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FALL PREVIEW

60 days snapshot

Oh, a storm is threat'ning
My very life today
If I don't get some shelter
Oh yeah, I'm gonna fade away
Gimme Shelter — The Rolling Stones

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Dentons' US Public Policy group is pleased to present "US Policy Fall Preview - 60 Day Snapshot," our insight and analysis of the key themes of the elections. This is the first of an ongoing series of related policy updates. Be on the lookout as we will offer near weekly updates and developments leading up to the election.

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INTRODUCTION

Whether it reflects public discomfort with the large gap between what candidate Trump promised and what President Trump has delivered to date, pushback against the president's "unconventional" conduct as Commander-in-Chief (h/t Sarah Sanders), or simply the exhaustion produced by his incessant tweeting, it appears that concerns among the American electorate about President Trump's performance have produced a far larger battlefield this cycle than anticipated even a few months ago. Many commentators suggest that Democratic voter intensity substantially exceeds the interest of Republican voters, and thus, that such voters are far more motivated to vote in November. This phenomenon could be exacerbated by current Republican messaging, as some analysts believe that the public confidence displayed by President Trump and House Republicans in the likelihood that the latter will maintain control of the lower chamber this fall could create a level of complacency among some Republican voters that leads them to stay at home on election day.

There are over 100 House races, at least 10 Senate races and numerous gubernatorial races deemed by election forecasters to be competitive this year. Rather than an overwrought deep dive into each of these races, after carefully reviewing all of them so our readers don't have to, we have focused on a representative sample of Congressional and gubernatorial races that collectively capture the key themes of the elections, the issues upon which candidates are basing their campaigns, and how each party will seek to get out its voters. We also contemplate actions President Trump could take between now and November 6 that might influence the demographic characteristics of those who come out to vote, and in doing so, alter the competitive landscape of the elections.

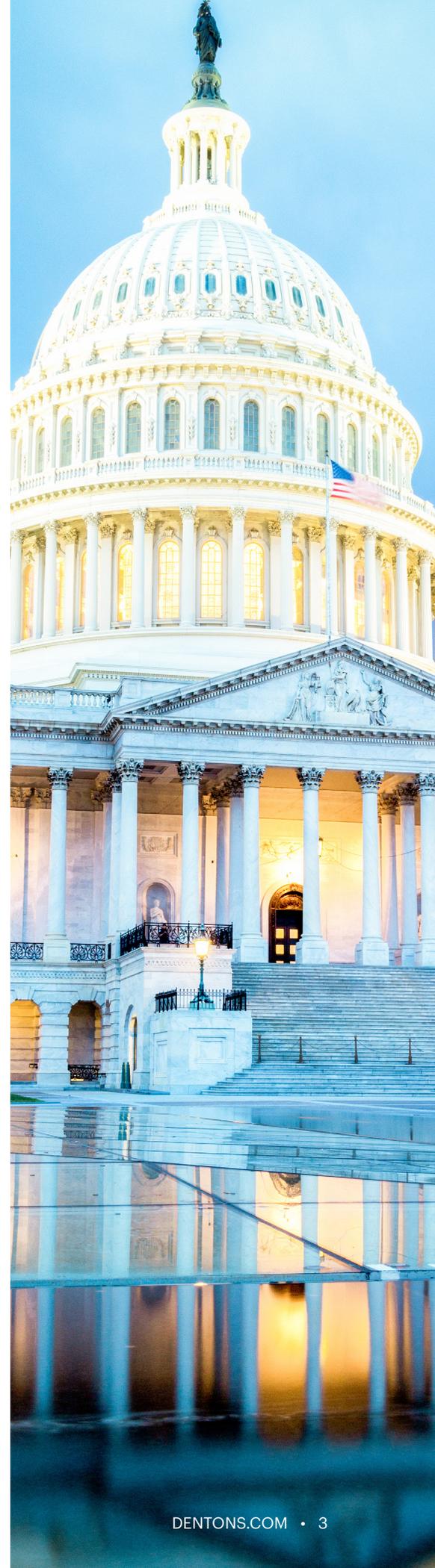
We have identified 16 House races across all regions of the country that together provide an effective snapshot of the races that will determine control of the lower chamber, and the potential margins by which one party or the other will be in charge. For each of these races, we provide brief candidate profiles, explain why we selected the particular congressional district for inclusion, identify the key themes of the respective campaigns, and link to the candidates' campaign ads.

Similarly, we have spotlighted those Senate races believed to be the most competitive as of the time of publication, as well as several gubernatorial races that will determine which party will control the redistricting process in 2021.

Finally, this report also provides: (i) an in-depth rundown of the air war that will impact the outcomes of the Congressional elections; (ii) a list of key dates through the end of the 115th Congress; and (iii) an assessment of anticipated committee leadership in the House and Senate during the 116th Congress.

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you."

— Pericles



ELECTION DAY OUTLOOK: THE CHARTS

SENATE DEM AND INDEPENDENT HELD SEATS

SAFE R	0
LIKELY R	0
LEANS R	0
TOSS UP	4
LEANS D	2
LIKELY D	6
SAFE D	14

SENATE GOP HELD SEATS

SAFE R	4
LIKELY R	2
LEANS R	1
TOSS UP	2
LEANS D	0
LIKELY D	0
SAFE D	0

SENATE SEATS UP IN 2018

SAFE R	4
LIKELY R	2
LEANS R	1
TOSS UP	6
LEANS D	2
LIKELY D	5
SAFE D	15

SENATE RACE

State	Incumbent	Inc. Party	Inc. Running?	Inc. Won renom.	Rating
Arizona	Jeff Flake	R	No	NA	Toss-up
California	Dianne Feinstein	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Connecticut	Chris Murphy	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Delaware	Tom Carper	D	Yes	TBD	Safe D
Florida	Bill Nelson	D	Yes	TBD	Toss-up
Hawaii	Mazie Hirono	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Indiana	Joe Donnelly	D	Yes	Yes	Toss-up
Maine	Angus King	I/D	Yes	NA	Safe D/I
Maryland	Ben Cardin	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Massachusetts	Elizabeth Warren	D	Yes	TBD	Safe D
Michigan	Debbie Stabenow	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
Minnesota	Amy Klobuchar	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Minnesota (S)	Tina Smith*	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
Mississippi (S)	Cindy Hyde-Smith*	R	Yes	NA	Likely R
Mississippi	Roger Wicker	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
Missouri	Claire McCaskill	D	Yes	Yes	Toss-up
Montana	Jon Tester	D	Yes	Yes	Leans D
Nebraska	Deb Fischer	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
Nevada	Dean Heller	R	Yes	Yes	Toss-up

State	Incumbent	Inc. Party	Inc. Running?	Inc. Won renom.	Rating
New Jersey	Bob Menendez	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
New Mexico	Martin Heinrich	D	Yes	NA	Safe D
New York	Kirsten Gillibrand	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
North Dakota	Heidi Heitkamp	D	Yes	Yes	Toss-up
Ohio	Sherrod Brown	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
Pennsylvania	Bob Casey Jr.	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Rhode Island	Sheldon Whitehouse	D	Yes	TBD	Safe D
Tennessee	Bob Corker	R	No	NA	Leans R
Texas	Ted Cruz	R	Yes	Yes	Likely R
Utah	Orrin Hatch	R	No	NA	Safe R
Vermont	Bernie Sanders	I/D	Yes	NA	Safe D/I
Virginia	Tim Kaine	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Washington	Maria Cantwell	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
Wisconsin	Tammy Baldwin	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
West Virginia	Joe Manchin	D	Yes	Yes	Leans D
Wyoming	John Barrasso	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R

*Appointed incumbents
(S) signifies special election

HOUSE DEM HELD SEATS

SAFE R	1
LIKELY R	0
LEANS R	0
TOSS UP	2
LEANS D	3
LIKELY D	10
SAFE D	179

HOUSE GOP HELD SEATS

SAFE R	147
LIKELY R	35
LEANS R	15
TOSS UP	32
LEANS D	8
LIKELY D	2
SAFE D	1

TOTAL HOUSE

SAFE R	148
LIKELY R	35
LEANS R	15
TOSS UP	34
LEANS D	11
LIKELY D	12
SAFE D	180

HOUSE BATTLEFIELD

By the numbers; 65 total. 57R's. 8 D's.
20 open seats; 15 R's. 5 D's

25 are seats in states with POTUS approval negative
32 are seats in states with POTUS positive

State	District	Member	Party	Inc running?
AR	2	French Hill	R	Yes
AZ	2	Martha McSally	R	Open
CA	10	Jeff Denham	R	Yes
CA	25	Steve Knight	R	Yes
CA	39	Ed Royce	R	Open
CA	45	Mimi Walters	R	Yes
CA	48	Dana Rohrabacher	R	Yes
CA	49	Darrell Issa	R	Open
CO	6	Mike Coffman	R	Yes
FL	16	Vern Buchanan	R	Yes
FL	26	Carlos Curbelo	R	Yes
FL	27	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R	Open
GA	7	Rob Woodall	R	Yes
IA	1	Rod Blum	R	Yes
IA	3	David Young	R	Yes
IL	6	Peter Roskam	R	Yes
IL	12	Mike Bost	R	Yes
KS	2	Lynn Jenkins	R	Open
KS	3	Kevin Yoder	R	Yes
KY	6	Andy Barr	R	Yes
ME	2	Bruce Poliquin	R	Yes
MI	8	Mike Bishop	R	Yes
MI	11	Dave Trott	R	Open
MN	1	Tim Walz	D	Open

State	District	Member	Party	Inc running?
MN	2	Jason Lewis	R	Yes
MN	3	Erik Paulsen	R	Yes
MN	8	Rick Nolan	D	Open
MT	AL	Greg Gianforte	R	Yes
NC	9	Robert Pittenger	R	Open
NC	13	Ted Budd	R	Yes
NE	2	Don Bacon	R	Yes
NH	1	Carol Shea-Porter	D	Open
NJ	2	Frank LoBiondo	R	Open
NJ	3	Tom MacArthur	R	Yes
NJ	5	Josh Gottheimer	D	Yes
NJ	7	Leonard Lance	R	Yes
NJ	11	Rodney Frelinghuysen	R	Open
NM	2	Steve Pearce	R	Open
NV	3	Jacky Rosen	D	Open
NV	4	Ruben Kihuen	D	Open
NY	1	Lee Zeldin	R	Yes
NY	11	Dan Donovan	R	Yes
NY	18	Sean Maloney	D	Yes
NY	19	John Faso	R	Yes
NY	22	Claudia Tenney	R	Yes
OH	1	Steve Chabot	R	Yes
OH	12	Troy Balderson	R	Na
PA	1	Brian Fitzpatrick	R	Yes

HOUSE BATTLEFIELD continued

State	District	Member	Party	Inc running?
PA	6	Ryan Costello	R	Open
PA	7	Charlie Dent	R	Open
PA	8	Matt Cartwright	D	Yes
PA	17	Keith Rothfus/Conor Lamb (D)	R	Yes
TX	7	John Culberson	R	Yes
TX	23	Will Hurd	R	Yes
TX	32	Pete Sessions	R	Yes
UT	4	Mia Love	R	Yes
VA	2	Scott Taylor	R	Yes

State	District	Member	Party	Inc running?
VA	5	Tom Garrett	R	Open
VA	7	Dave Brat	R	Yes
VA	10	Barbara Comstock	R	Yes
WA	3	Beutler, Jaime Herrera	R	Yes
WA	5	Cathy, McMorris Rodgers	R	Yes
WA	8	Dave Reichert	R	Open
WI	1	Paul Ryan	R	Open
WV	3	Evan Jenkins	R	Open

435 HOUSE RACE RANKINGS

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
AK	AL	Don Young	Safe R
AL	1	Bradley Byrne	Safe R
AL	2	Martha Roby	Safe R
AL	3	Mike D. Rogers	Safe R
AL	4	Rob Aderholt	Safe R
AL	5	Mo Brooks	Safe R
AL	6	Gary Palmer	Safe R
AL	7	Terri Sewell	Safe D
AR	1	Rick Crawford	Safe R
AR	2	French Hill	Leans R
AR	3	Steve Womack	Safe R
AR	4	Bruce Westerman	Safe R
AZ	1	Tom O'Halleran	Likely D
AZ	2	Open	Leans D (flip)
AZ	3	Raul Grijalva	Safe D
AZ	4	Paul Gosar	Safe R
AZ	5	Andy Biggs	Safe R
AZ	6	David Schweikert	Likely R
AZ	7	Ruben Gallego	Safe D
AZ	8	Debbie Lesko	Safe R
AZ	9	Open	Likely D

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
CA	1	Doug LaMalfa	Safe R
CA	2	Jared Huffman	Safe D
CA	3	John Garamendi	Safe D
CA	4	Tom McClintock	Likely R
CA	5	Mike Thompson	Safe D
CA	6	Doris Matsui	Safe D
CA	7	Ami Bera	Likely D
CA	8	Paul Cook	Safe R
CA	9	Jerry McNerney	Safe D
CA	10	Jeff Denham	Toss-up
CA	11	Mark DeSaulnier	Safe D
CA	12	Nancy Pelosi	Safe D
CA	13	Barbara Lee	Safe D
CA	14	Jackie Speier	Safe D
CA	15	Eric Swalwell	Safe D
CA	16	Jim Costa	Safe D
CA	17	Ro Khanna	Safe D
CA	18	Anna Eshoo	Safe D
CA	19	Zoe Lofgren	Safe D
CA	20	Jimmy Panetta	Safe D
CA	21	David Valadao	Likely R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
CA	22	Devin Nunes	Likely R
CA	23	Kevin McCarthy	Safe R
CA	24	Salud Carbajal	Likely D
CA	25	Steve Knight	Toss-up
CA	26	Julia Brownley	Safe D
CA	27	Judy Chu	Safe D
CA	28	Adam Schiff	Safe D
CA	29	Tony Cardenas	Safe D
CA	30	Brad Sherman	Safe D
CA	31	Pete Aguilar	Safe D
CA	32	Grace Napolitano	Safe D
CA	33	Ted Lieu	Safe D
CA	34	Jimmy Gomez	Safe D
CA	35	Norma Torres	Safe D
CA	36	Raul Ruiz	Safe D
CA	37	Karen Bass	Safe D
CA	38	Linda Sánchez	Safe D
CA	39	Open	Toss-up
CA	40	Lucille Roybal-Allard	Safe D
CA	41	Mark Takano	Safe D
CA	42	Ken Calvert	Safe R
CA	43	Maxine Waters	Safe D

435 HOUSE RACE RANKINGS continued

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
CA	44	Nanette Barragan	Safe D
CA	45	Mimi Walters	Toss-up
CA	46	Lou Correa	Safe D
CA	47	Alan Lowenthal	Safe D
CA	48	Dana Rohrabacher	Toss-up
CA	49	Open	Leans D (flip)
CA	50	Duncan Hunter	Safe R
CA	51	Juan Vargas	Safe D
CA	52	Scott Peters	Safe D
CA	53	Susan Davis	Safe D
CO	1	Diana DeGette	Safe D
CO	2	Open	Safe D
CO	3	Scott Tipton	Likely R
CO	4	Ken Buck	Safe R
CO	5	Doug Lamborn	Safe R
CO	6	Mike Coffman	Toss-up
CO	7	Ed Perlmutter	Safe D
CT	1	John Larson	Safe D
CT	2	Joe Courtney	Safe D
CT	3	Rosa DeLauro	Safe D
CT	4	Jim Himes	Safe D
CT	5	Open	Likely D
DE	AL	Lisa Blunt Rochester	Safe D
FL	1	Matt Gaetz	Safe R
FL	2	Neal Dunn	Safe R
FL	3	Ted Yoho	Safe R
FL	4	John Rutherford	Safe R
FL	5	Al Lawson	Safe D
FL	6	Open	Likely R
FL	7	Stephanie Murphy	Likely D
FL	8	Bill Posey	Safe R
FL	9	Darren Soto	Safe D
FL	10	Val Demings	Safe D
FL	11	Dan Webster	Safe R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
FL	12	Gus Bilirakis	Safe R
FL	13	Charlie Crist	Safe D
FL	14	Kathy Castor	Safe D
FL	15	Open	Likely R
FL	16	Vern Buchanan	Leans R
FL	17	Open	Safe R
FL	18	Brian Mast	Likely R
FL	19	Francis Rooney	Safe R
FL	20	Alcee Hastings	Safe D
FL	21	Lois Frankel	Safe D
FL	22	Ted Deutch	Safe D
FL	23	Debbie W. Schultz	Safe D
FL	24	Frederica Wilson	Safe D
FL	25	Mario Diaz-Balart	Likely R
FL	26	Carlos Curbelo	Toss-up
FL	27	Open	Leans D (flip)
GA	1	Buddy Carter	Safe R
GA	2	Sanford Bishop	Safe D
GA	3	Drew Ferguson	Safe R
GA	4	Hank Johnson	Safe D
GA	5	John Lewis	Safe D
GA	6	Karen Handel	Likely R
GA	7	Rob Woodall	Leans R
GA	8	Austin Scott	Safe R
GA	9	Doug Collins	Safe R
GA	10	Jodi Hice	Safe R
GA	11	Barry Loudermilk	Safe R
GA	12	Rick Allen	Safe R
GA	13	David Scott	Safe D
GA	14	Tom Graves	Safe R
HI	1	Open	Safe D
HI	2	Tulsi Gabbard	Safe D
IA	1	Rod Blum	Toss-up
IA	2	Dave Loebsack	Safe D

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
IA	3	David Young	Toss-up
IA	4	Steve King	Likely R
ID	1	Open	Safe R
ID	2	Mike Simpson	Safe R
IL	1	Bobby Rush	Safe D
IL	2	Robin Kelly	Safe D
IL	3	Dan Lipinski	Safe D
IL	4	Open	Safe D
IL	5	Mike Quigley	Safe D
IL	6	Peter Roskam	Toss-up
IL	7	Danny Davis	Safe D
IL	8	Raja Krishnamoorthi	Safe D
IL	9	Jan Schakowsky	Safe D
IL	10	Brad Schneider	Safe D
IL	11	Bill Foster	Safe D
IL	12	Mike Bost	Toss-up
IL	13	Rodney Davis	Likely R
IL	14	Randy Hultgren	Likely R
IL	15	John Shimkus	Safe R
IL	16	Adam Kinzinger	Safe R
IL	17	Cheri Bustos	Safe D
IL	18	Darin LaHood	Safe R
IN	1	Pete Visclosky	Safe D
IN	2	Jackie Walorski	Likely R
IN	3	Jim Banks	Safe R
IN	4	Open	Safe R
IN	5	Susan Brooks	Safe R
IN	6	Open	Safe R
IN	7	Andre Carson	Safe D
IN	8	Larry Bucshon	Safe R
IN	9	Trey Hollingsworth	Likely R
KS	1	Roger Marshall	Safe R
KS	2	Open	Toss-up
KS	3	Kevin Yoder	Toss-up

435 HOUSE RACE RANKINGS continued

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
KS	4	Ron Estes	Safe R
KY	1	James Comer	Safe R
KY	2	Brett Guthrie	Safe R
KY	3	John Yarmuth	Safe D
KY	4	Thomas Massie	Safe R
KY	5	Hal Rogers	Safe R
KY	6	Andy Barr	Toss-up
LA	1	Steve Scalise	Safe R
LA	2	Cedric Richmond	Safe D
LA	3	Clay Higgins	Safe R
LA	4	Mike Johnson	Safe R
LA	5	Ralph Abraham	Safe R
LA	6	Garret Graves	Safe R
MA	1	Richard Neal	Safe D
MA	2	Jim McGovern	Safe D
MA	3	Open	Safe D
MA	4	Joe Kennedy	Safe D
MA	5	Katherine Clark	Safe D
MA	6	Seth Moulton	Safe D
MA	7	Open	Safe D
MA	8	Stephen Lynch	Safe D
MA	9	Bill Keating	Safe D
MD	1	Andy Harris	Safe R
MD	2	Dutch Ruppersberger	Safe D
MD	3	John Sarbanes	Safe D
MD	4	Anthony Brown	Safe D
MD	5	Steny Hoyer	Safe D
MD	6	Open	Safe D
MD	7	Elijah Cummings	Safe D
MD	8	Jamie Raskin	Safe D
ME	1	Chellie Pingree	Safe D
ME	2	Bruce Poliquin	Toss-up
MI	1	Jack Bergman	Likely R
MI	2	Bill Huizenga	Safe R
MI	3	Justin Amash	Safe R
MI	4	John Moolenaar	Safe R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
MI	5	Dan Kildee	Safe D
MI	6	Fred Upton	Likely R
MI	7	Tim Walberg	Likely R
MI	8	Open	Toss-up
MI	9	Open	Safe D
MI	10	Paul Mitchell	Safe R
MI	11	Open	Leans D (flip)
MI	12	Debbie Dingell	Safe D
MI	13	VACANT (Con. special 11/6/18)	Safe D
MI	14	Brenda Lawrence	Safe D
MN	1	Open	Toss-up
MN	2	Jason Lewis	Toss-up
MN	3	Erik Paulsen	Toss-up
MN	4	Betty McCollum	Safe D
MN	5	Open	Safe D
MN	6	Tom Emmer	Safe R
MN	7	Collin Peterson	Likely D
MN	8	Open	Toss-up
MO	1	Lacy Clay	Safe D
MO	2	Ann Wagner	Likely R
MO	3	Blaine Luetkemeyer	Safe R
MO	4	Vicki Hartzler	Safe R
MO	5	Emanuel Cleaver	Safe D
MO	6	Sam Graves	Safe R
MO	7	Billy Long	Safe R
MO	8	Jason Smith	Safe R
MS	1	Trent Kelly	Safe R
MS	2	Bennie Thompson	Safe D
MS	3	Open	Safe R
MS	4	Steven Palazzo	Safe R
MT	AL	Greg Gianforte	Leans R
NC	1	G.K. Butterfield	Safe D
NC	2	George Holding	Likely R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
NC	3	Walter Jones	Safe R
NC	4	David Price	Safe D
NC	5	Virginia Foxx	Safe R
NC	6	Mark Walker	Safe R
NC	7	David Rouzer	Safe R
NC	8	Richard Hudson	Likely R
NC	9	Robert Pittenger	Toss-up
NC	10	Patrick McHenry	Safe R
NC	11	Mark Meadows	Safe R
NC	12	Alma Adams	Safe D
NC	13	Ted Budd	Leans R
ND	AL	Open	Safe R
NE	1	Jeff Fortenberry	Safe R
NE	2	Don Bacon	Leans R
NE	3	Adrian Smith	Safe R
NH	1	Carol Shea-Porter	Leans D
NH	2	Annie Kuster	Safe D
NJ	1	Donald Norcross	Safe D
NJ	2	Open	Likely D (flip)
NJ	3	Tom MacArthur	Leans R
NJ	4	Chris Smith	Safe R
NJ	5	Josh Gottheimer	Likely D
NJ	6	Frank Pallone	Safe D
NJ	7	Leonard Lance	Toss-up
NJ	8	Albio Sires	Safe D
NJ	9	Bill Pascrell	Safe D
NJ	10	Donald Payne	Safe D
NJ	11	Open	Leans D (flip)
NJ	12	Bonnie W. Coleman	Safe D
NM	1	Open	Safe D
NM	2	Open	Leans R
NM	3	Ben Ray Lujan	Safe D

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State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
NV	1	Dina Titus	Safe D
NV	2	Mark Amodei	Safe R
NV	3	Open	Leans D
NV	4	Open	Leans D
NY	1	Lee Zeldin	Leans R
NY	2	Peter King	Safe R
NY	3	Tom Suozzi	Safe D
NY	4	Kathleen Rice	Safe D
NY	5	Gregory Meeks	Safe D
NY	6	Grace Meng	Safe D
NY	7	Nydia Velazquez	Safe D
NY	8	Hakeem Jeffries	Safe D
NY	9	Yvette Clarke	Safe D
NY	10	Jerrold Nadler	Safe D
NY	11	Dan Donovan	Leans R
NY	12	Carolyn Maloney	Safe D
NY	13	Adriano Espaillat	Safe D
NY	14	Joe Crowley	Safe D
NY	15	Jose Serrano	Safe D
NY	16	Eliot Engel	Safe D
NY	17	Nita Lowey	Safe D
NY	18	Sean Maloney	Likely D
NY	19	John Faso	Toss-up
NY	20	Paul Tonko	Safe D
NY	21	Elise Stefanik	Safe R
NY	22	Claudia Tenney	Toss-up
NY	23	Tom Reed	Likely R
NY	24	John Katko	Likely R
NY	25	Open	Safe D
NY	26	Brian Higgins	Safe D
NY	27	Open	Likely R
OH	1	Steve Chabot	Toss-up
OH	2	Brad Wenstrup	Safe R
OH	3	Joyce Beatty	Safe D
OH	4	Jim Jordan	Safe R
OH	5	Bob Latta	Safe R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
OH	6	Bill Johnson	Safe R
OH	7	Bob Gibbs	Likely R
OH	8	Warren Davidson	Safe R
OH	9	Marcy Kaptur	Safe D
OH	10	Michael Turner	Likely R
OH	11	Marcia Fudge	Safe D
OH	12	Troy Balderson	Toss-up
OH	13	Tim Ryan	Safe D
OH	14	David Joyce	Likely R
OH	15	Steve Stivers	Likely R
OH	16	Open	Safe R
OK	1	Open	Safe R
OK	2	Markwayne Mullin	Safe R
OK	3	Frank Lucas	Safe R
OK	4	Tom Cole	Safe R
OK	5	Steve Russell	Likely R
OR	1	Suzanne Bonamici	Safe D
OR	2	Greg Walden	Safe R
OR	3	Earl Blumenauer	Safe D
OR	4	Peter DeFazio	Safe D
OR	5	Kurt Schrader	Safe D
PA	1	Brian Fitzpatrick	Toss-up
PA	2	Brendan Boyle	Safe D
PA	3	Dwight Evans	Safe D
PA	4	OPEN	Safe D
PA	5	Pat Meehan	Safe D
PA	6	Open	Likely D (flip)
PA	7	Open	Leans D (flip)
PA	8	Matt Cartwright	Likely D
PA	9	Open	Safe R
PA	10	Scott Perry	Likely R
PA	11	Lloyd Smucker	Safe R
PA	12	Tom Marino	Safe R
PA	13	Open	Safe R

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
PA	14	OPEN (Lamb running in PA-17)	Safe R (flip)
PA	15	Glenn Thompson	Safe R
PA	16	Mike Kelly	Likely R
PA	17	Keith Rothfus/Conor Lamb (D)	Leans D (flip)
PA	18	Michael Doyle	Safe D
RI	1	David Cicilline	Safe D
RI	2	Jim Langevin	Safe D
SC	1	Mark Sanford	Likely R
SC	2	Joe Wilson	Safe R
SC	3	Jeff Duncan	Safe R
SC	4	Open	Safe R
SC	5	Ralph Norman	Safe R
SC	6	Jim Clyburn	Safe D
SC	7	Tom Rice	Safe R
SD	AL	Open	Safe R
TN	1	Phil Roe	Safe R
TN	2	Open	Safe R
TN	3	Chuck Fleischmann	Safe R
TN	4	Scott DesJarlais	Safe R
TN	5	Jim Cooper	Safe D
TN	6	Open	Safe R
TN	7	Open	Safe R
TN	8	David Kustoff	Safe R
TN	9	Steve Cohen	Safe D
TX	1	Louie Gohmert	Safe R
TX	2	Open	Safe R
TX	3	Open	Safe R
TX	4	John Ratcliffe	Safe R
TX	5	Open	Safe R
TX	6	Joe Barton	Safe R
TX	7	John Culberson	Toss-up
TX	8	Kevin Brady	Safe R
TX	9	Al Green	Safe D

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State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
TX	10	Michael McCaul	Safe R
TX	11	Michael Conaway	Safe R
TX	12	Kay Granger	Safe R
TX	13	Mac Thornberry	Safe R
TX	14	Randy Weber	Safe R
TX	15	Vicente Gonzalez	Safe D
TX	16	Open	Safe D
TX	17	Bill Flores	Safe R
TX	18	Sheila Jackson-Lee	Safe D
TX	19	Jodey Arrington	Safe R
TX	20	Joaquin Castro	Safe D
TX	21	Open	Likely R
TX	22	Pete Olson	Safe R
TX	23	Will Hurd	Toss-up
TX	24	Kenny Marchant	Safe R
TX	25	Roger Williams	Safe R
TX	26	Michael Burgess	Safe R
TX	27	Michael Cloud	Safe R
TX	28	Henry Cuellar	Safe D
TX	29	Open	Safe D

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
TX	30	E.B. Johnson	Safe D
TX	31	John Carter	Likely R
TX	32	Pete Sessions	Leans R
TX	33	Mark Veasey	Safe D
TX	34	Filemon Vela	Safe D
TX	35	Lloyd Doggett	Safe D
TX	36	Brian Babin	Safe R
UT	1	Rob Bishop	Safe R
UT	2	Chris Stewart	Safe R
UT	3	John Curtis	Safe R
UT	4	Mia Love	Leans R
VA	1	Rob Wittman	Safe R
VA	2	Scott Taylor	Toss-up
VA	3	Bobby Scott	Safe D
VA	4	Donald McEachin	Safe D
VA	5	Open	Leans R
VA	6	Open	Safe R
VA	7	Dave Brat	Toss-up
VA	8	Don Beyer	Safe D
VA	9	Morgan Griffith	Safe R
VA	10	Barbara Comstock	Leans D (flip)
VA	11	Gerry Connolly	Safe D
VT	AL	Peter Welch	Safe D
WA	1	Suzan DelBene	Safe D

State	CD	Incumbent	Rating
WA	2	Rick Larsen	Safe D
WA	3	Beutler, Jaime Herrera	Leans R
WA	4	Dan Newhouse	Safe R
WA	5	Rodgers, Cathy McMorris	Toss-up
WA	6	Derek Kilmer	Safe D
WA	7	Pramila Jayapal	Safe D
WA	8	Dave Reichert	Toss-up
WA	9	Adam Smith	Safe D
WA	10	Denny Heck	Safe D
WI	1	Open	Leans R
WI	2	Mark Pocan	Safe D
WI	3	Open	Safe D
WI	4	Gwen Moore	Safe D
WI	5	Jim Sensenbrenner	Safe R
WI	6	Glenn Grothman	Likely R
WI	7	Sean Duffy	Safe R
WI	8	Mike Gallagher	Safe R
WV	1	David McKinley	Safe R
WV	2	Alex Mooney	Safe R
WV	3	Evan Jenkins	Toss-up
WY	AL	Liz Cheney	Safe R



GOVERNORS DEM HELD SEATS

Safe R	0
Likely R	0
Leans R	0
Toss-up	2
Leans D	3
Likely D	1
Safe D	3

GOVERNORS GOP HELD SEATS

Safe R	9
Likely R	4
Leans R	4
Toss-up	7
Leans D	1
Likely D	1
Safe D	0

TOTAL GUBERNATORIAL RACES

Safe R	9
Likely R	4
Leans R	4
Toss-up	10
Leans D	4
Likely D	2
Safe D	3

GOVERNOR SEATS

State	Incumbent	Inc. Party	Inc Running?	Inc. Won renom.	Rating
AL	Kay Ivey*	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
AK	Bill Walker	I	Yes	NA	Toss-up
AZ	Doug Ducey	R	Yes	TBD	Leans R
AR	Asa Hutchinson	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
CA	Jerry Brown	D	No	NA	Safe D
CO	John Hickenlooper	D	No	NA	Toss-up
CT	Dan Malloy	D	No	NA	Toss-up
FL	Rick Scott	R	No	NA	Toss-up
GA	Nathan Deal	R	No	NA	Leans R
HI	David Ige	D	Yes	Yes	Safe D
ID	Butch Otter	R	No	NA	Safe R
IL	Bruce Rauner	R	Yes	Yes	Likely D (flip)
IA	Kim Reynolds*	R	Yes	Yes	Toss-up
KS	Jeff Colyer*	R	Yes	No	Leans R
ME	Paul LePage	R	No	NA	Toss-up
MD	Larry Hogan	R	Yes	Yes	Likely R
MA	Charlie Baker	R	Yes	TBD	Safe R
MI	Rick Snyder	R	No	NA	Toss-up
MN	Mark Dayton	D	No	NA	Leans D
NE	Pete Ricketts	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R

State	Incumbent	Inc. Party	Inc Running?	Inc. Won renom.	Rating
NV	Brian Sandoval	R	No	NA	Toss-up
NH	Chris Sununu	R	Yes	TBD	Leans R
NM	Susana Martinez	R	No	NA	Leans D (flip)
NY	Andrew Cuomo	D	Yes	TBD	Safe D
OH	John Kasich	R	No	NA	Toss-up
OK	Mary Fallin	R	No	NA	Likely R
OR	Kate Brown	D	Yes	Yes	Leans D
PA	Tom Wolf	D	Yes	Yes	Likely D
RI	Gina Raimondo	D	Yes	TBD	Leans D
SC	Henry McMaster*	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
SD	Dennis Daugaard	R	No	NA	Likely R
TN	Bill Haslam	R	No	NA	Likely R
TX	Greg Abbott	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
VT	Phil Scott	R	Yes	Yes	Safe R
WI	Scott Walker	R	Yes	Yes	Toss-up
WY	Matt Mead	R	No	NA	Safe R

*Succeeded to the governorship when previous governor stepped down

ELECTION DAY OUTLOOK: A DEEP DIVE

OVERVIEW

A recent poll of registered, not likely, voters gives Democrats a commanding lead and foretells of a massive Democratic pickup in the House and a significantly smaller battle field in the Senate.

Or it doesn't.

Consumer confidence is as high as it has been in more than a decade and unemployment is at historic lows with workers returning to the job market in droves.

Is it still the "Economy, Stupid."

History shows mid-term elections are unkind to the party in power with an average seat loss eclipsing the current GOP majority in the House.

Do good candidates and well run campaigns still matter? President Donald Trump has certainly galvanized his opponents. But his hold on the GOP base is a lock and his endorsement, throughout the primaries, has mattered.

POTUS, millstone or rocket booster?

These are but a few of the questions keeping professional Washington up at night. Answer these four questions correctly and, we argue, you'll be able to pick November's winners. But remember, answers vary from district to district across the country. What works for campaigns in Southern California won't necessarily work in central Ohio.

Below we seek to provide the context and insight, down to a review of the ads being used to frame the race, to help you at least offer an educated guess as to what the 116th Congress will look like.

SENATE

After Jon Kyl was sworn in as McCain's successor, the Senate returns to 51 Republicans, 47 Democrats and 2 Independents who caucus with the Democrats for organizational purposes, a 51-49 Republican edge. As the Constitution makes the Vice President of the United States the President of the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence has the responsibility to cast a Senate vote to break a tie in the

event of a deadlock. Thus, if all Senators are present and voting, Democrats need a net pickup of two seats to gain effective control of the Senate.

Democrats are defending 26 of the 35 Senate seats being contested this year, including 10 seats in states that President Donald Trump won in the last presidential election. If one uses such seats as a proxy for identifying the most vulnerable Democratic-held Senate seats — a customary and reasonable metric — then almost all of the most vulnerable Senate Democrats are on the ballot this year. The only two Trump-state Senate Democrats who are not on the ballot this year are Sens. Doug Jones (D-AL) and Gary Peters (D-MI). Currently, there are a total of twelve Democratic Senate seats that are considered potentially competitive this fall (FL, IN, MI, MN, MO, MT, ND, NJ, OH, PA, WI, WV). In contrast, there are only three Republican senators that hold seats in states Hillary Clinton won, and of those, only one — highly vulnerable Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV) — is on the ballot. Only five Republican Senate seats are currently considered potentially competitive (AZ, MS, NV, TN, TX).

Thus, with so many more Democratic Senate seats at risk this fall, Republicans have many more electoral paths available this November to maintain or expand their majority than Democrats have to gain control of the Senate. To gain a Senate majority, Democrats would have to protect all 26 of their incumbents up for re-election and win at least two of the five potentially vulnerable Republican Senate seats. (If four of the 26 Democratic Senators on the ballot this fall lose their bids for re-election, it is mathematically impossible for Democrats to capture the Senate even if they were to win every Republican seat currently considered potentially vulnerable.)

Currently, the best Republican pickup opportunities look to be Florida, North Dakota, Missouri, and Indiana, while the best Democratic pickup opportunities are in Nevada and Arizona. Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey and West Virginia are in the next tier of potential Republican gains, while Texas and Tennessee are in the next tier of potential gains for Democrats.

While the challengers in the remaining states would surely claim otherwise, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are not considered to be

nearly as competitive as the states discussed above. If the Republican defeats the Democratic incumbent in any of the four second tier races or if the Democrat wins in Mississippi, the winning party is likely to be well on its way to a big night in the Senate.

Florida — Nelson (D) vs Scott (R)

This tossup race in a state known for close elections is probably the highest profile Senate race to be contested this November. First elected to the Senate in 2001, Sen. Bill Nelson is facing term-limited [Republican Gov. Rick Scott](#), an extremely wealthy candidate, well-known throughout Florida, whose campaign is already outspending Nelson's by a 4-to-1 margin. Known for his focus on Florida-specific, state-wide and local issues, Nelson won his last election by 13% in 2012, a powerful result in a state where statewide races are usually decided by 1-2%. It is also worth noting that, even in years far friendlier to Republicans than this cycle, Scott has never won a race by more than a point. Initially elected as a Tea-Party conservative and once having had a very close relationship with President Trump, in recent months, Scott has sought to distance himself from the President, surely in recognition of the fact that the President remains very controversial in much of Florida, especially among the moderates and Independents which Scott will have to attract in order to defeat Nelson this November.

Governor Scott, who gained a lot of public recognition and support from his response to the hurricanes, appears to hold a slim lead in recent polling. (Real Clear Politics says that Scott currently has a 2% lead.) Democrats hope and believe that Scott's narrow lead is attributable to his earlier and more substantial spending than Nelson on campaign ads and they argue that Scott's lead will evaporate now that Nelson has begun his own substantial campaign spending. Nelson will also seek to tie Scott to the President, arguing that Scott's attempts to distance himself from the President are deceptive, a fraud on the voters that Nelson says proves only that Scott will say or do anything to be elected.

Indiana — Donnelly (D) vs Braun (R)

In a state where President Trump remains popular, former state Rep. and businessman Mike Braun (R), with the President's support, was the winner of a bloody and expensive primary battle for the US Senate nomination overcoming incumbent Congressmen Todd Rokita (R-IN-06) and Luke Messer (R-IN-04). The race cost about \$11 million and was considered one of the nastiest primaries in the country. In the general election, Braun now faces incumbent Joe Donnelly (D), who wasted little time before going on the attack. (Donnelly's campaign, as well as outside groups supporting him, both ran anti-Braun ads on primary election night.) Donnelly, a moderate, pro-business Democrat, is also the rare Democratic candidate who is pro-life. While there is not much public polling available in this race yet, a recent

poll from a Republican leaning pollster gave Donnelly a 12 point lead this highly watched race, with total campaign expenditures expected to top \$100 million, will provide a solid test of just how valuable the President's support is in a general election.

Missouri — McCaskill (D) vs Hawley (R)

Incumbent Sen. Claire McCaskill (D), is among the Senate's most vulnerable Democrats, in large part because Donald Trump won her state by 19 points in 2016 and because the President's approval rating in Missouri is somewhat higher than in the nation as a whole. McCaskill, the last Democrat to win a statewide office in 2012, faces a challenge from state Attorney General Josh Hawley (R) in an extremely competitive race that clearly is a tossup. While McCaskill and Hawley both faced primary opponents in the August 7th primary election, they each won their primaries easily and were able to save their resources for the general election. Hawley's candidacy, which had been seriously hampered by the controversy and potential impeachment of Republican Governor Eric Greitens over Greitens' extramarital affair and alleged misuse of a charity donor list for political purposes, was certainly helped considerably by former Governor Greitens' June 1 resignation. While McCaskill is widely viewed as a strong campaigner and fundraiser and she has a considerable advantage over Hawley in cash on hand, the most recent polling shows this race as a dead heat and, in an ominous sign, McCaskill's approval/disapproval rating continues to be underwater. Notwithstanding her fundraising advantage, given the conservative lean of Missouri voters, they could well conclude that two terms is enough for McCaskill.

North Dakota — Heitkamp (D) vs Cramer (R)

With President Trump having an approval rating above 50% in North Dakota, the state seems tailor-made for a Republican pickup and the battle royale between incumbent Democratic junior Senator Heidi Heitkamp and US Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-ND-At Large) is among the Republicans' best opportunities in the midterms. Media reports also indicate that recent Republican internal polling gives Congressman Cramer a small lead over Senator Heitkamp. While there is no recent public polling, Real Clear Politics' polling average also gives Cramer a .5% lead.

Congressman Cramer initially declined to run for this seat, reportedly because of concerns about the political climate and about giving up the security of his House seat, but he reconsidered and entered the race after being strongly pressured by President Trump to do so. To date, however, Cramer has failed to carve out much of an identity of his own and Heitkamp is surprisingly well-known and well-liked for a Democrat in North Dakota. Thus, it appears that Cramer's candidacy will be strongly dependent upon how much support the President provides and how much

interest he takes in this race. Senator Heitkamp, who helped to lead the moderate Senate Democrats whose support led to passage into law of S. 2155, the financial regulatory reform bill benefiting community banks and credit unions, was the only Democrat present at the signing ceremony and was prominently featured. Her strategy of demonstrating her ability and willingness to work on a bipartisan basis with the Trump administration on a number of issues, including her votes for the Trump nominees for Secretary of State and CIA Director, has given Heitkamp a fighting chance to win re-election in a deep red state. Her vote on the Kavanaugh supreme court nomination will also be closely watched.

West Virginia — Manchin (D) vs Morrisey (R)

A fascinating Republican Senate primary, the first contested Republican Senate primary of consequence in modern West Virginia history, saw Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R) survive a crowded field, including coal baron Don Blankenship and Congressman Evan Jenkins (R), to face incumbent Democrat Joe Manchin, a popular former Governor. Manchin is one of the most vulnerable Senate Democrats up for re-election as President Trump dominated the Mountain State with a 42-point victory in 2016 and remains highly popular. President Trump recently visited West Virginia to support Morrisey and is expected to return frequently as long as Morrisey can keep this race competitive.

Recent polling indicates that Manchin leads Morrisey and Real Clear Politics rates this race as Lean Democratic. However, Morrisey's candidacy has been helped considerably by a recent West Virginia Supreme Court decision striking Don Blankenship from the November general election ballot on the basis that West Virginia's so-called "sore loser" law prevents Blankenship, a loser in the Republican primary, from running in the general election as the nominee of the Constitution Party.

Given President Trump's huge popularity in the state, Morrisey will emphasize his ties to the President. Senator Manchin can be expected to focus on Morrisey's history as a lobbyist and argue that Morrisey not only can't "drain

the swamp," but that he is the swamp. Manchin no doubt will also highlight those occasions where he voted with the President on issues of importance to West Virginians. While the Real Clear Politics average of polls taken gives Manchin an 8.4% lead given the conservative bent of many West Virginia voters, the general election between Morrisey and Manchin currently remains competitive.

Minnesota — Smith (D) vs Housley (R)

Former Lt. Gov. Tina Smith was appointed by Gov. Mark Dayton to assume former Senator Al Franken's seat pending a special election, which will be held this November. Although Smith lacks name recognition outside of the Twin Cities, she is working hard to build the resources necessary to defend her seat. Her opponent, state Senator Karin Housley (R), has strong name recognition and support in northern Minnesota, where President Trump did exceedingly well in 2016. Most electoral observers, including Real Clear Politics, currently view the race as Leaning Democratic and, according to Real Clear Politics, Smith currently has an 8.4% polling advantage. However, given Smith's lack of name recognition and the number of changes occurring concurrently in Minnesota's political landscape, it is conceivable that this race could end up becoming more competitive.

Nevada — Heller (R) vs Rosen (D)

Incumbent US Sen. Dean Heller (R) will face US Rep. Jacky Rosen (D-NV-03) in what will surely be one of the most competitive races of the year, with the likely balance of power in the US Senate potentially at stake. Heller, who won election by 1% in 2012, is the only Republican Senator running for reelection in a state won by Hillary Clinton in 2016. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, still a formidable force in Nevada politics, is deploying all of the resources of his network in support of Congresswoman Rosen's candidacy, and President Trump is not a particularly popular figure in Nevada. Thus, Senator Heller will need to thread the needle and reach out to moderates and independents without turning off the Trump conservatives who must form the base of Heller's re-election coalition, a challenging task. Real Clear Politics says this tossup race is a dead heat with Rosen currently having a .6% lead over Heller.



Texas — Cruz (R) vs O'Rourke (D)

In every race since 1994, Texas has voted to send a Republican to the White House, the U.S. Senate, and governor's house. Nonetheless, relying upon a tremendous fundraising operation, an energetic campaign and some very effective viral campaign advertising, Congressman Beto O'Rourke has managed to make this race against incumbent Senator Ted Cruz quite competitive. Despite the many harsh words that they exchanged during the 2016 primaries, acknowledging his concern that the race with Congressman O'Rourke is uncomfortably close, Senator Cruz has sought President Trump's help, and Trump recently responded by saying that he would hold a rally for Cruz in Texas in the largest stadium that they could get. It will be interesting to see the impact, if any, on Democratic turnout from the President's active involvement in this race.

Cruz and O'Rourke have raised about the same amount during this cycle and they will both need all of these resources as it appears that Texas will have the most expensive Senate race this cycle. Cruz, a dyed-in-the-wool conservative, and O'Rourke, a progressive, have sharply differing views on most public policy issues. While Texas is changing demographically and politically, it remains a Republican-leaning state. Thus, O'Rourke's campaign appears to be focused primarily on increasing turnout among Democratic-leaning voters including Independents. The Real Clear Politics polling average currently gives Cruz a 4.4% lead.

Arizona Open (Flake) — McSally (R) vs Sinema (D)

With US Sen. Jeff Flake (R) vacating his seat, Arizona is considered, for the first time since 1976, a potential pick-up state for Democrats. US Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ-09) is a formidable candidate and prolific fundraiser. Congresswoman Martha McSally (R-AZ-02) bested a crowded Republican field that included former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio (of "America's toughest sheriff," Tent City and chain gang infamy), and Dr. Kelli Ward (Sen. John McCain's unsuccessful 2016 primary challenger). McSally was required to spend significant resources to win her primary and will face a challenge raising enough money to compete effectively with Sinema. While Real Clear Politics considers this race a tossup, it says that Sinema currently has a 5.4% polling advantage.

Tennessee Open (Corker) — Marsha Blackburn (R) vs Phil Bredesen (D)

In the race to replace retiring Senator Bob Corker (R), Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN-07) will face off against Phil Bredesen, who served as the state's governor from 2003 to 2011 and, before that, Nashville's mayor. Blackburn has been in Congress since 2002. Bredesen faces the challenge of returning to politics at the age of 75, while Blackburn faces the challenge of having very conservative political views that may be out of step with the views of

the majority of Tennessee voters. Notwithstanding the conservative bent of the state, Real Clear Politics' average of recent polls gives Bredesen a 1.6% advantage in what it considers to be a tossup race.

HOUSE

CALIFORNIA 45

Seeking a third term in this R+3 Orange County district that, nonetheless, voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016, Republican incumbent Congresswoman Mimi Walters, a former member of the state Senate and a former investment advisor, will face Katie Porter (D), a law professor at the University of California-Irvine and other universities who has also served as a consumer and bankruptcy lawyer for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the World Bank and other organizations. Inside Elections currently rates this race as Lean Republican while both *Cook Political Report* and *Sabato's Crystal Ball* now call it a tossup.

Walters, who serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, won the six-candidate "top two" primary with 51.66% of the vote. Porter finished second with 20.29%, with the remaining 28% split among four other candidates (three Democratic and one nonpartisan).

Despite the district's vote for Clinton, Walters is a supporter of President Trump and has voted for nearly all of his policies, including legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act and the Tax Cut Act. Walters emphasizes her plan to reduce taxes and the national debt. She says her priorities are economic growth and job creation, a fiscally responsible government and lower taxes, more rights for victims of crime, a crackdown on human trafficking and the protection of private property rights.

Walters has offered legislation to protect the safety of firefighters and passed Sexual Assault Bill of Rights legislation to protect sexual abuse survivors. On immigration, she would allow DACA recipients to stay in the country while also supporting increased border security, end the diversity visa lottery and tighten eligibility for family-based immigration. Walters considers defeating ISIS and stopping the spread of Islamist ideology the nation's highest national security priorities. Here is a recent Walters ad calling Porter an Elizabeth Warren clone with an extreme liberal agenda.

Porter supports Medicare for All legislation, increasing investment in public education; making college more affordable; what she calls common sense gun reform measures, such as mandatory background checks and a ban on assault weapons; and a woman's right to choose. She believes affordable health care is a human right and says she will fight Republican efforts to repeal Obamacare

and defund Planned Parenthood. Porter strongly opposes the Republican Tax Cut Act and, instead, says she supports real tax reform that cuts taxes on the middle class and small business and makes wealthy corporations pay their fair share. She pledges to stop offshore drilling and will fight to invest in renewable energy. Here is Porter's most recent [ad](#).

This very competitive race will likely turn on whether it remains a referendum on President Trump or Walters can make it a referendum on Porter.

CALIFORNIA 48

Recent polling indicates that this extremely competitive race is a dead heat. Fifteen-term Republican incumbent Congressman Dana Rohrabacher is being challenged by Harley Rouda (D), a lawyer, real estate businessman and hi-tech entrepreneur. Rohrabacher won a 12-candidate "top two" primary with 30.3% of the vote while Rouda narrowly captured the second slot with 17%. (In the aggregate, Republican candidates captured about 53% of the primary vote while Democratic candidates captured 47%.)

Called "Putin's favorite congressman" by some, Rohrabacher's views on Russia—views far more accommodating to Russia than almost anyone else in government service— have generated considerable controversy. The ongoing investigations into Russian attempts to influence the 2016 elections are sure to increase the scrutiny of Rohrabacher's views. Rohrabacher also has very strong views on immigration, including opposing amnesty, sanctuary cities and all efforts to legalize the status of those currently in the United States; supporting an E-verify system to prevent those in the US from illegally working or seeking a government benefits; and supporting President Trump's border wall.

Rohrabacher says his achievements include defending America's patent system from attack by multinational corporations. Arguing that America cannot afford to be the policeman of the world, he opposes a foreign policy based on deploying large numbers of troops to foreign countries. Rohrabacher opposes higher taxes and any federal role in education. He supports limited government and is committed to deficit reduction by getting government out of activities he says were never intended for the federal government. He also opposes all efforts by the federal government to prevent states from legalizing medical marijuana use. Here is a recent Rohrabacher campaign [ad](#).

An advocate for the growing clean tech industry, Rouda says he offers new leadership, much needed common sense, fiscal responsibility and social pragmatism. He says the district needs elected officials who are accessible and unifying, ready to work together to serve their neighbors and their country, and have the energy and passion to deliver. Rouda says he will put country over party, and service above self. He believes

in women's rights, human rights and liberties for all, and supports public education for K through 12 and affordable access to higher education.

Rouda supports Medicare for All, common sense gun violence reforms, real tax reform that closes outdated loopholes benefitting outdated industries and the wealthy, a woman's right to choose, and comprehensive immigration reform. Contrasting himself with what he calls Rohrabacher's divisiveness, Rouda says he trusts science and will act on climate change; demand that polluters clean up their mess; and advocate for science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) education and a clean energy economy. Here is a recent Rouda [ad](#).

FLORIDA 26

A toss-up race, this is the most Democratic-leaning district held by a Republican running for re-election this cycle. In the last two presidential elections, the district's results were 6% more Democratic than the national average. As such, it is expected to be among the most competitive House elections in 2018.

Seeking a third term, Republican incumbent Congressman Carlos Curbelo will compete with Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D), the preferred and endorsed candidate of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. Mucarsel-Powell, a former associate dean at Florida International University's School of Medicine, is an immigrant from Ecuador who came to the US at age 14.

Curbelo holds both a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Miami. Mucarsel-Powell earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Pitzer College and a master's degree in international political economy from Claremont University.

Curbelo, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and a former member of the Miami-Dade County School Board, has proved to be a very skilled and agile campaigner, successfully winning election and reelection in a Democratic-leaning district. Congressman Curbelo won reelection in 2016 by 12 points despite the district having backed Hillary Clinton by 16% in 2016 and Barack Obama by 8% in 2012. Part of his continuing success to date is surely attributable to his periodic willingness to sharply criticize the Trump administration.

Curbelo also seeks to overcome the Democratic lean of the district by characterizing himself as a "deal maker" and the only candidate with the ability to bring both parties to the table. Mucarsel-Powell will challenge this characterization by arguing that Curbelo is a frequent Trump supporter as well as ineffective, noting that his professed deal-making

skills have yet to produce an immigration reform deal, an important priority for South Florida. Here is Curbelo's most recent [ad](#) touting his willingness to reach across the aisle and work with all of his colleagues.

Offering a more partisan agenda, Mucarsell-Powell says her highest priority is to expand access to health care for all Americans and pledges to protect Medicare from what she says are Republican efforts to raid it. She says "she won't rest until we have immigration reform that protects all immigrants." Her priorities are growing the economy, paying workers a living wage, making investments to protect against the impacts of climate change, fully funding the public education system, expanding financial aid programs to make college more affordable, lowering interest rates on student loans and providing free community college for families. Here is Mucarsell-Powell's most recent [ad](#).

Curbelo has raised substantially more money than Mucarsell-Powell, has considerably more cash-on-hand, and is likely to end up having a cash advantage. Mucarsell-Powell's viability as a general election candidate could turn on her ability to raise enough funds to compete effectively with Curbelo. Given Curbelo's cash advantage, his widespread recognition in the district and his strengths as a candidate, he could find a way to win re-election even in a Democratic-leaning year. That said, a win by Mucarsell-Powell would be very helpful to Democratic efforts to recapture the House and would certainly support the proposition that the House is in play. It appears that this district will test whether the national political climate is more important to the election result than the personal qualities of the candidates.

IOWA 1

In one of the top 10 most closely watched House races this cycle, Republican incumbent Rod Blum will square off with state Representative Abby Finkenauer (D). In 2016, Blum was elected by eight points in a district that Donald Trump won by four percent, a district that in 2012 and 2008 supported Barack Obama by double digits.

Blum, a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and chair of the Agriculture Subcommittee of the Small Business Committee, is seeking a third term. He put in over 24 years in the private sector before coming to Congress, serving as the CEO and later the owner of two separate print software companies. Describing himself as an "independent voice for Iowa," Blum says that he is "100 percent pro-life, from conception to the cradle to the grave." In addition to the sanctity of life, he stresses the values of personal responsibility, constitutionally limited government, fiscal sanity, and free markets and competition.

Raised in a union family and with a bachelor's degree from Drake University, Finkenauer worked for the Community Foundation of Dubuque before being elected to the state House at the age of 25. She is an unabashed progressive backed by such organizations as Emily's List, End Citizens United and NARAL Pro-Choice America. Calling herself a "staunch defender of working families and a vocal advocate for women" who learned from her family the value of public service and giving back to the community, Finkenauer says she ardently supports making high-quality health care and affordable education available to all who need it.

Blum and Finkenauer have sharply different policy priorities. Blum touts the benefits of the Tax Cuts Act and Republicans' regulatory reform agenda. He also stresses the need to make changes in Social Security to preserve the program for future beneficiaries and says that he is following through on his promises to clean up Congress by offering a slew of legislative proposals to "drain the swamp". Here is Blum's most recent campaign [ad](#).

Finkenauer's campaign proposals include adopting more pro-union labor policies, achieving equal pay for women, expanding abortion access, increasing funding for small business and farmers, promoting investments in broadband, flood protection and transportation infrastructure, making college more affordable, providing more career and technical education, reducing the cost of prescription drugs, and changing student loan laws to add more protections for borrowers. She pledges to protect Social Security and Medicare against any attempts to cut benefits or weaken these programs' solvency. Here is Finkenauer's first general election [ad](#).

This is one of the districts where the impact of President Trump's tariffs on US agricultural exports could significantly affect the outcome of the election.

KANSAS 2

Paul Davis (D), a former minority leader of the Kansas House of Representatives who served in that body from 2002 to 2015, will compete with a political newcomer, Army veteran and engineer Steve Watkins (R), in an open-seat race to replace retiring Republican Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. On August 7, Watkins narrowly won the Republican primary with 26.2 percent of the vote in a field of seven candidates.

While this is an R+10 Republican district that President Trump won by 19% in 2016, *Cook Political Report*, *Sabato's Crystal Ball* and *Real Clear Politics* all now rate this race a tossup, while *Inside Elections* now rates this race as Tilt Republican.

Davis is a moderate Democrat who has pledged, if elected, not to vote for Nancy Pelosi for House speaker. He is an advocate for expanding health insurance for children, expanding Medicaid, protecting Medicare, fixing the Affordable Care Act to stabilize the market and lower premiums, supporting veterans, making college and workforce training more affordable, investing in infrastructure, funding public education, and increasing congressional transparency and accountability through reforms to limit the power of money in politics.

Calling himself a tax-and waste-cutting conservative committed to fiscal responsibility, Davis believes that elected leaders have a duty to ensure that tax code reforms don't just benefit the wealthy and corporations, but give all hard workers the opportunity to succeed. He criticizes the recent Tax Cut Act for exploding the deficit, triggering automatic cuts to Medicare and Social Security, and benefiting mostly corporations and the richest one percent. Here is Davis' first general election [ad](#).

Watkins supports what he calls pro-growth policies that will reduce regulation and create jobs, and says he is opposed to excessive debt. He seeks a smaller federal government and believes that Congress has a responsibility to replace Obamacare with a patient-centered system that reduces costs, promotes competition and gives patients more control of their health care. He supports robust military spending and increased VA accountability to ensure that veterans are properly served. A life-long pro-life conservative, Watkins has signed a pledge never to vote for pro-choice legislation. He also supports gun rights, which he believes are guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution. He says government has an obligation to secure the borders, stop illegal immigration and protect communities from violent transnational gangs. Here is a Watkins primary [ad](#).

While history suggests this should be an easy Republican win, Democrats are hopeful about their prospects as Davis won this congressional district by 6% after narrowly failing to win the 2014 gubernatorial race against Republican Sam Brownback. A Davis win would indicate that Democrats are likely to have a big election night, perhaps even a blue wave.

KENTUCKY 6

Seeking a fourth term in what now looks to be a swing district, Congressman Andy Barr (R) will compete with retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Amy McGrath (D), a political newcomer and one of the first female fighter pilots in the US military. After narrowly defeating incumbent Democratic Congressman Ben Chandler in 2012, Barr won re-election by 20% in 2014 and 22% in 2016.

However, McGrath, building upon enormous momentum generated when her campaign announcement video went viral, has made this a toss-up race, and several recent polls show her leading.

Barr calls himself a conservative and a strong, proven and accountable leader who believes in limited government, free enterprise, avoiding regulatory overreach and preserving constitutional rights. He says he still believes in the causes that first led him to run for Congress: saving the country from bankruptcy, restoring the American Dream and keeping the American people safe and secure.

A co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Horse Caucus and a professed supporter of Kentucky's key industries, Barr points to his work to expand economic opportunities, create jobs, support veterans and fight the opioid epidemic. He also cites as reasons to re-elect him his accessibility and what he considers the exceptional quality of his constituent casework. In recent appearances and tough, negative campaign ads, Barr argues that McGrath is simply "too liberal for Kentucky," calling her a feminist, a progressive, pro-choice, a long-time supporter of President Obama and someone who believes President Trump's proposed border wall is "stupid". Here is Barr's most recent general election [ad](#).

McGrath, for her part, calls Barr "Mitch McConnell's handpicked congressman" and a career politician controlled by large donors who said he would vote enthusiastically to take healthcare away from over a quarter million Kentuckians. Citing her mother's successful battle against polio, McGrath says ensuring access to health care is an important and highly personal issue for her. If elected, she says she will work to improve the Affordable Care Act by offering a public option and allowing persons over 55 to buy into Medicare.

McGrath's policy priorities also include a detailed economic plan to create jobs and grow businesses; a foreign policy based on American values, including support for NATO; a commitment to fight against sexual harassment; support for research on medical cannabis; combatting the opioid crisis; common sense gun control measures, such as background checks and limiting access to assault-type weapons; responding to the effects of climate change; and campaign finance reform to limit the influence of big money in politics. Here is a recent McGrath general election [ad](#).

In early August, Barr began running a slew of negative ads against McGrath, a move suggesting Barr may be behind or, at a minimum, that he knows he has a real fight on his hands.

MICHIGAN 8

In what could be a bellwether race, Republican Congressman Mike Bishop, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and a former member of the Michigan Senate and House, seeks his third term against Elissa Slotkin (D), a former CIA analyst specializing in the Middle East who served three tours as an intelligence officer in Iraq and worked for President George W. Bush as a member of his national security staff and for President Obama as an acting assistant secretary of Defense.

Bishop won his race in 2016 by almost 17% and his 2014 race by 12.5%. Despite being an R+4 district in the last two presidential elections (meaning that the district's results were 4% more Republican than the national average), Democrats believe that Slotkin has an excellent chance to win and most political pundits now rate this race as a tossup. Reflecting Democratic optimism about this race, Slotkin, as of July 18, had outraised Congressman Bishop, amassing \$2,375,000 cash-on-hand compared to Bishop's \$1,706,000. Moreover, the number of voters in the Democratic and Republican primaries, respectively, was virtually identical (about 81,700 voters each).

Bishop, a member of the House Problem Solvers Caucus, says he played an important leadership role in the crafting of the tax reform legislation which, he claims, was the reason Chrysler provided \$2,000 bonuses to nearly every

one of its workers and made a \$1 billion investment in manufacturing facilities and the return of 2,500 jobs to Michigan from Mexico to build trucks. He argues that his leadership has led to the passage of legislation to protect children, keep the Great Lakes clean, curb the opioid epidemic, improve education, make college more affordable, and help the economy grow so small businesses and families have the opportunity to secure high-paying jobs and keep more of what they earn. Here is a Bishop [ad](#) from his primary.

Slotkin says she is proud to have worked for leaders, both Republican and Democratic, who put the good of the country over politics. Notwithstanding her background and expertise in foreign policy and national security, Slotkin says that her decision to run for Congress was motivated by Bishop's vote to repeal Obamacare without proposing an alternative for the hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents covered under the Act.

Pledging to work on behalf of the middle class and to put the community's needs over partisanship, Slotkin says she will work every day to make sure that America has world-class, affordable education that prepares kids for well-paying careers. She says she will fight to ensure that all people have access to affordable health care and prescription drugs, and to protect against threats to the environment, national security and an aging infrastructure. Here is Slotkin's campaign announcement [ad](#).





NEW JERSEY 7

Seeking a sixth term, Republican Leonard Lance faces Tom Malinowski (D), a former assistant secretary of state for democracy, human rights and labor in the Obama administration who also served on President Clinton's National Security Council. Cook and Sabato call this race a tossup while Inside Elections says it is Lean Republican.

This R+3 suburban swing district, which favored Hillary Clinton by 1 percent in 2016 and Mitt Romney by 6.2 percent in 2012, will test whether a comparatively moderate Republican can win reelection in a district that appears increasingly hostile to President Trump. Much of that hostility stems from limits on the federal deductibility of state and local taxes under the Republican Tax Cut Act, tremendously unpopular in a high-tax state like New Jersey. It is also noteworthy that almost 6,000 more Democrats than Republicans cast primary votes and that, as of June 30, Malinowski had more cash on hand than Lance.

Lance says he is a low-tax, limited government conservative who seeks smaller government, less spending and real reform in Washington. Calling himself a champion for economic growth policies, job creation and a less intrusive federal government, Lance argues he stands for such principles as defunding Obamacare, overturning President Obama's executive actions, and promoting fiscal and personal responsibility. He supports the Keystone Pipeline, would end the oil export ban, is a strong advocate for Israel and opposes the Iran nuclear deal. Claiming an ability to attract bipartisan support, Lance cites endorsements by former House member Gabby Giffords and the New Jersey Building & Construction Trades Council, both of whom he says customarily support Democrats. Here is a recent Lance [ad](#).

Malinowski says he would repeal and replace the Republican tax bill and will stand up for the middle class. His priorities include affordable healthcare for every American, preserving the environment, infrastructure investment, protecting women and LGBTQ rights, opposition to Trump's trade and tariff policies, common sense gun reform, comprehensive immigration reform, campaign finance reform, defending democracy from Russian interference, and restoring the full deductibility of state and local taxes. Here is Malinowski's most recent [ad](#).

Reflecting the contest's closeness, the candidates, predictably, are hurling insults at each other. Lance argues that Malinowski, a nearly 30-year resident of Washington, DC, and a former lobbyist, is a liberal who lives near Nancy Pelosi and will be her puppet if elected. Lance criticizes Malinowski for supporting Medicare for All, a program he says would end employee-sponsored health care and raise

taxes by \$32 trillion. Malinowski dismisses Lance's efforts to distance himself from President Trump, calling him a Republican enabler who voted 19 times to repeal the ACA and 45 times to strip the law's essential elements.

NEW JERSEY 11

This open-seat race between former federal prosecutor and Navy helicopter pilot Mikie Sherrill (D) and New Jersey Assemblyman Jay Webber (R) is the result of 12-term Republican Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen's decision not to stand for re-election. As 31 percent of the 115 terms of Congress have had a "Frelinghuysen" serve in either the House or Senate—going back to the founding of the United States—it may be challenging for voters not to find the Frelinghuysen name on the ballot.

In short, this R+3 district has not been competitive for many years. In 2016, Frelinghuysen was re-elected by 19 percent while Donald Trump won the district by less than 1 percent. In 2012 and 2008, Mitt Romney and John McCain each won the district by 5 percent. However, given what appears to be New Jersey voters' increasing discomfort with President Trump, especially because of the limits on state and local tax deductibility under the Tax Cuts Act, commentators see this race as trending Democratic. *Cook* and *Sabato* both rate it as Lean Democratic while *Inside Elections* has it as Tilt Democratic. Sherrill raised over \$4.2 million as of June 30 and had over \$2.9 million in cash on hand while Webber had raised about \$570,000 and had about \$170,000 in cash on hand.

Sherrill's priorities include reversing the Republican Tax Cut Act which, she says, hits New Jersey residents harder than anyone because of the state and local tax deductibility limits; stabilizing the healthcare marketplace by protecting the ACA and controlling prescription drug costs; protecting a women's right to choose; equal pay for equal work; rebuilding infrastructure; investing in education and job training; preventing gun violence; opposing offshore oil drilling; promoting alternative energy and environmental protection; protecting Social Security and Medicare; ensuring timely and proper veterans care; and reducing the influence of money in politics. Here is Sherrill's most recent [ad](#).

Calling himself a Reagan conservative, Webber says he fights for smaller government, border security, and liberty and peace through strength. He argues that the federal government must secure the nation's borders, stop sanctuary cities, move to a merit-based immigration system and find a reasonable path to legal status for Dreamers. He supports a balanced federal budget through what he calls tough but fair cuts and capping future federal spending. He also is pro-life and opposes federal funding for Planned Parenthood. Cutting taxes and permanent tax relief are among Webber's highest priorities and he

criticizes Sherrill's refusal to support the Tax Cut Act which, he claims, saves the average district family of four over \$6,000. He also challenges Sherrill's support for what he calls a radical, budget-busting Medicare-for-All proposal that will require large tax increases. Here is a recent Webber [ad](#).

NEW YORK 22

Running for a second term, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney faces state Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi (D) in a race currently rated a tossup despite being an R+6 district. In 2016, Tenney won this district by 5.4 percent while President Trump won it by 16 percent. (Mitt Romney won the district by 1 percent in 2012.)

Tenney, a member of the House Financial Services Committee who served as a member of the state Assembly from 2011 through 2016, is a lawyer who also founded a firm publishing and printing community newspapers and was co-owner of a commercial printing and manufacturing firm. She says she is fighting for New York's middle class, conservative Republican values and standing up to the Washington elite. A favorite of President Trump who has already campaigned for her this summer, Tenney has a history of making outrageous comments, such as claiming that Democrats are more prone to be mass murderers.

Tenney is an advocate of lower taxes and reducing the federal deficit, opposes all tax increases, is pro-life and is an ardent defender of Second Amendment gun rights. A Marine mom, she supports robust military spending. She believes in limited government, free market principles and rolling back red tape and what she considers to be excessive federal regulations. She opposes illegal immigration, supports President Trump's border wall and is against a federal role in education. Tenney frequently attacks Brindisi, claiming he is a puppet of Nancy Pelosi, Governor Cuomo and Senator Schumer; is too liberal and corrupt; a gun rights opponent; and a supporter of what she calls a risky Medicare for All scheme that would include free healthcare for illegal immigrants. Here is a recent Tenney campaign [ad](#).

Brindisi, a former member of the Utica School Board, says he is an outspoken advocate for public schools and a political reformer who believes bipartisanship is the key to finding effective solutions. He supports investment in education and infrastructure, as well as job training and apprenticeship programs. He opposes Republican policies that he says would kick millions of people off government health care and all efforts to privatize or voucher Social Security or Medicare.

Brindisi believes in a woman's right to choose. He opposes the Tax Cut Act and believes that tax breaks should be directed toward middle class families and small business.

He asserts that Tenney refuses to participate in town halls or to listen to her constituents and instead simply marches in lockstep with the hard right. He argues that the district needs a representative with an independent voice and a proven ability to work across party lines who will reach across the aisle to get results. Here is a recent Brindisi [ad](#).

TEXAS 7

Seeking a 10th term, Republican John Culberson is running against first-time candidate Lizzie Pannill Fletcher. Despite being an R+7 district, this Houston district, whose demographics have changed in recent years, narrowly voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and is expected to have a very competitive general election. *Cook* and *Sabato* rate this race a tossup while *Inside Elections* calls it Tilt Republican.

A member of the House Appropriations Committee, Culberson served 14 years in the Texas House before going to Washington. He says that voters have entrusted him with their votes because he has kept his word to them. A self-described “free market fiscal conservative devoted to letting Texans run Texas” and a “good steward of scarce tax dollars,” Culberson says he used his Appropriations Committee perch to spearhead \$141 billion in Hurricane Harvey relief, steer \$4.5 billion to Harris County to complete long-delayed flood control projects, dramatically increase the number of US attorneys prosecuting crime and smuggling along the southern border, and properly fund NASA to revive America’s space program.

Culberson says he is proud to have helped pass the largest tax cuts in US history, ensure public safety by supporting immigration law enforcement and combating human trafficking, strengthen the area’s flood control network and expand Houston’s oil and gas industry by eliminating the oil export ban and opening access to West Texas shale production and offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. He says Fletcher is a Nancy Pelosi tax-and-spend liberal opposed to tax cuts and out of touch with district residents. As Culberson has yet to run a campaign ad this cycle, here is a 2016 Culberson [ad](#).

Fletcher, a lawyer and a co-founder of Planned Parenthood Young Leaders, is pro-choice and supports LGBTQ rights. She calls Culberson a partisan who has nearly always voted for President Trump’s agenda and alleges he puts party ahead of both country and those he was elected to serve. Fletcher’s priorities include making Houston’s infrastructure more resilient, supporting local economic development and encouraging job growth, ensuring affordable health care access, addressing the rising cost of health care and prescription drugs, promoting clean energy, supporting equitable tax reform that includes middle class tax relief, tackling comprehensive immigration reform, reducing gun violence and protecting Social Security and Medicare from

vouchering or being used for tax cuts.

Fletcher calls Culberson an accomplice to the Trump administration’s efforts to take away health care, a supporter of Social Security privatization, and an opponent of expanding community transportation options, and charges he has not led in protecting Houston from flooding. Noting that Culberson recently owned stock in the Australian company at the center of New York Republican Rep. Chris Collins recent arrest on insider-trading charges, she says Culberson owes district residents an explanation. As Fletcher has not run a general election ad, here is a Fletcher primary campaign [ad](#).

TEXAS 32

Seeking a 12th term, Republican Pete Sessions, the chairman of the House Rules Committee and a former chair of the National Republican Campaign Committee, faces Colin Allred, a civil rights attorney who served in both the Obama White House and the US Attorney’s office and first gained public attention as a linebacker and special teams player for the NFL’s Tennessee Titans.

One of the Republican-held districts that voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016, the district is undergoing demographic changes that are making it more Democratic and there currently appears to be more voter enthusiasm among Democrats than Republicans. *Cook* and *Inside Elections* rate this race a tossup while *Sabato* says it is Lean Republican.

A proclaimed free-market conservative with a disdain for “unaccountable, unelected bureaucrats,” Sessions’ penchant for making colorful, controversial statements often gets him into hot water politically. While he is a prodigious fundraiser, he has not faced a serious reelection challenge in many years. First elected in the 5th district in 1996 with 47 percent of the vote, Sessions was reelected in the 5th and then the 32nd districts from 1998 through 2014 with between 54 percent and 68 percent of the vote and, in 2016, with 71 percent. Also, because Allred had to win a runoff primary election that required him to spend, Sessions has (and is likely to retain) a material advantage over Allred in general election cash on hand. The race could turn on whether Allred raises enough money to be competitive.

Sessions argues that Washington’s problem is spending, not revenue. A fervent advocate of tax cuts and what he calls “pro-growth tax policy,” and a harsh critic of Obamacare, Sessions supports limiting federal spending, reforming entitlement programs and passing a balanced budget amendment. He insists America must secure its borders and adamantly opposes illegal immigration, blanket amnesty and government benefits for those who have broken immigration laws. Equating energy security with national security, Sessions is for a “free market, all-of-the-above energy strategy.” Here is a 2016 Sessions [ad](#).

An unapologetic liberal, Allred says he is fighting to improve public education, encourage economic growth, ensure access to quality health care for all, and protect civil rights and liberties. His priorities include protecting and expanding the Affordable Care Act, making Medicare available to all, lowering prescription drug costs, rebuilding infrastructure, providing middle class tax relief, investing in job training, a \$15 minimum wage, universal pre-K, enhanced vocational training, paid family leave and debt-free college for students from families with income up to \$125,000. Allred supports comprehensive immigration reform, LGBTQ rights, voting rights, equal pay for women, Planned Parenthood funding, contraception access and protecting a women's right to choose. Here is a recent Allred [ad](#).

VIRGINIA 7

Republican incumbent Congressman David Brat (R) faces off against former CIA operative Abigail Spanberger (D) in a district that has been held by Republicans since 1971. Given the district's longstanding Republican lineage, a victory by Spanberger could be the canary in coal mine foreshadowing an extremely difficult election night for Republicans.

Congressman Brat, a prominent member of the ultra-conservative House Freedom Caucus and a former economics professor at Randolph-Macon College, was first elected to the House in 2014 after an upset primary victory over then-House Majority Leader Eric Cantor.

Spanberger's professional experience includes serving as an operations officer in the CIA and as a federal law enforcement officer in the US Postal Inspection Service. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and an MBA dual degree between GISMA Business School and Purdue University.

Brat's campaign messaging is focused on his time spent in Congress, including his recent votes to repeal the Affordable Care Act and reduce taxes. He states he has offered bills "to make DC more accountable, balance the budget, protect small business, and expand healthcare options for workers and families." His website also highlights his votes to reduce the federal budget. Brat has been endorsed by Campaign for Working Families Chairman Gary Bauer and the National Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans Coalition. Here is Brat's most recent general election campaign [ad](#).

Spanberger's campaigning has focused on healthcare, gun violence prevention, and the economy. She emphasizes affordable healthcare, including strengthening the Affordable Care Act; supporting small businesses; tax cuts for the middle class; and reducing student loan debt. Her endorsements include EMILY's List, NewDemPAC,

End Citizens United, NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. Here is Spanberger's most recent general election campaign [ad](#).

As of the end of June, Brat and Spanberger each had raised about \$1.33 million, with Spanberger topping Brat by maybe \$20,000. So this race is unlikely to be decided on resources. Instead, it appears that each candidate will have enough funding to make his or her case.

VIRGINIA 10

Seeking a third term, Republican incumbent Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, a long-time target of congressional Democrats, is being challenged by state Senator Jennifer Wexton (D-Loudon County) in a suburban swing district that supported Hillary Clinton by a 10 percent margin in the last presidential election while also re-electing Comstock by a 6 percent margin. This district is home to many of the sort of affluent, educated voters that polls say are hostile to President Trump.

Politico has called this one of the top 10 House races to watch in 2018. Despite being a prolific fundraiser, most commentators consider Comstock the underdog in this race. The *Cook Politico Report*, *Larry J. Sabato's Crystal Ball* and *Real Clear Politics* all say that this race currently leans Democratic while Inside Elections just moved this race from a tossup to Tilt Democratic. It is notable that the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC tied to retiring House Speaker Paul Ryan, has reserved \$60 million in advertising time on behalf of Republican candidates in many House races around the country, but none in Virginia as of yet.

Both Comstock and Wexton won contested primaries. Comstock captured about 61 percent of the vote against an opponent who claimed she was insufficiently conservative. Wexton, who had the endorsement of prominent state leaders, such as Governor Ralph Northam and Congressman Gerry Connolly, bested five other candidates, winning about 42 percent of the votes cast. But to do so she had to spend down much of what she had raised, leaving her with considerably less cash on hand for the general election than Comstock starts out with. Perhaps suggesting greater Democratic voter interest and intensity than Republicans this year, 53,490 votes were cast in the Democratic primary while only 46,598 votes were cast in the Republican primary.

Congresswoman Comstock is a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates and lawyer with a JD from Georgetown University. State Senator Wexton is also a lawyer, with a JD from the Marshall-Whythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

Comstock's campaign messaging emphasizes what she says is her leadership in getting historic tax cuts passed, working to rebuild the military and supporting veterans, fighting the opioid and heroin addiction crisis, and providing historic levels of funding to battle chronic disease like Alzheimer's, cancer and diabetes. She also stresses her work to battle criminal gangs and argues that Wexton opposed the bill she authored, and which was signed into law by President Trump, which makes resources available to state and local law enforcement agencies to help them take on gangs like MS-13. Here is Comstock's most recent [ad](#) asserting that Wexton opposes the removal of criminal aliens from America.

Wexton has a strong interest in mental health issues. She says she has supported legislation to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, increase access to healthcare, prepare children for jobs of the future, ease traffic congestion, and bring more businesses and jobs to Northern Virginia. Her campaign messaging stresses her support for universal background checks for gun purchases, banning bump stocks and high-capacity magazines, expanding Medicaid, and protecting a woman's right to choose. Here is a Wexton [ad](#) from her primary.

A win by Wexton is crucial to Democratic efforts to recapture the House. While a win by Wexton would not necessarily signal a Democratic wave, a win by Comstock would make it highly unlikely that the Democrats will control the House in 2019.

WASHINGTON 5

Seeking an 8th term, Republican Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers faces Lisa Brown (D), a former chancellor of Washington State University–Spokane who served for 16 years in the state Senate, including time as the majority leader. McMorris Rodgers, the highest-ranking Republican woman in Congress and the fourth-ranking member of either gender in the House Republican leadership, serves as the chair of the House Republican Conference. Before coming to the Hill, she was in the state House for five terms, including time as the minority leader, and worked in her family's fruit orchard business.

McMorris Rodgers, having never won less than 56.4 percent of a general election vote since coming to Congress in 2004 (or less than 60 percent from 2008 onward), was not expected to have a particularly difficult reelection race. However, the results of the district's primary were closer than anticipated, with McMorris Rodgers edging out Brown by only about 4 percent while attracting less than 50 percent of the total vote. Nonetheless, McMorris Rodgers remains the favorite as the two other primary candidates were another Republican and a Trump populist.

McMorris Rodgers states that she works for what she calls "Eastern Washington priorities," including agriculture, access to affordable rural health care, hydropower and improving veterans' access to health care and services. She cites her leadership in passing the Tax Cuts Act which she claims will save the average Washington family over \$2,000 per year. She also supports protecting Fairchild Airforce Base and restoring America's military strength, a balanced budget amendment, preventing unauthorized spending, and allowing local people more say in federal forest management. Here is a recent McMorris Rodgers campaign [ad](#).

Brown, pledging to curb the influence of dark money and contrasting her record with the incumbent, refuses to take corporate PAC contributions and says she strongly supports campaign finance reform. She argues Trump's tariff, trade and farming policies have severely hurt farmers, ranchers and manufacturers, and that McMorris Rodgers has not been effective in delivering results for her constituents, accusing her of refusing to stand up to the administration and do what's best for district farmers. Brown's priorities include universal health care, infrastructure and education investment, middle class tax relief, affordable higher education and student loan refinancing, support for veterans, protecting Medicare and Social Security, preserving a women's right to choose, immigrant and refugee rights, strong environmental protections, addressing climate change, common sense gun violence reforms, and protecting Washington's legalization of medical marijuana from federal interference. Here is Brown's most recent campaign [ad](#).

The primary's unexpected closeness has commentators divided with *Cook* calling the general election race Lean Republican, *Sabato* calling it Likely Republican and *Inside Elections* seeing it as a tossup.

WEST VIRGINIA 3

State Rep. Carol Miller (R) is running against state Sen. Richard Ojeda (D) in an open-seat race resulting from incumbent Republican Congressman Evan Jenkins' unsuccessful decision to run for the US Senate. (Jenkins has since been appointed to the state Supreme Court of Appeals.) As President Trump won this district by nearly 50 percent in 2016, this seat should be a slam dunk for the Republican candidate. Yet recent polling indicates that Ojeda and Miller are nearly even, with a June 20 poll showing Ojeda modestly ahead. Commentators are all over the lot on this race, with ratings ranging from tossup to Lean Republican to Likely Republican.

Ojeda, a retired US Army major and engineer who calls himself "the new face of the Democratic party" has a very different profile from most Democratic House candidates.

He is a strong supporter of increased coal production and Second Amendment gun rights and says that he voted for President Trump in 2016. He gained prominence and popularity as a leader of a statewide teachers strike and as the lead sponsor of state legislation to legalize medical marijuana. During 24 years in the Army, he led thousands of engineers during multiple deployments in Iraq and was a combat advisor in Afghanistan, where he says that he mentored 1,200 Afghan police.

Ojeda says his key policy priorities are combating rising healthcare costs, fighting the opioid epidemic, legalizing medical cannabis, and keeping big money and special interests out of government. He calls Miller a wealthy elitist, a country club Republican with ties to the pharmaceutical industry, and a follower who lacks a platform or plans and waits to see what's popular before taking a stand on anything. Here is an Ojeda primary [ad](#).

Miller describes herself as an America first conservative who raised her family with Christian values and a small business owner/farmer/job creator who has seen how taxes and regulation from Washington hurt West Virginia families and businesses. She says she is pro-life, pro-jobs, pro-coal, pro-Second Amendment and pro-Trump and promises, if elected, to bring West Virginia values to Washington, protect coal and gas, work to lower taxes, build President Trump's wall, make English the national language, fund education, help create good-paying jobs, end the opioid epidemic, stop unfair trade deals and defend the Constitutional right to bear arms. Here is a recent Miller campaign [ad](#).

Miller won the Republican primary with about 24 percent of the vote, defeating 6 other candidates. Ojeda won the Democratic primary with 52 percent of the vote, defeating 3 other candidates. It is noteworthy that almost 20,000 more votes were cast in the Democratic primary than in the Republican primary.

Given the district's strong Trump support, an Ojeda win would likely indicate that a powerful Democratic wave has formed.



ATMOSPHERICS

LESSONS FROM THE 2018 PRIMARY

There are three unmistakable takeaways from the 2018 primaries: (1) Democratic enthusiasm is at record levels. (2) The GOP is Trump’s party and his endorsement matters, at least to Republican primary voters. (3) Women—especially Democratic women—are running for Congress at historic levels and winning their races. All three of these early impressions seem directly traceable to the man behind the desk in the Oval Office.

DEMOCRATIC ENTHUSIASM

A Pew analysis found that, through June, 13.6 million people had voted in 2018 Democratic House primaries, an 84 percent increase over the 7.4 million people who had voted in Democratic primaries in the last midterm election in 2014. While the 2018 Republican House primary vote also climbed from the 2014 midterm elections, comparatively, the increase was a much smaller 24 percent (10.7 million votes cast in GOP House primaries, compared to 8.6 million in 2014.).

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One possible reason for the disparity between Republicans and Democrats in voter participation and enthusiasm is that the GOP is increasingly fashioning itself a party of one. As Republican former Speaker of the House John Boehner said recently, “There is no Republican Party. There’s a Trump Party,” “The Republican Party is kind of taking a nap somewhere.”

Responding to Boehner’s comment, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), who is vying to become the next House speaker or Republican Leader in the 116th Congress and who needs to court the support of Republican conservatives to be successful, told CNN that the party’s evolution and movement in the direction of President Trump is a good thing. “Well, I would think it’s changed for the better,” citing the country’s relative peace and prosperity under Trump.

While voters remain sharply divided in their views of President Trump and his job performance, the president has certainly benefited from the improving economy in recent months. While the most recent ABC/Washington Post poll put the president’s job approval rating at only 36 percent favorable, overall, Trump’s approval rating, which stood at 37 percent in December is now almost 45 percent, according to the RealClearPolitics average of polls.

Because most Republican voters approve of the President, on those occasions, particularly recently, where the President has intervened on behalf of a Republican primary candidate, his endorsement has been very powerful. The President’s support surely will be important in Senate races in states

that the President won in 2016 with Democratic senators up for reelection this November. However, it remains to be seen whether the President’s support for a general election candidate will prove to be as powerful, especially in the many suburban districts where the battle for control of the House will be fought and where independent and moderate voters will be a more significant share of the electorate.

TRUMP’S 2018 ENDORSEES HAVE WON MOST CONTESTED RACES SO FAR

Election	Endorsee	Result
AZ 08	Debby Lesko	Special election win
TX SEN	Ted Cruz	Primary win
PA 18	Rick Saccone	Special election loss
CA GOV	John Cox	Primary win
PA SEN	Lou Barletta	Primary win
MIS SEN	Roger Wicker	Primary win
ND SEN	Kevin Cramer	Primary win
NV GOV	Adam Laxalt	Primary win
SC 01	Katie Arrington	Primary win
SC GOV	Henry McMaster	Primary win
NY 11	Dan Donovan	Primary win
UT SEN	Mitt Romney	Primary win
AL 02	Martha Roby	Primary win
GA GOV	Brian Kemp	Primary win
TN SEN	Marsha Blackburn	Primary win
TN 08	David Kustoff	Primary win
MI SEN	John James	Primary win
OH 12	Troy Balderson	Special election win
KS 03	Kevin Yoder	Primary win
MI GOV	Bill Schuette	Primary win
WY SEN	John Barrasso	Primary win
WY GOV	Foster Friess	Primary loss
AZ GOV	Doug Ducey	Primary win
FL 01	Matt Gaetz	Primary win
FL GOV	Ron DeSantis	Primary win
LA 03	Clay Higgins	tbd
TX GOV	Greg Abbott	tbd

YEAR OF THE WOMAN

An unprecedented number of women running for office, from both parties, in 2018 has resulted in a slew of primary victories for female candidates. Many of the women who will be on ballots in November have the potential to achieve historic firsts if elected. Several would be the first woman, woman of color, or LGBTQ candidate elected to

their particular seat. Many are lawyers, business executives, nurses or teachers. About 10 are military veterans. So far, there are 179 female candidates who are not incumbents who will be on the ballot in November. Many could make history — but most face a difficult road to victory. Below is a chart that reviews the primary results for women candidates in Federal and Gubernatorial races in all 50 states.

Adv = Won Primary

Ran = On Ballot

NR = No Race

NW = No Women Ran

State	House	Senate	Gov
AK	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NR	NW
AL	4 Adv / 7 Ran	NR	1 Adv/2 Ran
AR	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NR	0 Adv / 2 Ran
AZ	6 Adv / 16 Ran	2 Adv / 4 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran
CA	33 Adv / 57 Ran	1 Adv / 4 Ran	0 Adv / 3 Ran
CO	4 Adv / 5 Ran	NR	0 Adv / 2 Ran
CT	3 Adv / 5 Ran	NW	NW
DE *	1 Ran	1 Ran	NR
FL	18 Adv / 30 Ran	NW	0 Adv / 1 Ran
GA	5 Adv / 9 Ran	NR	1 Adv / 2 Ran
HI	1 Adv / 4 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran
IA	2 Adv / 5 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran
ID	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NR	1 Adv / 2 Ran
IL	6 Adv / 17 Ran	NR	0 Adv / 1 Ran
IN	7 Adv / 12 Ran	NW	NR
KS	1 Adv / 4 Ran	NR	1 Adv / 1 Ran
KY	2 Adv / 6 Ran	NR	NR
LA *	4 Ran	NR	NR
MA *	10 Ran	2 Ran	NW
MD	2 Adv / 8 Ran	0 Adv / 5 Ran	0 Adv / 2 Ran

State	House	Senate	Gov
ME	1 Adv / 1 Ran	NW	1 Adv / 5 Ran
MI	10 Adv / 14 Ran	1 Adv / 1 Ran	! Adv / 1 Ran
MN	4 Adv / 10 Ran	3 Adv / 4 Ran	0 Adv / 2 Ran
MO	5 Adv / 10 Ran	1 Adv / 5 Ran	NR
MS	5 Adv / 10 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NR
MT	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NW	NR
NC	6 Adv / 10 Ran	NR	NR
ND	0 Adv / 1 Ran	1 Adv / 1 Ran	NR
NE	2 Adv / 2 Ran	2 Adv / 2 Ran	0 Adv / 2 Ran
NH *	5 Ran	NR	1 Ran
NJ	2 Adv / 6 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran	NR
NM	4 Adv / 6 Ran	NW	1 Adv / 1 Ran
NV	3 Adv / 10 Ran	1 Adv / 3 Ran	0 Adv / 2 Ran
NY	16 Adv / 27 Ran	2 Adv / 2 Ran	1 Running
OH	11 Adv / 17 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran
OK	2 Adv / 9 Ran	NR	0 Adv / 1 Ran
OR	2 Adv / 5 Ran	NR	1 Adv / 2 Ran
PA	8 Adv / 20 Ran	NW	0 Adv / 1 Ran
RI *	NW	1 Ran	2 Ran

State	House	Senate	Gov
SC	2 Adv / 6 Ran	NR	0 Adv / 2 Ran
SD	0 Adv / 1 Ran	NR	1 Adv / 1 Ran
TN	6 Adv / 12 Ran	1 Adv / 1 Ran	0 Adv / 4 Ran
TX	20 Adv / 50 Ran	0 Adv / 3 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran
UT	2 Adv / 5 Ran	1 Adv / 2 Ran	NR
VA	7 Adv / 14 Ran	NW	NR
VT	0 Adv / 1 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran	1 Adv / 1 Ran
WA	9 Adv / 11 Ran	2 Adv / 2 Ran	NR
WI	2 Adv / 5 Ran	2 Adv / 2 Ran	0 Adv / 2 Ran
WV	3 Adv / 5 Ran	0 Adv / 1 Ran	NR
WY	1 Adv / 1 Ran	NW	1 Adv / 2 Ran

POLLING WHAT TO WATCH

Election prognosticators argue that the “holy trinity” of POTUS Approval, Right Track/Wrong Track and Generic Ballot preference foretell the outcome in November. Looking back over the last 9 mid-terms, we see that a President with

a sub 50% approval rating loses an average of 40 seats in the House and 6 seats in the Senate. We also note that the summer Right Track/Wrong Track number seems to align better than generic ballot as an early indicator of seat loss.

SUMMER POLLING #S WITH THE NOVEMBER SEAT LOSS FOR THE PARTY IN THE WHITE HOUSE

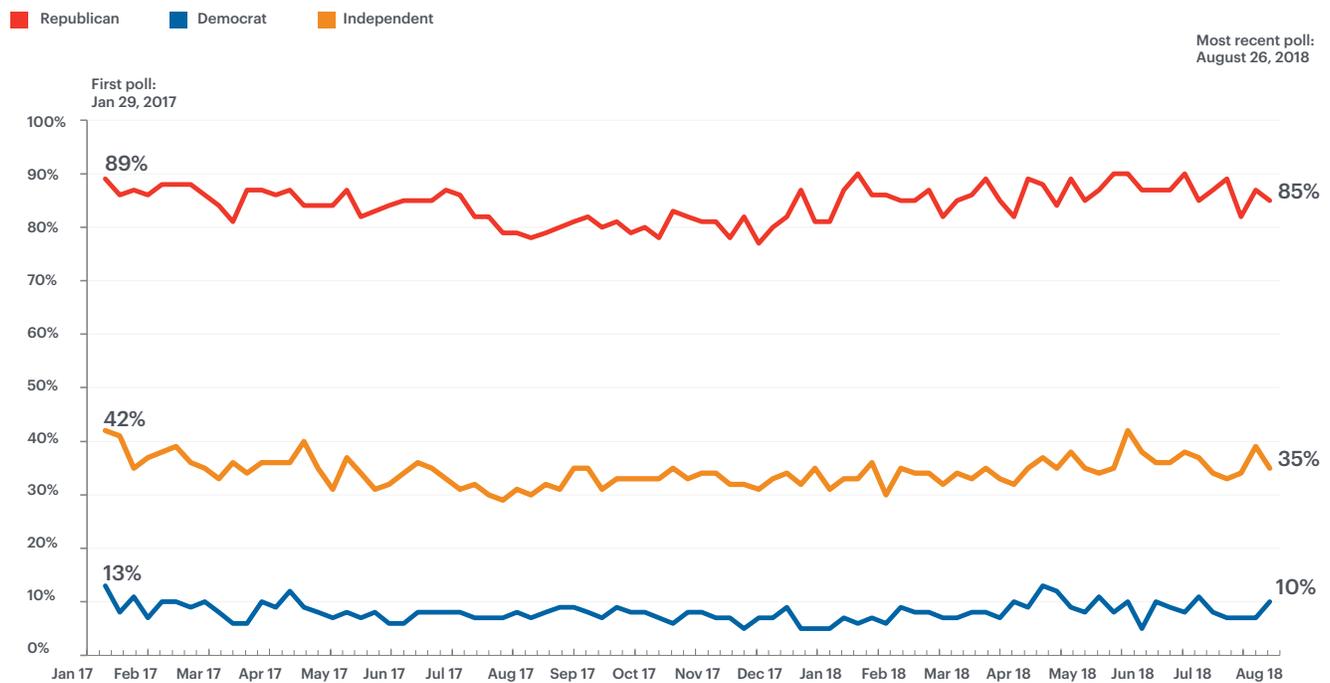
Year	President	Party	Potus Approval July	RT / WT	Generic Ballot Preference	House	Senate
1982	Ronald Reagan	R	41	24 / 74	D+18	-26	1
1986	Ronald Reagan	R	63	58 / 36	D + 13	-5	-8
1990	George Bush	R	75	45 / 51	D + 2	-8	-1
1994	William J. Clinton	D	43	33 / 66	R + 5	-52	-8
1998	William J. Clinton	D	65	60 / 36	D + 8	5	0
2002	George W. Bush	R	63	48 / 49	D + 1	8	2
2006	George W. Bush	R	37	33 / 65	D + 11.5	-30	-6
2010	Barack Obama	D	44	21 / 77	R + 6	-63	-6
2014	Barack Obama	D	42	22 / 76	D + 2	-13	-9
2016	Donald J. Trump	R	42	38 / 60	D + 12	??	??

Source: Gallup

TRUMP’S APPROVAL RATING AMONG INDEPENDENTS HAS DECREASED ONLY SLIGHTLY, REMAINS VERY HIGH AMONG REPUBLICANS

Donald Trump approval ratings by party since inauguration

GALLUP

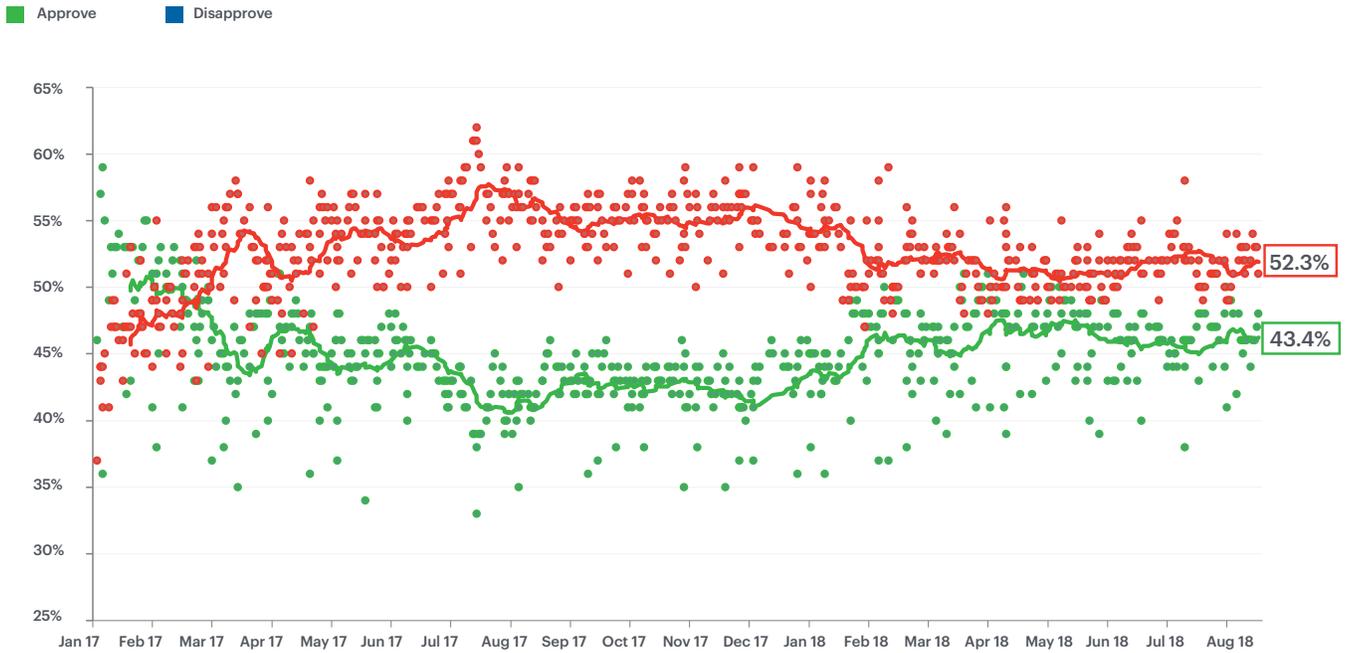


Source: Gallup, 2018.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S OVERALL APPROVAL RATING HAS HOVERED IN THE LOW-40% RANGE, WITH OVER 50% CONSISTENTLY DISAPPROVING

Donald Trump approval ratings since inauguration

Huffpost Pollster Aggregate

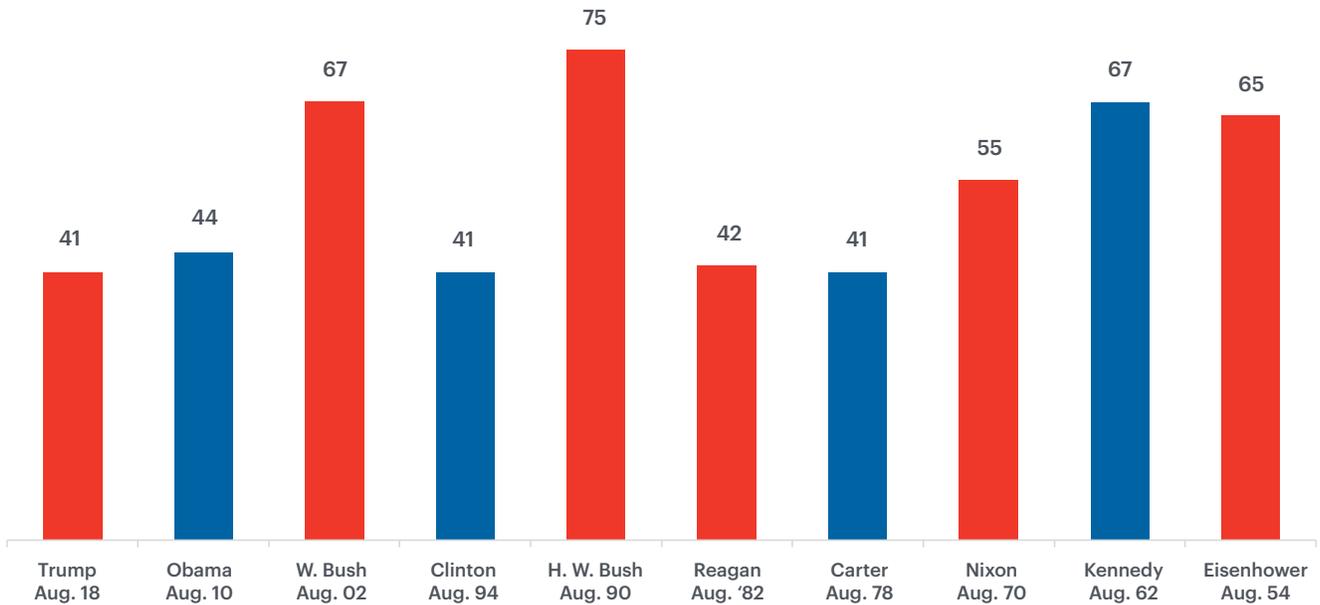


Source: HuffPost Pollster, "Poll Chart: Donald Trump Approval Rating," 2018.

TRUMP'S APPROVAL NUMBERS ARE NEAR BUT SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN MOST PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS AT THIS POINT IN THEIR TERMS

Gallup comparative presidential approval ratings

In August of each president's second year



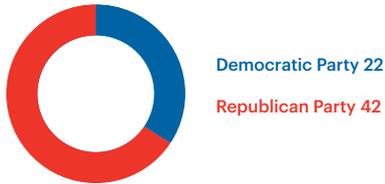
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THE GOP OPEN SEAT CONUNDRUM

The path to the Speaker's gavel for the House Democrats is straight through districts once held by the GOP. An open seat is more vulnerable to national trends than one occupied by an incumbent who has built up name recognition. The GOP has 42 seats open because of retirements. The Democrats

22. But while the GOP open seats don't offer a complete slate of pickup opportunities, roughly 30 are considered at least somewhat competitive. Of those 30, prognosticators have already slid 10 on the Democratic side of the ledger.

TOTAL HOUSE OPEN SEATS ON ELECTION DAY BY PARTY



HOUSE OPEN SEATS

State	CD	Incumbent	Party	Rating
AZ	2	Martha McSally	R	Leans D (flip)
AZ	9	Kyrsten Sinema	D	Likely D
CA	39	Ed Royce	R	Toss-up
CA	49	Darrell Issa	R	Leans D (flip)
CO	2	Jared Polis	D	Safe D
CT	5	Elizabeth Esty	D	Likely D
FL	6	Ron DeSantis	R	Likely R
FL	15	Dennis Ross	R	Likely R
FL	17	Tom Rooney	R	Safe R
FL	27	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R	Leans D (flip)
HI	1	Colleen Hanabusa	D	Safe D
ID	1	Raúl Labrador	R	Safe R
IL	4	Luis Gutierrez	D	Safe D
IN	4	Todd Rokita	R	Safe R
IN	6	Luke Messer	R	Safe R
KS	2	Lynn Jenkins	R	Toss-up
MA	3	Niki Tsongas	D	Safe D
MD	6	John Delaney	D	Safe D
MI	9	Sander Levin	D	Safe D
MI	11	Dave Trott	R	Leans D (flip)

State	CD	Incumbent	Party	Rating
MI	13	VACANT (Con. special 11/6/18)	D	Safe D
MN	1	Tim Walz	D	Toss-up
MN	5	Keith Ellison	D	Safe D
MN	8	Rick Nolan	D	Toss-up
MS	3	Gregg Harper	R	Safe R
ND	AL	Kevin Cramer	R	Safe R
NH	1	Carol Shea-Porter	D	Leans D
NJ	2	Frank LoBiondo	R	Likely D (flip)
NJ	11	Rodney Frelinghuysen	R	Leans D (flip)
NM	1	Michelle L. Grisham	D	Safe D
NM	2	Steve Pearce	R	Leans R
NV	3	Jacky Rosen	D	Leans D
NV	4	Ruben Kihuen	D	Leans D
NY	25	VACANT	D	Safe D
NY	27	Chris Collins	R	Likely R
OH	16	Jim Renacci	R	Safe R
OK	1	Jim Bridenstine	R	Safe R
PA	4	OPEN	D	Safe D
PA	5	Pat Meehan	R	Safe D

HOUSE OPEN SEATS continued

State	CD	Incumbent	Party	Rating
PA	6	Ryan Costello	R	Likely D (flip)
PA	7	Charlie Dent	R	Leans D (flip)
PA	9	Lou Barletta	R	Safe R
PA	13	Bill Shuster	R	Safe R
PA	14	OPEN (Lamb running in PA-17)	D	Safe R (flip)
SC	4	Trey Gowdy	R	Safe R
SD	AL	Kristi Noem	R	Safe R
TN	2	Jimmy Duncan	R	Safe R
TN	6	Diane Black	R	Safe R
TN	7	Marsha Blackburn	R	Safe R

State	CD	Incumbent	Party	Rating
TX	2	Ted Poe	R	Safe R
TX	3	Sam Johnson	R	Safe R
TX	5	Jeb Hensarling	R	Safe R
TX	6	Joe Barton	R	Safe R
TX	16	Beto O'Rourke	D	Safe D
TX	21	Lamar Smith	R	Likely R
TX	29	Gene Green	D	Safe D
VA	5	Tom Garrett	R	Leans R
VA	6	Bob Goodlatte	R	Safe R
WA	8	Dave Reichert	R	Toss-up
WI	1	Paul Ryan	R	Leans R
WV	3	Evan Jenkins	R	Toss-up

RETIREMENTS

CONGRESSIONAL INCUMBENTS WHO LEFT OFFICE EARLY OR WHO HAVE ANNOUNCED RESIGNATIONS

Name:	Current office:
Al Franken	U.S. Senate, Minnesota
Blake Farenthold	U.S. House, Texas, District 27
Charlie Dent	U.S. House, Pennsylvania, District 15
Jason Chaffetz	U.S. House, Utah, District 3
Jeff Sessions	U.S. Attorney General
Jim Bridenstine	NASA Administrator
John Conyers, Jr.	U.S. House, Michigan, District 13
Louise Slaughter	U.S. House, New York, District 25
Michael "Mick" Mulvaney	Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget
Mike Pompeo	Director of the CIA
Patrick Meehan	U.S. House, Pennsylvania, District 7
Patrick J. Tiberi	U.S. House, Ohio, District 12
Ryan Zinke	U.S. Secretary of the Interior
Thad Cochran	U.S. Senate, Mississippi
Tim Murphy	U.S. House, Pennsylvania, District 18
Tom Price	Former Secretary of Health and Human Services
Trent Franks	U.S. House, Arizona, District 8
Xavier Becerra	Attorney General of California

U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Democratic Party 1 Democrat
- Republican Party 0 Republicans

Name:	Current office:
Keith Ellison	Minnesota, District 5

U.S. SENATE MEMBERS

- Democratic Party 0 Democrats
- Republican Party 3 Republicans

Name:	Current office:
Bob Corker	Tennessee
Jeff Flake	Arizona
Orrin Hatch	Utah

U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS

As of August 11, 2018, 56 representatives will not seek re-election to their U.S. House districts.

Party breakdown:

- Democratic Party 18 Democratic members of the U.S. House
- Republican Party 38 Republican members of the U.S. House

INCUMBENTS RETIRING FROM PUBLIC OFFICE

- Democratic Party 10 Democrats
- Republican Party 26 Republicans

Name:	Current office:
Bill Shuster	PA-9
Bob Goodlatte	VA-6
Carol Shea-Porter	NH-1
Charles W. Dent	PA-15
Chris Collins	NY-27
Darrell Issa	CA-49
Dave Reichert	WA-8
David Trott	MI-11
Dennis Ross	FL-15
Edward Royce	CA-39
Elizabeth Esty	CT-5
Frank LoBiondo	NJ-2
Gene Green	TZ-29
Gregg Harper	MS-3
Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	FL-27
Jeb Hensarling	TX-5
Jim Bridenstine	OK-1
Joe Barton	TX-6
John Delaney	MD-6

Name:	Current office:
John J. Duncan, Jr.	TN-2
Lamar Smith	TX-21
Luis V. Gutierrez	IL-4
Lynn Jenkins	KS-2
Niki Tsongas	MA-3
Paul Ryan	WI-1
Rick Nolan	MN-8
Robert Brady	PA-1
Rodney Frelinghuysen	NJ-11
Ruben J. Kihuen	NV-4
Ryan Costello	PA-6
Sam Johnson	TX-3
Sandy Levin	MI-9
Ted Poe	TZ-2
Thomas Garrett	VA-5
Thomas Rooney	FL-17
Trey Gowdy	SC-4

U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR

- Democratic Party 4 Democrats
- Republican Party 5 Republicans

Name:	Current office:
Colleen Hanabusa	HI-1
Diane Black	TN-6
Jared Polis	CO-2
Kristi L. Noem	SD-AL
Michelle Lujan Grisham	NM-1
Raul R. Labrador	ID-1
Ron DeSantis	FL-6
Steve Pearce	NM-2
Tim Walz	MN-1

INCUMBENTS SEEKING OTHER OFFICES

U.S. HOUSE MEMBERS SEEKING A SEAT IN THE U.S. SENATE

- Democratic Party 3 Democrats
- Republican Party 7 Republicans

Name:	Current office:
Beto O'Rourke	TX-16
Evan Jenkins	WV-3
Jacky Rosen	NV-3
James B. Renacci	OH-16
Kyrsten Sinema	AZ-9
Lou Barletta	PA-11
Luke Messer	IN-6
Marsha Blackburn	TN-7
Martha McSally	AZ-2
Todd Rokita	IN-4

AIR WAR

Political advertising is as important as ever. Ad spending records are broken each election cycle, the volume of ads being aired is ever-increasing and their influence on voters is well-documented (although evidence on the effectiveness of negative political ads is inconclusive).

Below we offer data to analyze how campaign finance laws have affected the sponsorship and content of political advertising, how “big data” has allowed for more sophisticated targeting, and how the Internet and social media has changed the distribution of ads.

Sponsor	# Ads	Est. Cost (in Ms)	Party Lean	Races
California Charter Schools Association Advocates	15502	11.5	Dem	Gov-CA
Senate Majority PAC	15399	6.3	Dem	Sen-FL, Sen-IN, Sen-MO, Sen-MT, Sen-ND, Sen-WI, Sen-WV
Americans for Prosperity	15325	5.5	Rep	Gov-VA, Gov-WI, Sen-IN, Sen-MO, Sen-MT, Sen-ND, Sen-WI
Congressional Leadership Fund	8457	4.6	Rep	House: GA-06, MT-01, PA-18
American Action Network	16056	4.6	Rep	House: CA-10, CA-21, CA-25, CA-49, CO-06, FL-18, FL-26, IA-01, IA-02, ID-01, IL-12, IL-13, IL-17, KS-03, ME-02, MN-01, MN-07, MN-08, NC-11, NE-02, NV-03, NY-21, NY-22, NY-23, NY-24, NY-27, OH-10, PA-16, PA-17, TX-23, VA-10, WI-01, WI-03
Florida Grown PC	4615	3.8	Rep	Gov-FL
State Solutions, Inc.	4823	3.7	Rep	Gov-IL
U.S. Chamber of Commerce	4889	3.3	Rep	Sen-AL, Sen-FL, Sen-MS, House: AL-02, GA-06, MT-01, NE-02, OH-16, TX-23, VA-10
SEIU California State Council	3800	3.2	Dem	Gov-CA
Frontier Fairness PAC	2272	2.5	Dem	Gov-CO
Senate Leadership Fund	9903	2.5	Rep	Sen-AL
Save My Care	6967	2.2	Dem	Sen-AZ, Sen-NV, House: AK-01, AZ-02, CA-21, CA-49, ME-02, NJ-03, NV-02, OH-01, OH-12, OH-16
All About Florida	4711	2.2	Dem	Gov-FL
Club for Growth Action	4627	2.1	Rep	Sen-MT, House: GA-06, ID-01, PA-13, SC-05, TX-21, TX-27, UT-03
Restoration PAC	5578	1.9	Rep	Sen-MT, Sen-WI, Sen-WV

Figures are from January 1, 2017 to June 4, 2018. Numbers include broadcast television.

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TOP ISSUES MENTIONED IN ADS AIRED IN JUNE 5 PRIMARY RACES

Sponsor	# Ads
Pro-Dem	Pro-Rep
Healthcare	Pro-Trump
Anti-Trump	Immigration
Veterans	Economy (Jobs/Taxes)
Education	Tax Reform
Medicare	Healthcare
Women's Rights	Corruption
Energy / Environment	Anti-ACA
Guns	Budget
Pro-ACA	Veterans
Economy (Jobs/Taxes)	Public Safety

TOP ISSUES MENTIONED IN ADS AIRED IN JUNE 12 PRIMARY RACES

Pro-Dem	Pro-Rep
Healthcare	Economy (Taxes/Budget)
Economy (Budget)	Pro-Trump
Anti-Trump	Immigration
Energy / Environment	Tax Reform
Taxes	Corruption
Women's Rights	Corruption
Energy / Environment	Anti-ACA
Guns	Budget
Pro-ACA	Veterans
Economy (Jobs/Taxes)	Public Safety

Figures are from January 1, 2018 to June 4, 2018. Races include House and Senate races in states holding June 12 primaries (Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Virginia). Fewer issues are listed here compared to Table 9 because there were fewer ad airings in June 12 races compared to June 5 races.

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AD VOLUMES AND SPENDING IN TOP SENATE RACES

State	# Ads	Est. Cost (in Ms)	Dem Cand Ads	GOP Cand Ads	Dem Group Ads	GOP Group Ads
AL	59,857	14	23,215	17,411	3,565	14,322
FL	14,855	10.6	0	9,805	2,358	2,692
IN	41,080	10.3	3,127	23,017	5,025	9,904
WI	21,503	6.5	4,755	0	4,971	11,770
NV	13,762	6	3,224	497	9,305	660
WV	33,192	5.8	870	22,068	6,144	4,034
MO	11,618	5.4	1,563	0	4,945	5,110
MT	29,928	5.3	14,071	6,166	4,349	5,337
CA	10,074	4.7	10,023	0	51	0
AZ	6,923	3	4,031	2	2,830	23
NJ	2,091	2.4	0	2,091	0	0
MS	6,279	1.6	1,302	3,547	0	1,430
ND	6,399	1.3	1,121	1,669	2,066	1,437
OH	3,201	1.2	1,710	1,321	0	164
TN	5,696	1	5,037	0	0	0

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AD VOLUMES AND SPENDING IN TOP U.S. HOUSE RACES

District	# Ads	Est. Cost (in Ms)	Dem Cand Ads	GOP Cand Ads	Dem Group Ads	GOP Group Ads
GA-06	33,183	28.8	18,051	4,885	748	4,624
PA-18	8,733	8.4	3,053	757	472	2,431
MT-01	51,671	4.6	22,787	19,172	552	4,734
CA-49	12,588	4.3	8,468	102	1,565	926
MD-06	2,223	1.9	2,223	0	0	0
PA-05	1,986	1.8	1,606	0	380	0
SC-05	5,263	1.7	829	2,686	0	1,736
AZ-08	2,568	1.6	1,406	0	64	0
NM-01	8,166	1.4	4,641	0	3,525	0
VA-10	1,034	1.3	631	0	161	242
PA-01	994	1.2	994	0	0	0
NE-02	2,928	1.1	829	0	8	2,091
KY-06	4,745	1.1	4,487	258	0	0
IL-03	1,614	1	1,214	0	400	0
IA-01	5,553	1	1,680	0	2,729	1,144
PA-13	4,163	1	0	3,477	0	686
TX-23	2,212	0.9	1,513	0	145	554
CA-48	1,057	0.9	114	135	195	0
IA-03	3,251	0.8	1,963	0	1,288	0
TX-16	3,417	0.7	2,642	19	618	138

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CALENDAR

Date	Event
September 7	Likely earliest implementation date for tariffs on \$200B in Chinese exports. Implementation seems a story of when, not if.
September 17	Manafort trial start date in Washington on charges including money laundering and failing to register as a foreign agent in connection with his Ukraine-related work.
September 25 - October 5	UN General Assembly in NYC.
September 26	Fed Interest Rate Decision & Powell Press Conference (possible trade comments).
October 1	Beginning of FY19 - new stopgap spending measure required to prevent government shutdown. The last "must pass" bill before midterms.
October 1	Start of October Session of Supreme Court - expect new Justice confirmed by this date.
October 12	Congress leaves until after midterms (November 13 return).
October 15	Likely earliest implementation date for second round of tariffs on another \$200B in Chinese exports (this is based off prior tariff sequencing, which generally goes 4-6 weeks from product list announcement though this could be pulled forward or backward - this is more of a baseline. We would note that the pace seems to be quickening, so it would seem prudent to prepare for the earlier and hope for the later). Should the first \$200B tranche go "live" on September 7 or shortly thereafter, early-mid October seems a pretty good "guesstimate" for the final \$200B tranche (at 10% tariff - extra innings could see Trump increase these tariff amounts without public comment hearing procedures).
October 15	Treasury's Currency Manipulation FX Report due.
November 4	Iran Sanctions deadline - U.S. will slap secondary sanctions on countries after November 4 still importing oil from Iran.
November 6	Election Day - 35 Senate seats, 36 governorships, the House of Representatives, and thousands of state legislative seats will be up for grabs in the midterm elections.
November 13	Likely start of Lame Duck Session of Congress.
November 18	APEC Summit in Papua New Guinea. Trump expected to attend.
November 30	Expiration of Flood Insurance ("must pass" bill).
December 1	G-20 in Buenos Aires. Trump expected to attend. WTO reform to be top priority.
December 1	AMLO sworn-in as President of Mexico.
December 5	House Democratic Leadership elections.
December 12	Michael Cohen sentencing
December 13	Likely final day of 115th Congress (likely final "must pass" deadline for bill to keep government from shutting down).
December 19	FOMC final 2018 Press Conference.

COMMITTEES WHOSE CURRENT CHAIR IS RETIRING OR IS TERM-LIMITED



Space, Science & Technology
Lamar Smith (R-TX21)



Financial Services
Jeb Hensarling (R-TX5)



Homeland Security
Michael McCaul (R-TX10)



Transportation & Infrastructure
Bill Shuster (R-PA9)



Foreign Affairs
Ed Royce (R-CA39)



Judiciary
Bob Goodlatte (R-VA6)



VA Appropriations Sub.*
Charlie Dent (R-PA15)



Aviation Sub.
Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ2)



Budget
Diane Black (R-NJ2)



Oversight
Trey Gowdy (R-SC4)



Administration
Gregg Harper (R-MS3)



Appropriations
Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ11)



Finance
Orrin Hatch (R-UT)



Foreign Relations
Bob Corker (R-TN)

Reading the tea leaves for insights into who will be the chair and ranking member of the various House and Senate committees in the next Congress is always a popular parlor game for lobbyists and political junkies. This year is no exception.

In the House, Republican and Democratic leadership of the Armed Services, Budget, Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Ways and Means Committees is expected to remain unchanged.

Committee leadership of the following Senate committees is also unlikely to change: Aging; Agriculture; Appropriations; Banking; Environment and Public Works (EPW); Health Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); Indian Affairs; Intelligence; Rules; and Veterans Affairs Committees.

WHO'S IN THE MIX FOR COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE?

Agriculture: Reps. Mike Conway (R-TX) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) are expected to keep their seats at the top of the committee roster. However, if Peterson, who is in a somewhat competitive race, were to lose reelection, an outcome currently considered unlikely, Rep. David Scott (D-GA) is next in line.

Appropriations: With Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) retiring, his most likely successor is Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX), although Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL), who is more senior than Granger, and Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK) have also thrown their hats in the ring. Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY) is already term-limited. Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), the current lead Democratic appropriator, is expected to remain the top Democrat, even though she is less senior than Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) and Pete Visclosky (D-IN).

Financial Services: Chairman Jeb Hensarling's (R-TX) retirement opens the gavel. While Rep. Peter King (R-NY) is the next-most-senior Republican on the committee, Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) and Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI) are all said to be interested in leading the committee Republicans. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) is expected to remain the top Democrat and will become chair if Democrats win control of the House.

Foreign Affairs: Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) is retiring, and reports indicate that Rep. Mike McCaul (R-TX), who currently chairs the Homeland Security Committee, is interested in moving to the top spot on Foreign Affairs. For that to occur, the GOP Steering Committee would have to pass over Rep.

Steve Chabot (R-OH), who is running in a competitive race and has expressed interest in the gavel on the Judiciary Committee. Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) is expected to stay the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Homeland Security: Should Rep. McCaul leave his position as chair of the Homeland Security Committee for Foreign Affairs, Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL) could become the next top Republican, as Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) is retiring and Rep. Peter King (R-NY) is term-limited and would need a waiver from the GOP conference to lead the committee Republicans once again. Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS) is expected to continue to be the top Democrat.

House Administration: Both the Republican chair and Democratic ranking member will change as both the current chair, Gregg Harper (R-MS), and ranking member, Bob Brady (D-PA), are retiring. The speaker of the House selects the chairman of the Administration Committee. In terms of seniority, if Republicans continue to control the House, Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL) would be next in line, followed by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA). However, both Davis and Comstock are in tough races for reelection. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) is a prime candidate to become the lead Democrat and chair the committee if Democrats gain control of the House for the new Congress.

Intelligence: The chairman of the Intelligence Committee is also selected by the speaker of the House. It's unclear if current chairman Devin Nunes (R-CA) will remain the top Republican on the committee. Rep. Adam Schiff (D-WA), who currently serves as ranking member and has been a consistent foil during the Russia investigation, is expected to continue to lead the Democrats.

Judiciary: Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) is retiring. By seniority, Rep. Chabot would be next in line to lead the committee, although his race for reelection is currently rated a tossup. If he were to lose reelection, Rep. Steve King (R-IA) would be the next-most-senior Republican, although seniority is not always adhered to by House Republicans in selecting committee leadership. Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) is expected to remain the top Democrat on Judiciary.

Oversight and Government Reform: With the retirements of the committee's two most-senior GOP members, Trey Gowdy (R-SC) and John Duncan (R-TN), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) could become the top Republican on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Reports indicate that Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) has made himself

a candidate to chair the committee should Republicans retain control of the House. On the Democratic side, Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) is expected to continue to lead the committee.

Rules: The chairman of the Rules Committee is selected by the speaker of the House. If Republicans remain in control of the House and Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) wins his tight race for reelection, he could remain chairman. Current Ranking Member Jim McGovern (D-MA) is likely to continue to lead committee Democrats.

Science, Space and Technology: Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) is retiring. Who will step into his shoes is unknown. It could be Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), who is next in line based on seniority, or Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), who is term limited from leading other committees, but still has two years to claim before he is term limited from leadership of this committee. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) will likely remain the top Democrat on the committee.

Small Business: Rep. Chabot must relinquish the gavel as he has bumped up against GOP term limits. By seniority, the next-most-senior GOP members are Rep. Steve King (R-IA), followed by Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), so it's possible they will be battling it out. However, as noted above, Luetkemeyer is a strong candidate to lead Financial Services Committee Republicans. Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY) is expected to continue to lead committee Democrats.

Transportation and Infrastructure: The retirement of Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) will pit Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) against Jeff Denham (R-CA) before the GOP Steering Committee for the top spot should the GOP hold the majority. Denham is facing one of the toughest reelection races in the House. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) is anticipated to remain the top Democrat.

Veterans' Affairs: Rep. Phil Roe (R-TX) will likely continue to be the top Republican on Veterans' Affairs. On the Democratic side, the current ranking member, Tim Walz (D-MN), is running for governor, creating an opening for Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA) to once again make a run at leading committee Democrats.

WHO'S IN THE MIX FOR COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP IN THE SENATE?

Armed services: With the passing of Sen. John McCain, Senior Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), who has been serving as acting chairman, is likely to continue in that role. Democratic Sen. Jack Reed is expected to continue to serve as ranking member, or take the gavel should the Democrats win a Senate majority.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Our conjecture here is that Republican leadership of this committee will turn on the decision of a senator not on the committee. It is expected that, with Sen. Orrin Hatch's (R-UT) retirement, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA), the current Judiciary chair, will assume the gavel of the Finance Committee. Should that fail to occur, there is speculation that Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID), the current Banking



chair, would take over Finance, in which case the expectation is that Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) would assume Republican leadership of the Banking Committee. Crapo is likely to lead the committee Republicans if Grassley continues to lead Judiciary Republicans.

Commerce, Science and Transportation: More conjecture here. Reports indicate that Sen. John Thune (R-SD) will run for Sen. Cornyn's leadership position. Should that be the case, most expect Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) to take the gavel. If Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) loses his reelection campaign, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) would likely opt to serve as this committee's top Democrat.

Energy and Natural Resources: The current chair, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), is expected to remain at the committee's helm should the GOP hold the majority. However, if the Senate flips, she has already served three terms as ranking member and would be termed out, giving Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) the leadership of the GOP. The Democratic side is a little more complicated. Should Sen. Cantwell end up leading Commerce Democrats, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), could take the Democratic leadership of the ENR committee. If Sanders becomes ENR ranking member, because of other committee leadership positions held by more senior members of the Budget Committee, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) could then end up assuming Democratic leadership of the Budget Committee.

Environment and Public Works: Should the Senate flip to Democratic control, which would elevate Sen. Barrasso to Republican leadership of the ENR Committee, then Sen. Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV) could assume the leadership of the EPW committee. Sen. Inhofe is already term-limited as both chair and ranking member of the committee.

Finance: The retirement of Sen. Hatch (R-UT) leads most to believe that Sen. Grassley will likely leave his Judiciary Committee chairmanship to helm Finance. He is term limited in the ranking member position, but has two remaining years to serve as its chair. If he decides to remain as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Sen. Crapo could become chairman of Finance. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) is expected to remain the committee's lead Democrat.

Foreign Relations: Sen. Bob Corker's (R-TN) retirement means that Sen. James Risch (R-ID) is likely to take the committee gavel, assuming the GOP holds the majority. If Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) loses his reelection bid, Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), who served as ranking member during Menendez's leave during his trial, could become Democratic leader of the committee. If that happens, Cardin would vacate his ranking position on Small Business and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) would take over leading the Small Business Democrats.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: The question here will be resolved on Election Day. If Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), who is considered vulnerable this year, were to lose her seat, the Democratic leader of the Committee could be Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND)—also facing a tough battle to retain her seat—Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) or Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI).

Indian Affairs: While no change is expected as long as the GOP retains the majority, should the Senate flip, there has been speculation that Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT), who is locked in a tough reelection battle, would return to the leadership of the committee.

Judiciary: It is expected that in Sen. Hatch's absence, Sen. Grassley will take his last two years as chair of Finance, opening up the Judiciary chair to Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC). Sen. Dianne Feinstein is expected to win reelection and retain her leadership of the Democrats on the committee.

Veterans' Affairs: Sen. Tester is likely to remain Democratic leader of Veterans' Affairs unless the Democrats retake the Senate and he chooses to return to the Chairmanship of the Indian Affairs Committee, in which case Democratic leadership of Veterans' Affairs would go to Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT).

RETIRING AND VULNERABLE MEMBERS BY COMMITTEE

SENATE

AGING

Retirements	Hatch (R-UT), Flake (R-AZ), Corker (R-TN)
Vulnerables	Nelson (D-FL), Donnelly (D-IN)

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, & FORESTRY

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Klobuchar (D-MN), Donnelly (D-IN), Heitkamp (D-ND),

APPROPRIATIONS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Tester (D-MT), Manchin (D-WV)

ARMED SERVICES

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	McCaskill 9D-MO), Donnelly (D-IN), Cruz (R-TX)

BANKING, HOUSING, & URBAN AFFAIRS

Retirements	Corker (R-TN)
Vulnerables	Brown (D-OH), Menendez (D-NJ), Tester (D-MT), Heitkamp (D-ND), Donnelly (D-IN), Heller (R-NV)

BUDGET

Retirements	Corker (R-TN)
Vulnerables	NONE

COMMERCE, SCIENCE, & TRANSPORTATION

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Nelson (D-FL), Klonuchar (D-MN), Tester (D-MT), Cruz (R-TX), Heller (R-NV)

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES

Retirements	Flake (R-AZ)
Vulnerables	Manchin (D-WV), Smith (D-MN)

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	NONE

FINANCE

Retirements	Hatch (R-UT)
Vulnerables	Menendez (D-NJ), McCaskill (D-MO) Heller (R-NV)

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Retirements	Corker (R-TN), Flake (R-AZ)
Vulnerables	Menendez (D-NJ)

HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS

Retirements	Hatch (R-UT)
Vulnerables	Smith (D-MN)

HOMELAND SECURITY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	McCaskill (D-MO), Heitkamp (D-ND)

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Tester (D-MT), Heitkamp (D-ND), Smith (D-MN)

INTELLIGENCE

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Manchin (D-WV)

JUDICIARY

Retirements	Hatch (R-UT), Flake (R-AZ)
Vulnerables	Klobuchar (D-MN), Cruz (R-TX)

RULES & ADMINISTRATION

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Klobuchar (D-MN), Cruz (R-TX)

SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Heitkamp (D-ND)

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Tester (D-MT), Brown (D-OH), Manchin (D-WV), Heller (R-NV)

HOUSE

AGRICULTURE

Retirements	Walz (D-MN) Lujan Grisham (D-MN) Nolan (D-MN)
Vulnerables	Peterson (D-MN), Maloney (D-NY), O'Halleran (D-AZ) King (R-IA), Gibbs (R- OH), Denham (R-CA) Davis (R-FL) Bost (R-IL) Bacon R-NE) Faso (R-NY)

APPROPRIATIONS

Retirements	Frelinghuysen (R-NJ) Rooney (R-FL), Jenkins (R-WV)
Vulnerables	Cartwright (D-PA), Culberson (R-TX), Carter (R-TX), Diaz-Balart (R-FL) Yoder (R-KS) Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Joyce (R- OH), Valadao (R-CA), Young (R-IA), Taylor (R-VA)

ARMED SERVICES

Retirements	Brady (D-PA), Tsongas (D-MA), O'Rourke (D-TX) Hanabusa (D-HI), Shea-Porter (D-NH), Rosen (D-NV) LoBiondo (R-NJ), Shuster (R-PAO McSalley (R-AZ)
Vulnerables	Carbajal (D-CA), Murphy (D-FL), O'Halleran (D-AZ), Turner (R-OH), Coffman (R-OH), Knight (R-CA), Russell (R-OK), Bacon (R-NE)

BUDGET

Retirements	Lujan-Grisham (D-NM), Rokita (R- IN), Black (R-TN), Sanford (R-SC), Renacci (R-OH)
Vulnerables	Carbajal (D-CA), Diaz-Balart (R-FL), McClintock (R-CA), Woodall (R-GA), Grothman (R-WI), Lewis (R-MN), Bergman (R-MI) Faso (R-NY)

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

Retirements	Polis (D-CO), Shea-Porter (D-NH), Rokita (R-IN), Barletta (R-PA), Messer (R-IN), Garrett (R-VA)
Vulnerables	Walberg (R-MI), Brat (R-VA), Grothman (R-WI), Lewis (R-MN), Handel (R-GA)

ENERGY AND COMMERCE

Retirements	Green (D-TX), Barton (R-TX), Blackburn (R-TN), Harper (R-MS) Cramer (R-ND), Costello (R-PA) Collins (R-NY)
Vulnerables	Loeb sack (D-IA), Upton (R-MI), Lance (R-NJ) Hudson (R-NC), Walberg (R-MI), Walters (R-CA)

ETHICS

Retirements	Polis (D-CO)
Vulnerables	Lance (R-NJ), Walters (R-CA)

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Retirements	Ellison (D-MN), Delaney (D-MD), Sinema (D-AZ), Kihuen (D-NV), Hensarling (R- TX), Royce (R-CA), Pearce (R-MN), Ross (R_FL), Pittenger (R-NC) Messer (R-IN), Trott (R-MI)
Vulnerables	Gottheimer (D-NJ) Stivers (R-OH), Hulthren (R-IL), Wagner (R-MO), Barr (R-KY) Rothfus (R-PA), Tipton (R-CO), Poliquin (R-ME), Love (R-UT), Hill (R-AR), Zeldin (R-NY), MacArthur (R-NJ), Budd (R- NC), Tenney (R-NY) Hollingsworth (R-IN)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Retirements	Royce (R-CA), Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Poe (R-TX), Issa (R-CA), DeSantis (R-FL), Garrett (R-VA)
Vulnerables	Bera (D-CA), Rohrabacher (R-CA), Chabot (R-OH), Perry (R-PA), Zeldin (R-NY) Donovan (R-NY), Wagner (R-MO), Mast (R-FL), Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

HOMELAND SECURITY

Retirements	Smith (R-TX), Barletta (R-PA), McSally (R- AZ), Garrett (R-VA),
Vulnerables	Perry (R-PA), Katko (R-NY), Hurd (R-TX), Donovan (R-NY), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Bacon (R-NE)

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

Retirements	Brady (D-PA), Harper (R-MS),
Vulnerables	Davis (R-IL), Comstock (R-VA)

INTELLIGENCE

Retirements	LoBiondo (R-NJ), Rooney (R-FL), Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Gowdy (R-SC)
Vulnerables	Nunes (R-CA), Turner (R-OH), Hurd (R-TX)

JUDICIARY

Retirements	Gutierrez (D-IL), Goodlatte (R-VA), Smith (R-TX), Issa (R-CA) Poe (R-TX), Gowdy (R-SC), Labradore (R-ID), SeDantis (R-FL)
Vulnerables	Chabot (R-OH), King (R-IA), Handel (R-GA), Rothfus (R-PA)

NATURAL RESOURCES

Retirements	Tsongas (D-MA), Hanabusa (D-HI) Pearce (R-MN), Labrador (R-ID),
Vulnerables	McClintock (R-CA), Tipton (R-CO), Denham (R-CA), Bergman (R-MI), Gianforte (R-MT)

OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

Retirements	Gowdy (R-SC) Duncan (R-TN), Issa (R-CA), Sanford (R-SC) Desantis (R-FL), Ross (R-FL),
Vulnerables	Cartwright (D-PA), Blum (R-IA), Russell (R-OK), Grothman (R-WI), Hurd (R-TX) Gianforte (R-MT)

RULES

Retirements	Polis (R-CO)
Vulnerables	Sessions (R-TX), Woodall (R-GA)

SCIENCE SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

Retirements	Esty (D-CT), Rosen (D-NV), Hanabusa (D-HI) Smith (R-TX)
Vulnerables	Bera (D-CA), Lamb (D-PA) Rohrabacher (R-CA), Hultgren (R-IL), Knight (R-CA), Comstock (R-VA)

SMALL BUSINESS

Retirements	NONE
Vulnerables	Murphy (D-FL), Chabot (R-OH), King (R-IA), Brat (R-VA), Knight (R-CA), Blum (R-IA), Fitzpatrick (R-PA)

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Retirements	Nolan (D-MN) Etsy (D-CT) Shuster (R-PA), Duncan (R-TN), Lobiondo (R-NJ) Barletta (R-PA) Sanford (R-SC), Rokita (R-IN)
Vulnerables	Maloney (D-NY), Gibbs (R-OH), Denham (R-CA), Perry (R-PA), Davis (R-IL), Woodall (R-GA), Katko (R-NY), Comstock (R-VA), Bost (R-IL), Faso (R-NY) Mast (R-FL), Lewis (R-MN)

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Retirements	Walz (D-MN), O'Rourke (D-TX), Esty (D-CT)
Vulnerables	Lamb (D-PA), Coffman (R-CO), Bost (R-IL), Poliquin (R-ME), Bergman (R-MI), Mast (R-FL)

WAYS AND MEANS

Retirements	Levin (D-MI), Crowley (D-NY), Johnson (R-TX), Reichert (R-WA), Jenkins (R-KS), Black (R-TN), Renacci (R-OH), Noem (R-SD),
Vulnerables	Nunes (R-CA), Roskam (R-IL), Paulsen (R-MN), Reed (R-NY), Kelly (R-PA), Holding (R-NC), Schweikert (R-AZ), Walorski (R-IN), Curbelo (R-FL), Bishop (R-MI)

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