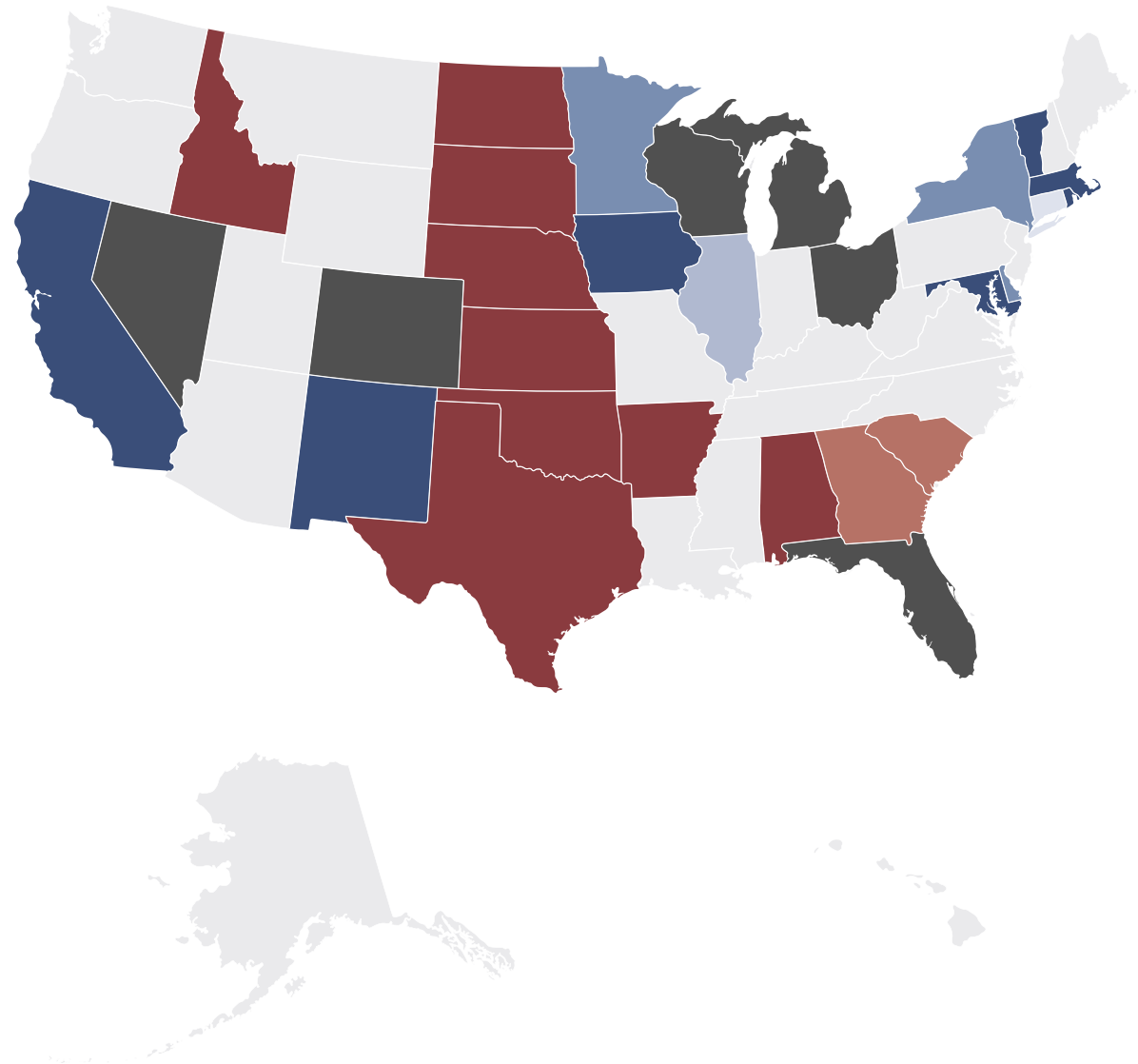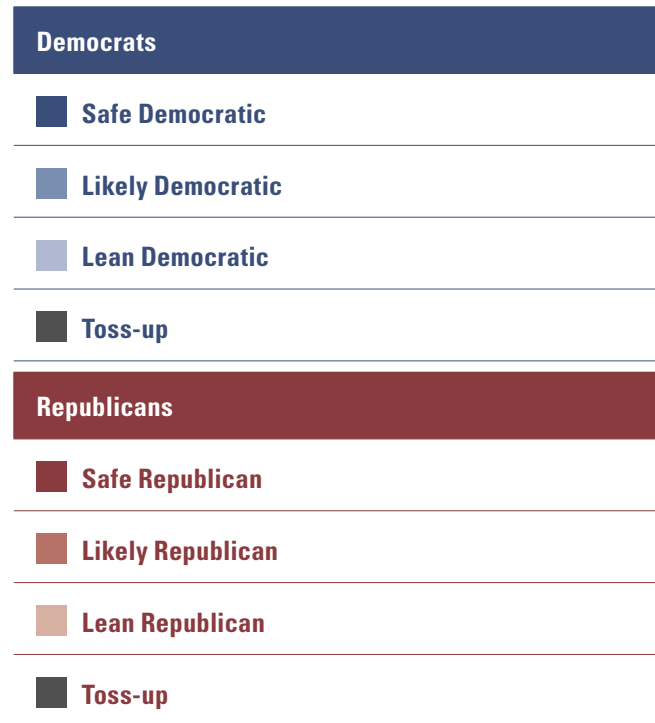
Source: www.governing.com

State	Race	2016 Vote
Nevada	**Wesley Duncan** (R) **Aaron Ford** (D)	**Trump** (45.5%) **Clinton** (47.92%)
Illinois	**Erika Harold** (R) **Kwame Raoul** (D)	**Trump** (39.4%) **Clinton** (55.4%)
New York	**Keith Wofford** (R) **Letitia James** (D)	**Trump** (35.52%) **Clinton** (59.01%)
Florida	**Ashley B. Moody** (R) **Sean Shaw** (D)	**Trump** (49.1%) **Clinton** (47.8%)
Colorado	**George Brauchler** (R) **Phil Weiser** (D)	**Trump** (43.31%) **Clinton** (48.12%)
Georgia	**Chris Carr** (R) **Charlie Bailey** (D)	**Trump** (51.05%) **Clinton** (45.89%)
Arizona	**Mark Brnovich** (R) (Incumbent) **January Contreras** (D)	**Trump** (49.03%) **Clinton** (45.46%)
Michigan	**Tom Leonard** (R) **Dana Nessel** (D)	**Trump** (47.6%) **Clinton** (47.3%)
Ohio	**Dave Yost** (R) **Steven Dettelbach** (D)	**Trump** (51.69%) **Clinton** (43.56%)
Wisconsin	**Brad Schimel** (R) (Incumbent) **Josh Kaul** (D)	**Trump** (47.9%) **Clinton** (46.9%)
Minnesota	**Doug Wardlow** (R) **Keith Ellison** (D)	**Trump** (45.4%) **Clinton** (46.9%)
Alabama	**Steve Marshall** (R) **Joseph Siegelman** (D)	**Trump** (62.08%) **Clinton** (34.36%)

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