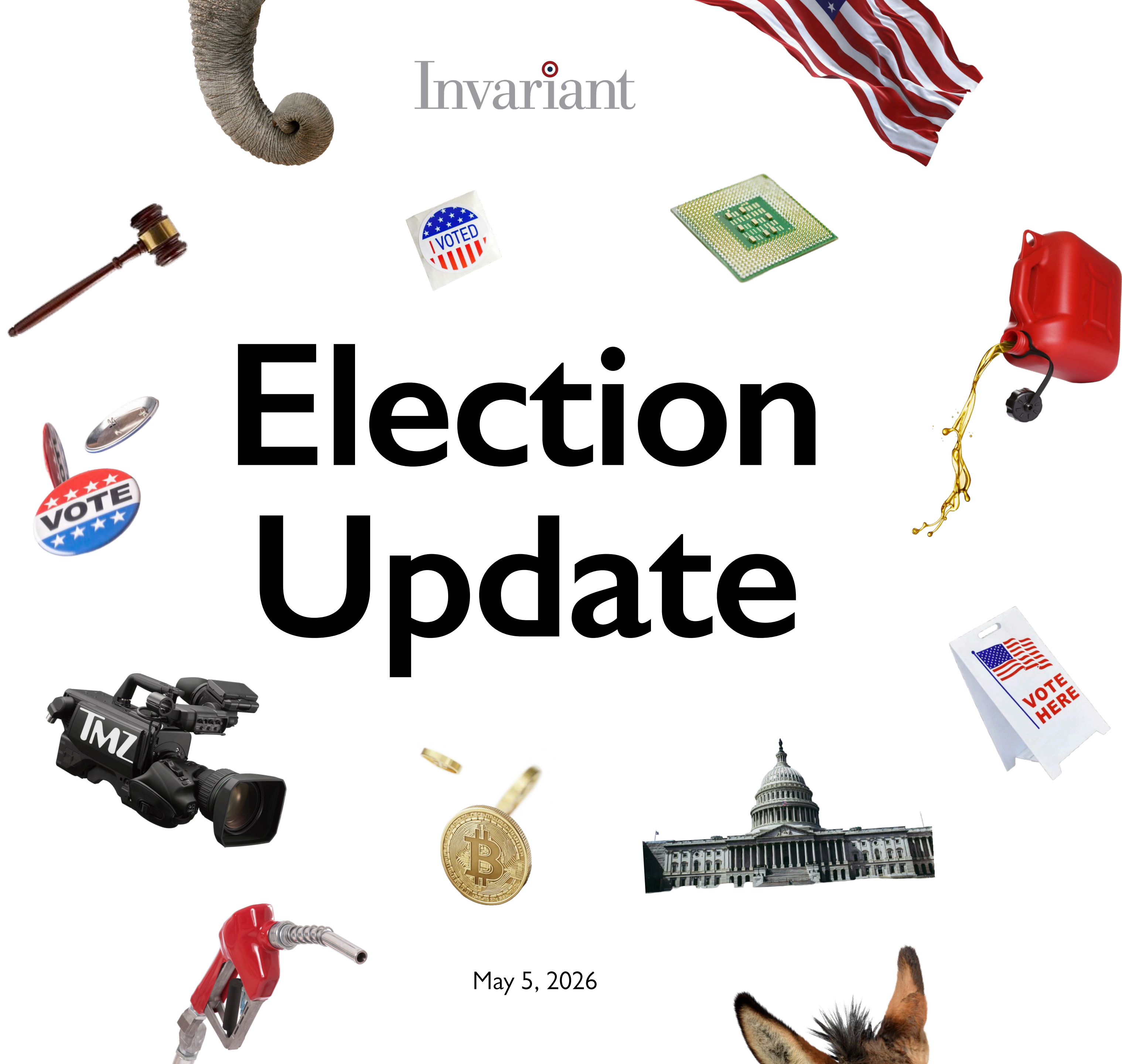


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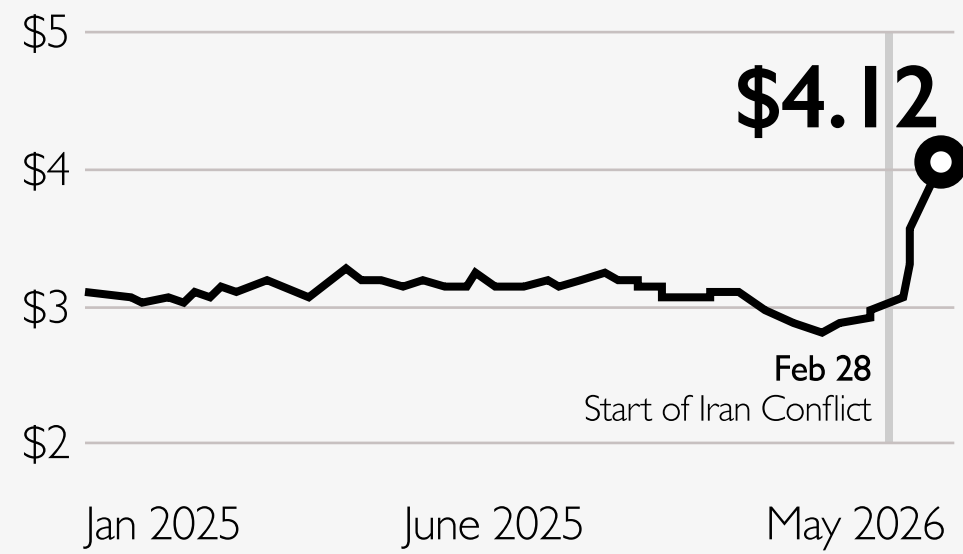
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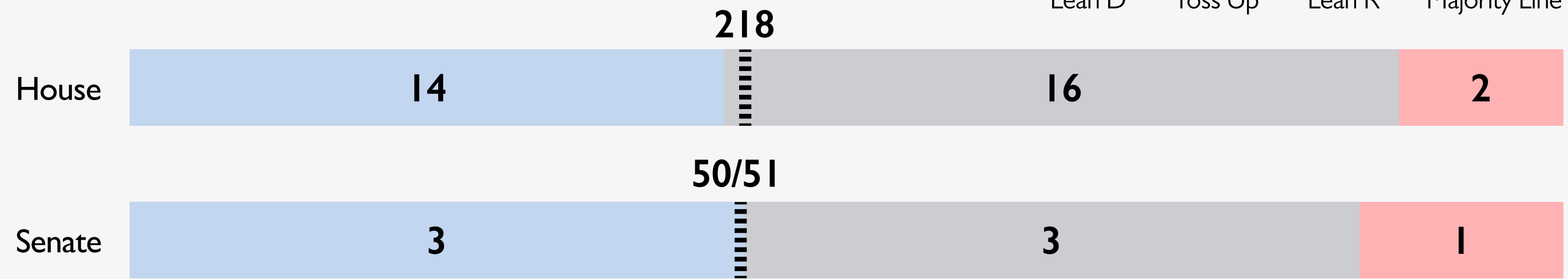


Election Dashboard

Average Gas Price per gallon in the U.S.



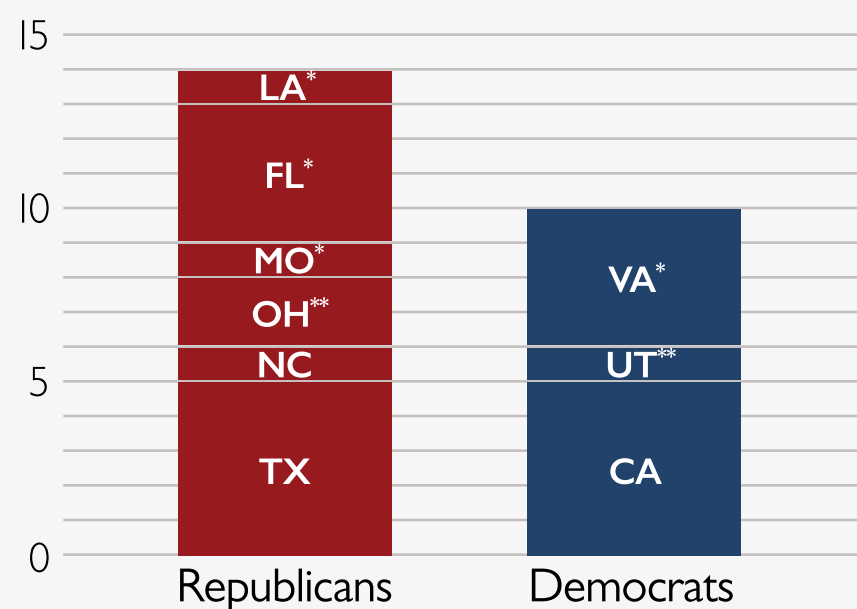
House and Senate Competitive Race Ratings



Upcoming Primaries

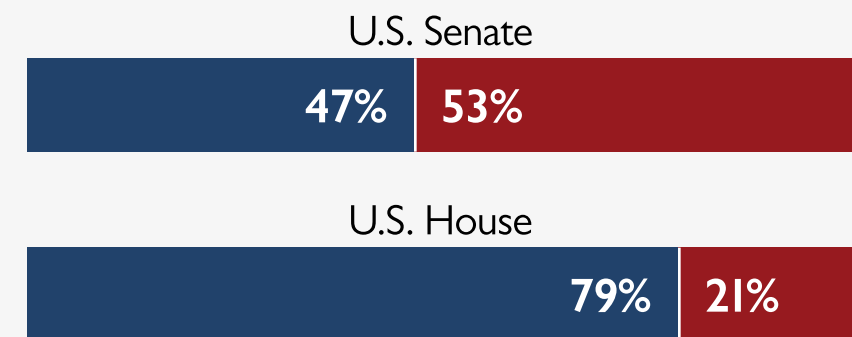
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| MAY 16 | NJ |
| LA* | NM |
| | SD |
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House seats estimated gains from state redistricting efforts

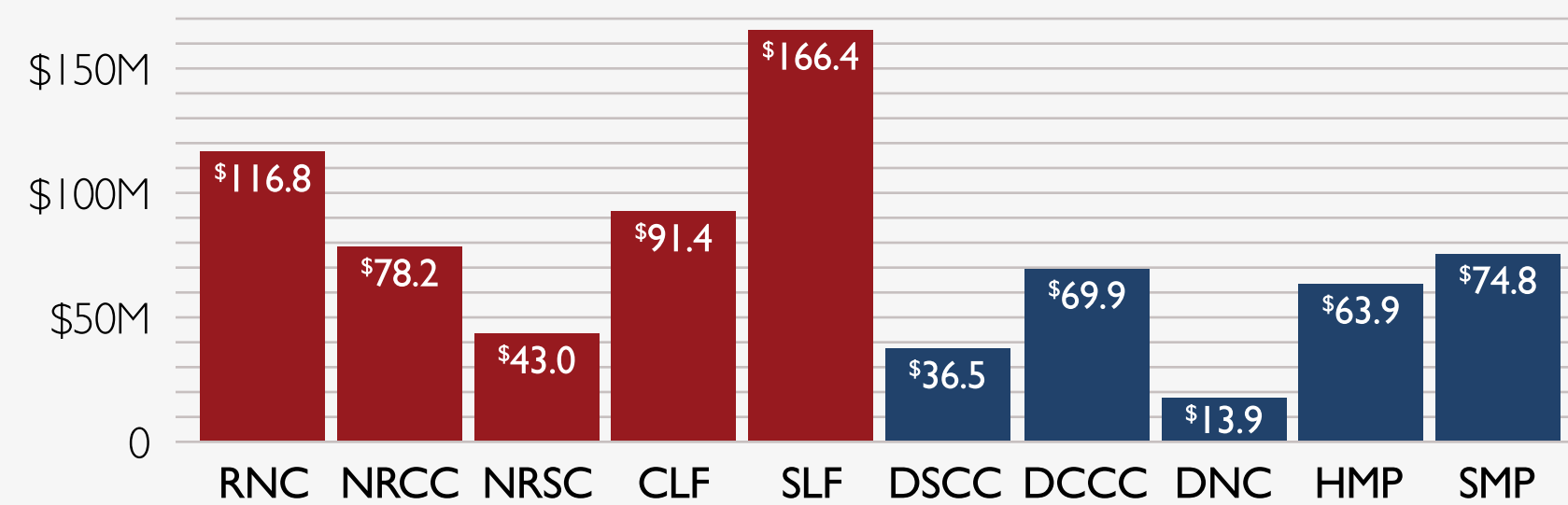


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Prediction Markets Signal Tight National Race

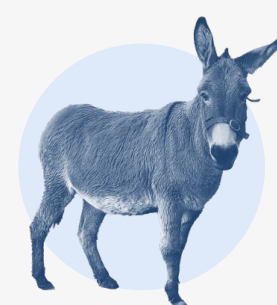


GOP Holds Fundraising Edge



Trump Approval Rating
40.5%

Source: RCP as of 4/27/26



Democratic Party Favorability
34.3%

Source: Real Clear Politics as of 4/27/26

*Senate only

Elections at a Glance

Redistricting fights, rating shifts, and pivotal primaries are reshaping the 2026 battlefield

House

64 Open House seats

Republicans hold a narrow majority, but the battlefield is tilting toward Democrats. Redistricting battles are re-emerging as a late-cycle variable, with Louisiana preparing to redraw its map mid-cycle following the Supreme Court's Voting Rights Act (VRA) ruling, and Florida advancing an aggressive GOP proposal to offset Democratic gains in Virginia.

At the same time, retirements and resignations are expanding the map, while special election results point to a weaker GOP environment.

Upcoming primaries in Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, and Georgia will test party unity and candidate strength, as fundraising gaps and new entrants reshape the battlefield.

Senate

11 Open Senate seats

Recent rating shifts in Democrats' favor in Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, and Nebraska are expanding the Senate map beyond traditional battlegrounds, even as the map still favors Republicans.

In Maine, Gov. Janet Mills' exit reshapes a pickup opportunity, leaving Democrats without their strongest recruit and elevating uncertainty around nominee quality as Graham Platner emerges. Even in traditionally red states like Kansas, new entrants are testing the map's edges, though the GOP remains favored in most scenarios.

Outside GOP groups are already investing in Ohio and Alaska, while May and June primaries in Georgia, Iowa, Alabama, Louisiana, and Kentucky will define party unity and general election matchups.

Governors

15 Open Governor seats

Major candidate developments in California, including Swalwell's exit and President Trump's endorsement of Steve Hilton, have reshaped the field, raising new questions about consolidation in the top-two primary.

At the same time, gubernatorial and state legislative races are taking on added importance as redistricting battles escalate nationwide. With states beginning to respond to the Supreme Court's ruling, control of state governments will shape how aggressively maps are redrawn ahead of 2028.

Races in Iowa, Ohio, and Georgia reflect this broader shift, where candidate strength and statewide control are increasingly tied to future political maps—not just immediate outcomes.

SCOTUS Reshapes Maps

Court's VRA ruling fuels last minute redistricting push, some 2026 impact, bigger 2028 stakes

What Changed

A higher standard is now required to prove a district map violates the Voting Rights Act. Courts can now accept partisan justifications for maps, even when they produce clear racial effects, unless intentional racial discrimination is shown.

What's at Stake

Black representation in the South faces risk. Courts may allow partisan redraws even when racial impact is clear. Democrats in blue states are considering redrawing maps to eliminate all Republican representation.

Impact Timeline

2026: Active and accelerating

States are moving quickly to redraw maps mid-cycle. Louisiana delayed House primaries, while Alabama and Tennessee are preparing special sessions. Multiple Southern seats could shift if courts allow changes to proceed.

2028: Nationalizes

Early Southern redraws set the stage for a wider remapping cycle, with both parties preparing aggressive counter-moves. Blue states are signaling responses, turning redistricting into a nationwide battleground.

“I’d take 52 seats from California and 17 seats from Illinois.”

Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

“I think all states who have unconstitutional maps should look at that very carefully and... do it before the midterms.”

Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA)

The ruling shifts power to partisan mapmaking—triggering immediate state-level action, but most meaningful changes still ahead.

2026 Primary Calendar

Key primary dates and runoffs shaping the 2026 election timeline

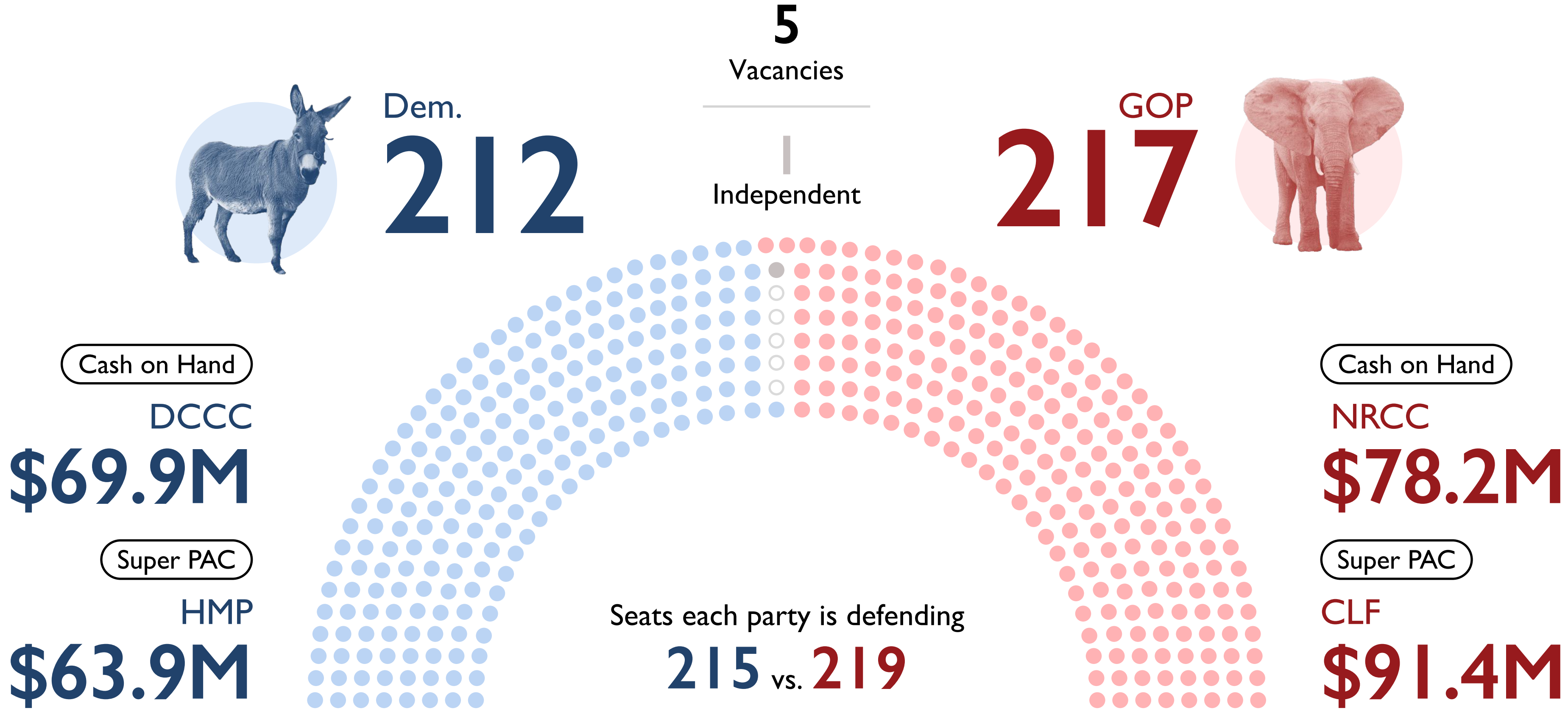
March 3	Arkansas, North Carolina, Texas	Primary	June 2 (continued)	Iowa, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota	Primary	August 6	Tennessee	Primary
March 10	Mississippi	Primary	June 9	Maine, Nevada, North Dakota, South Carolina	Primary	August 8	Hawaii	Primary
March 17	Illinois	Primary	June 16	Alabama, Georgia Oklahoma, Washington D.C.	Runoff Primary	August 11	Connecticut, Minnesota, Vermont, Wisconsin	Primary
April 7	GA-14	Runoff	June 23	South Carolina Maryland, New York, Utah	Runoff Primary	August 18	Alaska Florida, Wyoming	Top 4 Primary Primary
April 16	NJ-11	Special General	June 27	Louisiana	Runoff	August 25	Oklahoma	Runoff
May 5	Indiana, Ohio	Primary	June 30	Colorado	Primary	September 1	Massachusetts	Primary
May 12	Nebraska, West Virginia	Primary	July 21	Arizona	Primary	September 8	New Hampshire, Rhode Island	Primary
May 16	Louisiana (Senate only)	Primary	July 28	South Dakota	Runoff	September 15	Delaware	Primary
May 19	Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Oregon, Pennsylvania	Primary	August 4	Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia Washington	Primary Top 2 Primary	November 3	National	General Election
May 26	Texas	Runoff				December 1	Georgia	General Runoff
June 2	California	Top 2 Primary						

182

days until the 2026 election

House

A small GOP majority meets a rapidly widening battlefield, where vacancies, redistricting, and candidate quality may matter more than baseline partisanship.



April Special Elections Recap

Special elections continue to show Democrats overperforming—with caveats

GA-14 GOP Open April 7

Republican Clay Fuller held the seat vacated by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, but underperformed baseline margins in a safe GOP district, setting up a November rematch in a still GOP-leaning seat.

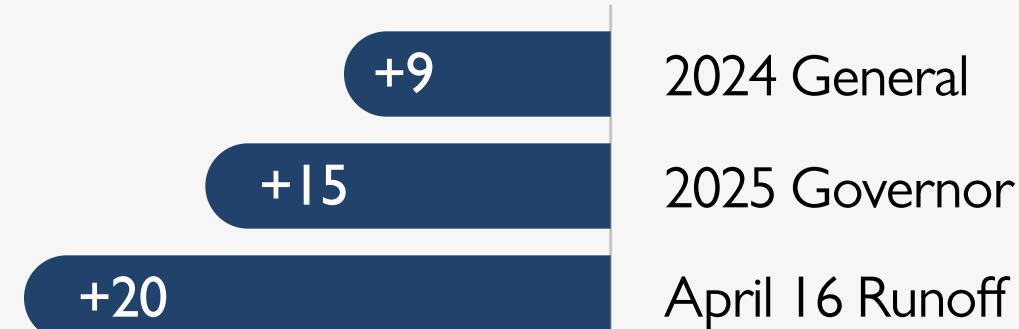
GA-14 deep-red district moves 17 points left from 2024



NJ-11 Dem Open April 16

Democrat Analilia Mejia won former Rep. Mikie Sherrill's open seat decisively with strong turnout and early vote advantage driving the margin—pockets of resistance did emerge in key suburban communities though.

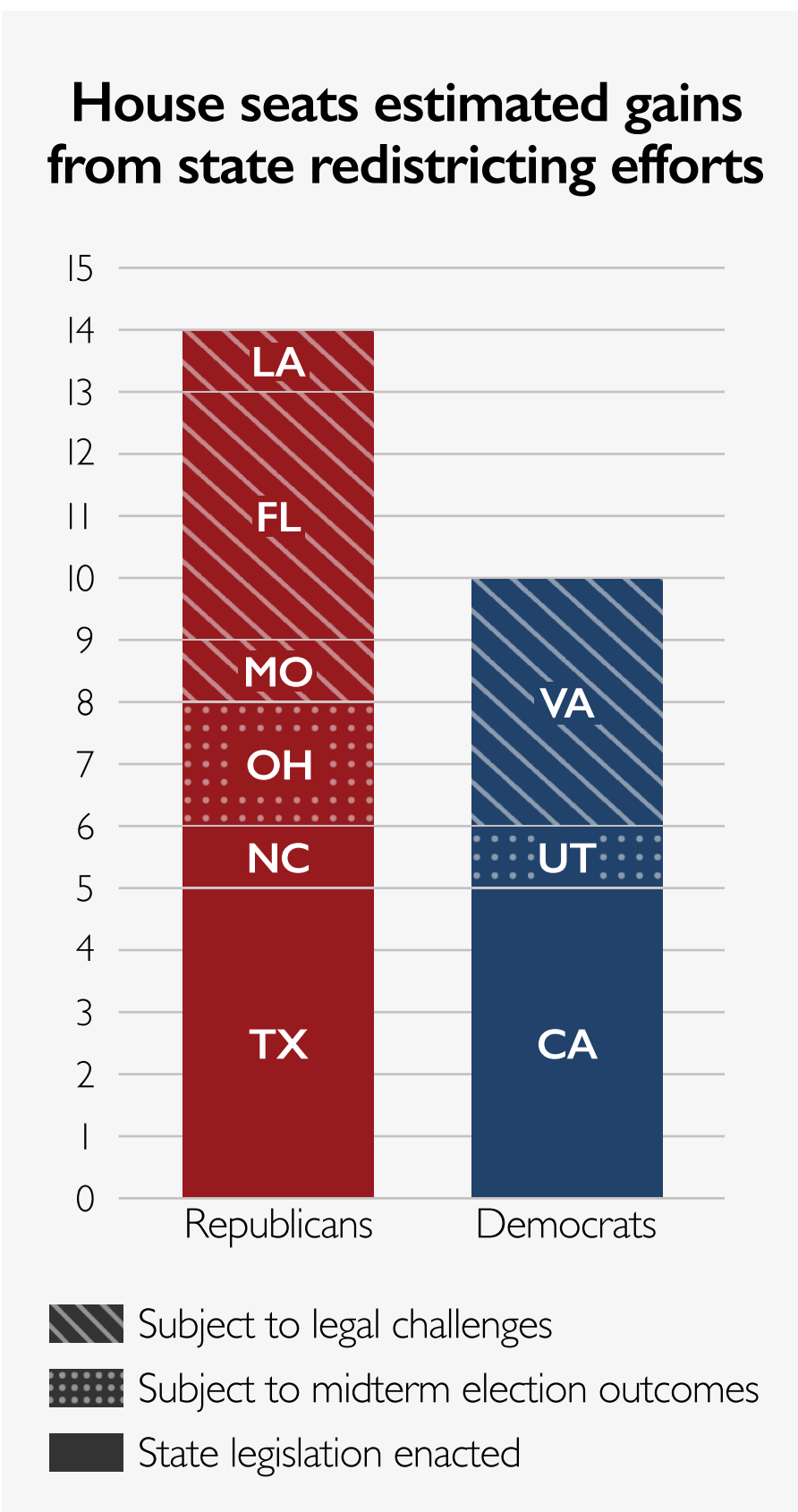
Broad county-level shift left across NJ-11 since 2024



GOP margins erode, signaling a favorable Democratic environment without a guaranteed wave.

Map Contention Continues

Mid-decade redistricting fights intensify in Virginia and Florida—with limited net impact



Virginia Map Tilts Left

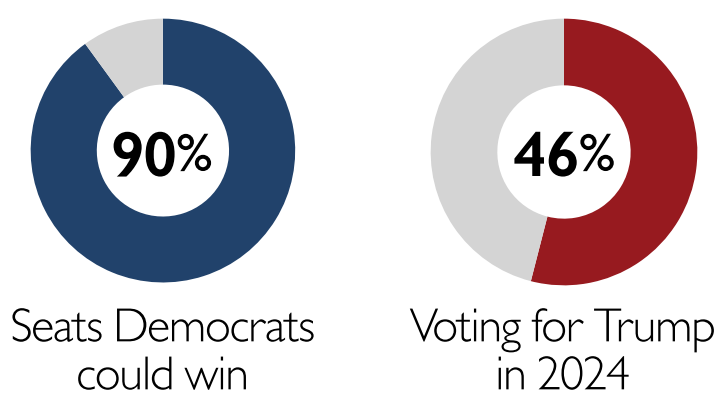
What Changed on April 21

Voters approved a [redistricting amendment](#), and a new congressional map now sits before the Virginia Supreme Court. The lines push the state sharply left, with Democrats favored in roughly 10 of 11 seats.

What It Means

Up to four Republican-held seats move into play, improving the Democratic path to House gains. Filing deadlines slip to late May and primaries delay, extending uncertainty as candidates reassess.

Democrats could control ~90% of seats in a state where Trump won 46% of the vote.



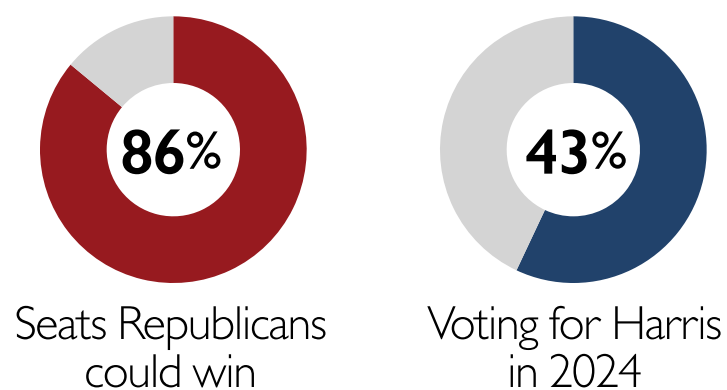
Florida Map Offsets Democratic Gains in Virginia

DeSantis redraw targets up to four Democratic seats

Top-down [plan](#) dismantles Democratic districts in Orlando, Tampa Bay, and South Florida. The proposal aims to shift the delegation from 20R–8D to as much as 24R–4D, a maximal play to blunt Democratic gains elsewhere.

Leaders approved the map after Virginia’s vote and pushed filing deadlines to June, compressing the legal window and forcing quick action. The [redraw](#) moves multiple Democratic seats sharply right but leaves several Republican districts exposed. Potential gains expand, but pickups remain uncertain in a volatile cycle, underscored by Rep. Daniel Webster’s retirement after opposing the map.

Republicans could control ~86% of seats in a state where Harris won 43% of the vote.

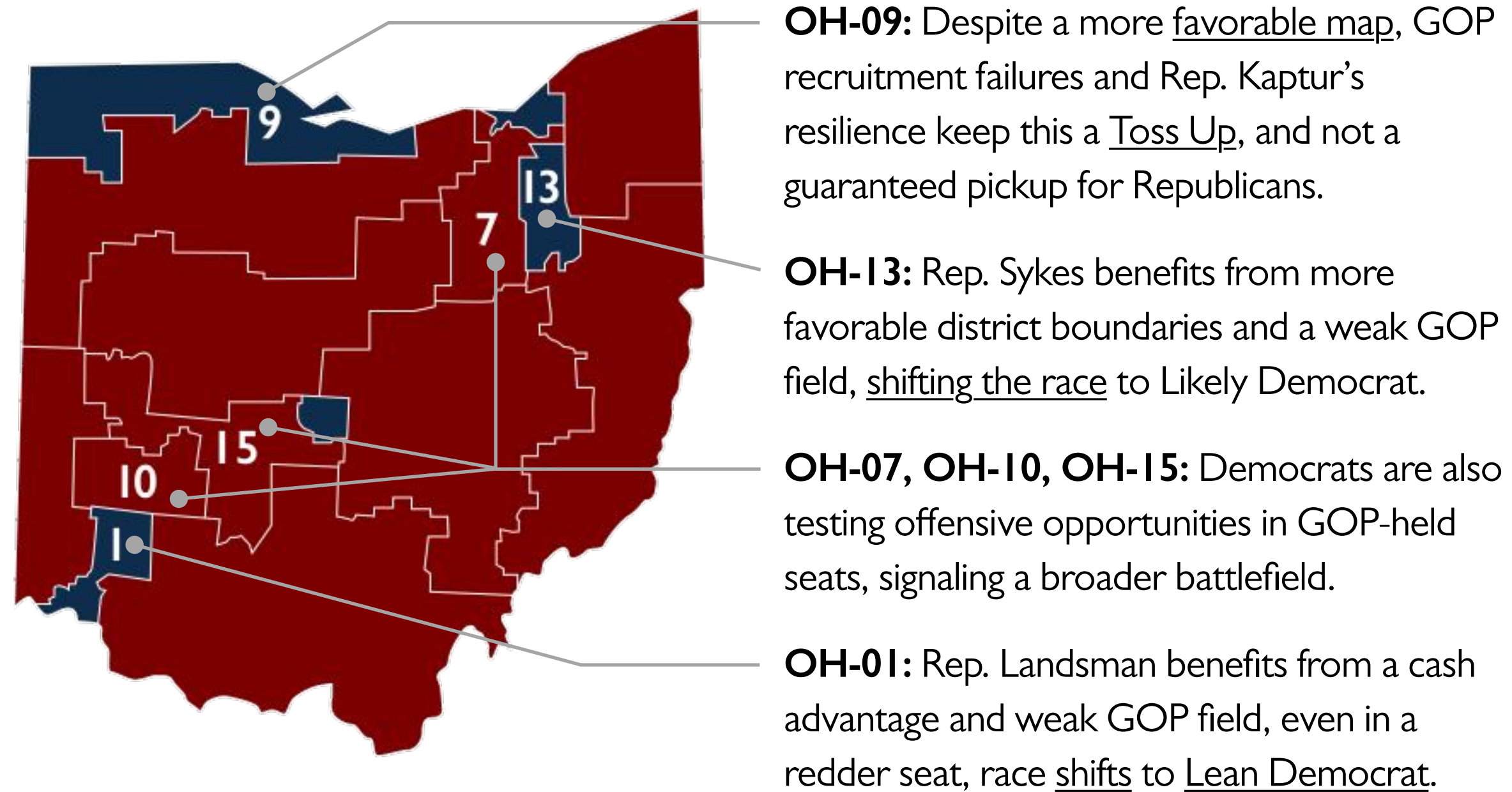


Midwest Primaries

Maps Favor GOP, Candidates Don't

Ohio

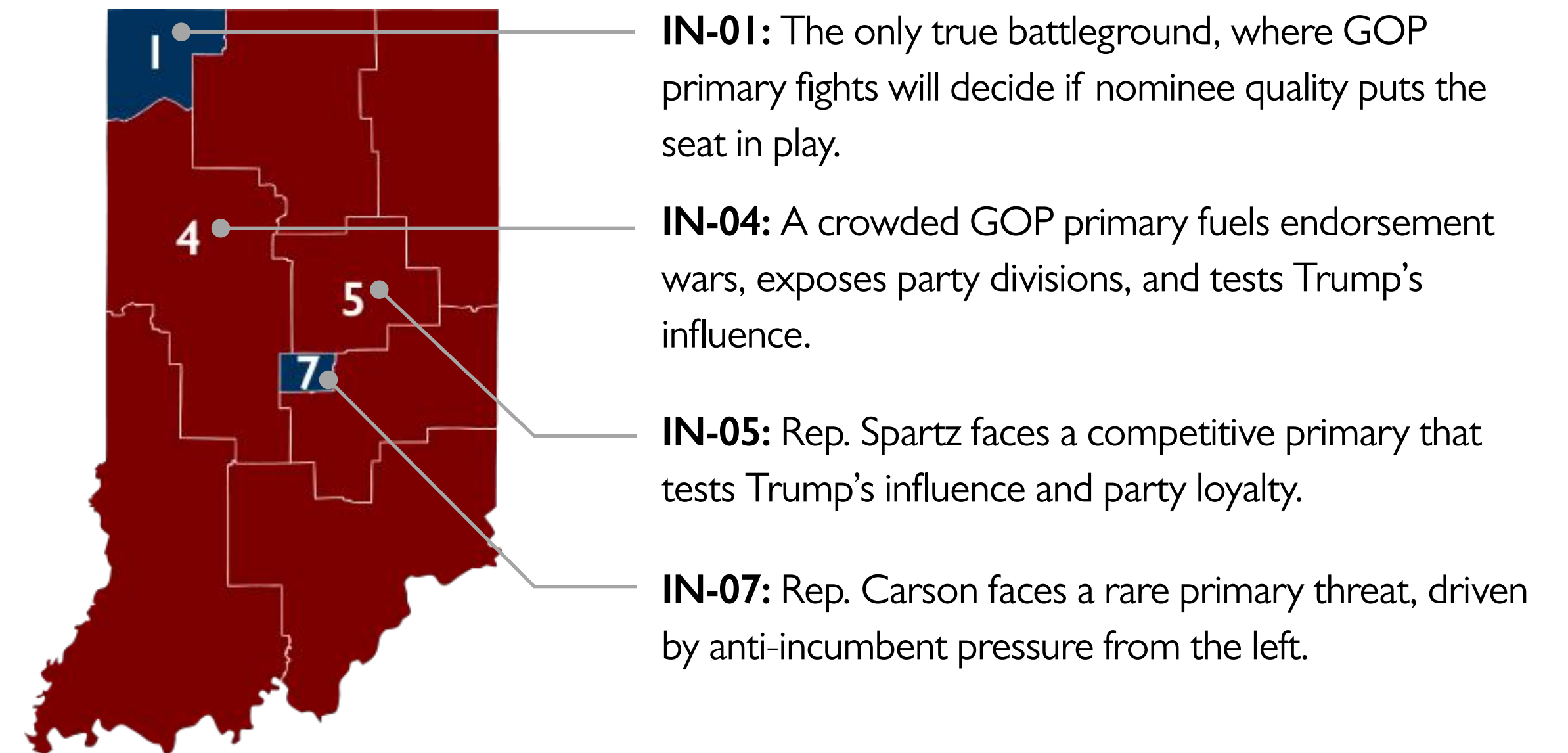
Redistricting favors Republicans, but candidate quality may limit GOP gains.



GOP pickups are not guaranteed despite favorable maps.

Indiana

Intraparty tensions are driving widespread primary challenges.



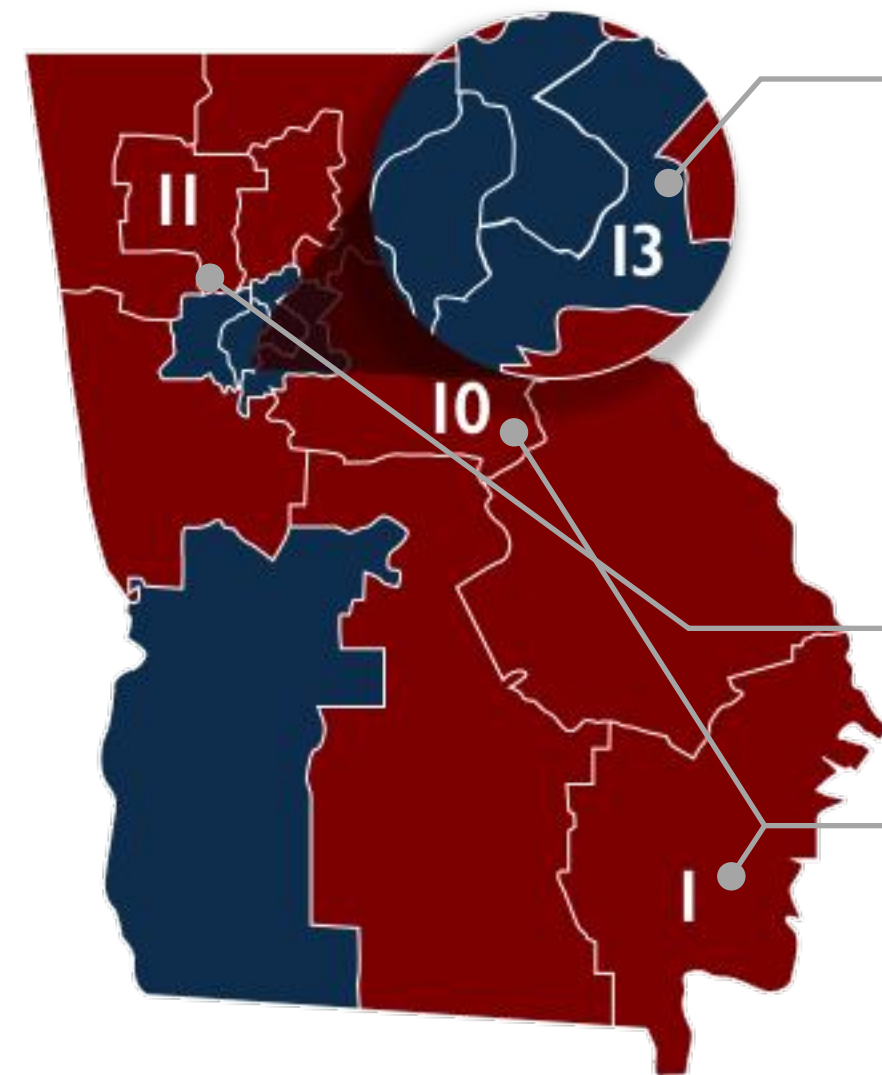
Intraparty battles, not general elections, will decide outcomes.

Sun Belt Primaries

Crowded Fields, Uncertain Outcomes

Georgia

Crowded primaries split money, attention, and votes, leaving no clear leader and fluid outcomes.



GA-13: Rep. Scott's death triggers a special election alongside the primary, creating overlapping contests with no frontrunner. His daughter's entry adds a legacy dynamic to a fragmented field. Gov. Kemp controls the timeline, adding uncertainty, while the vacancy expands the House GOP majority.

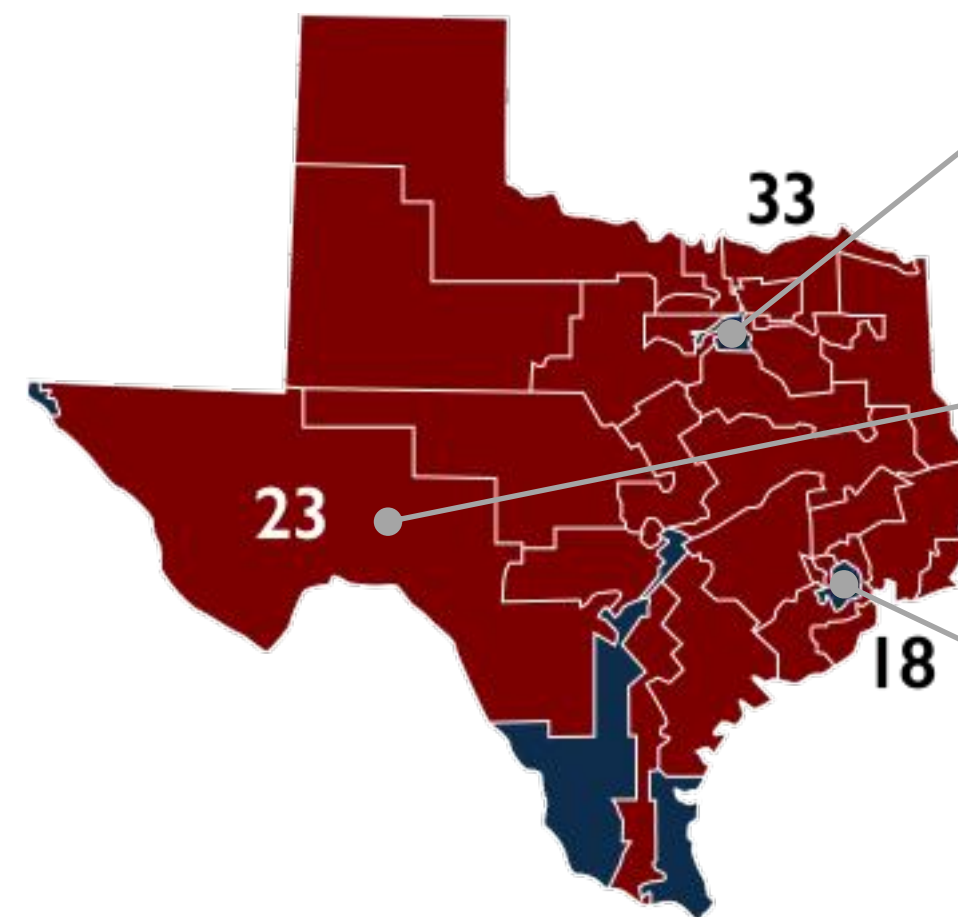
GA-11: Rep. Loudermilk's exit leaves a wide-open race, with no clear successor and resources split across contenders.

GA-01 and GA-10: Open seats test Trump's influence. Endorsements of Kingston and Gaines signal a preference for established candidates, but neither clears the field.

Fragmentation rules across districts.

Texas

Runoffs, resignations, and crowded fields scramble the map, making candidate strength, not fundamentals, the deciding factor in November.



TX-33: Rep. Johnson and former Rep. Allred clash in a redistricting-driven runoff. Allred brings name ID; Johnson holds local support.

TX-23: Rep. Gonzales resigns mid-race, forcing a reset and possible special election. Gov. Abbott sets the timeline as the general election field takes shape.

TX-18: Rep. Menefee and Rep. Green head to a May 26 runoff after neither clears 50%. Menefee has an edge in fundraising, though Green could benefit from low-turnout dynamics.

Redistricting clashes and late shifts make runoffs unpredictable.

Moving to the Left

These seats are breaking toward Democrats, putting the majority within reach



Democratic Rep. Don Davis is the most vulnerable House Democrat in the country running in a Trump +12 district. Davis holds a significant fundraising lead, bringing in more than \$1 million in the first quarter and \$3.3 million so far this cycle. He currently has \$2.9 million cash on hand.

Coming off a difficult primary, GOP opponent Laurie Buckhout raised more than \$600,000 in the first quarter and enters the second quarter with \$1.5 million in cash on hand.



GOP Rep. Rob Bresnahan is defending one of the most competitive seats for Republicans. The contest could become the most expensive House race in 2026: Bresnahan raised over \$1.2 million in Q1, but Democratic challenger Paige Cagnetti topped him with \$1.46 million. This R+4 seat could decide control of the House.



Democratic Rep. Vicente Gonzalez is fighting to hold one of the five seats targeted in redistricting. Texas' 34th District now ranks among the most competitive House races this fall, as the Rio Grande Valley continues its shift to the right.



Democrats view this as a top pickup opportunity, but a crowded and increasingly negative primary is complicating the path. State Sen. John Cavanaugh, a well-known, establishment-backed candidate, faces multiple rivals in a fragmented field.

GOP-aligned groups have also engaged in the primary, running ads that elevate Cavanaugh, signaling he may be seen as a more favorable general election opponent. With no clear consensus on the strongest nominee, Democrats risk weakening their position in a seat where candidate quality will likely decide November.

Kentucky Spotlight

Massie's primary becomes an early test of Trump's grip on the GOP

Trump vs. Massie

Libertarian firebrand and incumbent Rep. Massie broke with Trump, opposing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and pushing for transparency on Epstein-related files. Trump responded by calling for his ouster and backing a challenger, with allies prepared to spend.

Massie crushed a 2024 primary opponent with about 75% of the vote. Massie's coalition is built on small-dollar donors and a fiercely independent brand.

His 2026 opponent Ed Gallrein has Trump's endorsement and outside money. Outside groups have already spent over \$15.5M, roughly \$9.4 million backing Gallrein/against Massie vs. \$6.2M backing Massie.

What This Race Decides

A Massie win exposes limits to Trump's grip on the party. A loss reinforces it. The result signals who controls safe Republican seats.



Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

The incredible people of Kentucky's 4th Congressional District, who want desperately to get rid of Thomas Massie, the Worst "Republican" Congressman we have had in many years, gave us a mandate to, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN! The person that will help us do the job, and do it right, is Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, Fifth Generation Kentucky Farmer, and American Hero, Captain Ed Gallrein, a true Patriot. Today, Ed, who also happens to be central casting, officially filed to run for Congress. I have heard that there are other Candidates exploring a run for this seat, but I am asking all MAGA Warriors to rally behind Captain Ed Gallrein, the Candidate who is, far and away, best positioned to DEFEAT Third Rate Congressman Thomas Massie, a Weak and Pathetic RINO from the beautiful Commonwealth of Kentucky, a place I love, and won BIG, ALL THREE TIMES.

A Brave Combat Veteran, Ed knows the Wisdom and Courage required to Defend our Country, Support our Military/Veterans, and Ensure PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH. He is a big fan of our recent attack on Nicolas Maduro, the Dictator of Venezuela. Additionally, as a very successful Businessman, Ed knows how to Create GREAT Jobs, Cut Taxes and Regulations, Promote MADE IN THE U.S.A., Support our Amazing Farmers and American Agriculture, Unleash American Energy Dominance, and Champion our Nation's Golden Age. In Congress, he will fight tirelessly to Keep our now very Secure Border, SECURE, Stop Migrant Crime, and Defend our always under siege Second Amendment.

Captain Ed Gallrein has my Complete and Total Endorsement against "Congressman" Thomas Massie — He only votes AGAINST the Republican Party, making life very easy for the Radical Left. Unlike "lightweight" Congressman Massie, a true hater of Israel, and a totally ineffective LOSER who has failed us so badly, CAPTAIN ED GALLREIN IS A WINNER WHO WILL NOT LET KENTUCKY DOWN!

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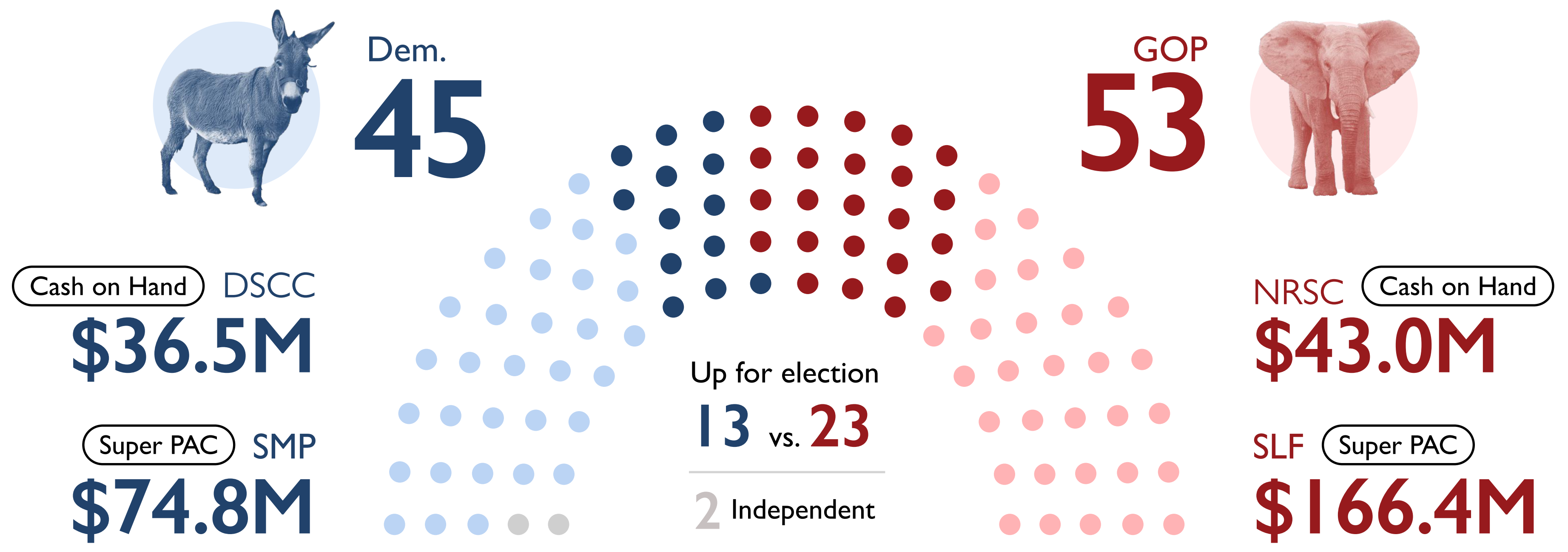


Thomas Massie
@RepThomasMassie

**i ain't reading all that
im happy for u tho
or sorry that happened**

Senate

Republicans hold a structural edge, but shifting ratings in NC, GA, OH, and NE put more seats in play for Democrats than expected.



Competitive Races



D Current Democratic Seat **R** Current GOP Seat *Retiring

Waiting on Trump in Texas

Trump promised a pick in the runoff, then went silent, leaving no clear favorite

The Matchup Likely R

Cornyn holds the institutional edge with tenure and establishment backing after advancing to the runoff.

Paxton runs as the Trump-aligned challenger in the runoff, but lacks the formal endorsement that could consolidate support.

Talarico cleared the Democratic field and waits for the GOP runoff winner. In a deep-red state, his path remains narrow.

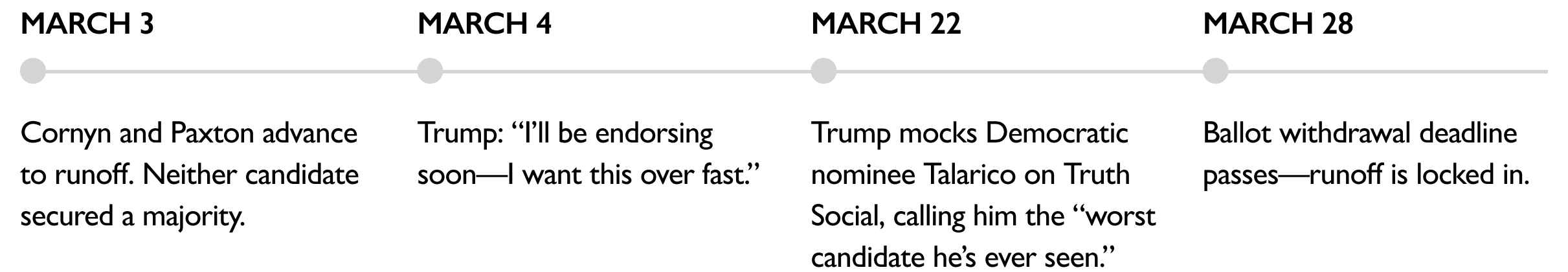
REPUBLICANS

- R** John Cornyn
4-term Incumbent
- R** Ken Paxton
State AG, impeached in 2023

DEMOCRAT

- D** James Talarico
State Legislator

How We Got Here



A Trump endorsement would reshape the race overnight. Its absence keeps both lanes intact and the outcome unsettled.

A divided GOP keeps the race unsettled, and early polling shows it could already be competitive in November.

Georgia Preview

GOP looks to unseat Ossoff, but struggles to unite behind one candidate

The Matchup

Lean D

Ossoff is running for a second term after a narrow 2021 victory in a state Trump carried in 2024.

Republicans view Georgia as one of their best pickup opportunities, but Trump has yet to endorse a candidate.

DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT

D Jon Ossoff
Senator

GOP PRIMARY ON MAY 19

R Mike Collins
Congressman, Polling 1st

R Buddy Carter
Congressman

R Derek Dooley
Former Tennessee football coach

The Fragmented Field Stays Open

GOP insiders hoped Governor Brian Kemp would enter the race. He passed and endorsed Dooley instead. Trump has yet to endorse, leaving the primary without a clear frontrunner. Mike Collins leads in early public polling, but a divided primary field risks producing a weakened nominee heading into a difficult general election.

A Trump endorsement would reshape the field overnight. Without it, the race remains unsettled — and whichever Republican emerges may face Ossoff without the unified party support needed to flip the seat.

With no candidate expected to eclipse 50% of the primary vote, the field is likely headed to a June runoff, extending GOP infighting and delaying consolidation.

GOP division is giving Ossoff an early advantage in a race that should be competitive.

Is Ohio Back in Play?

Ohio is reemerging as a swing state, giving Democrats a real pickup path

The Matchup Toss Up

Ohio spent years drifting right, with Republicans dominating statewide races and shrinking the battleground. A state Trump won three times now sits as a toss up.

Brown's return forces the issue, with Republicans responding with \$79 million in defensive spending to protect Husted. Early polling shows a narrow race, with neither side in control.

Brown's economic populism and brand with working-class voters give him crossover appeal in a red-leaning state. The GOP also faces potential headwinds from a competitive gubernatorial race and down-ballot dynamics.

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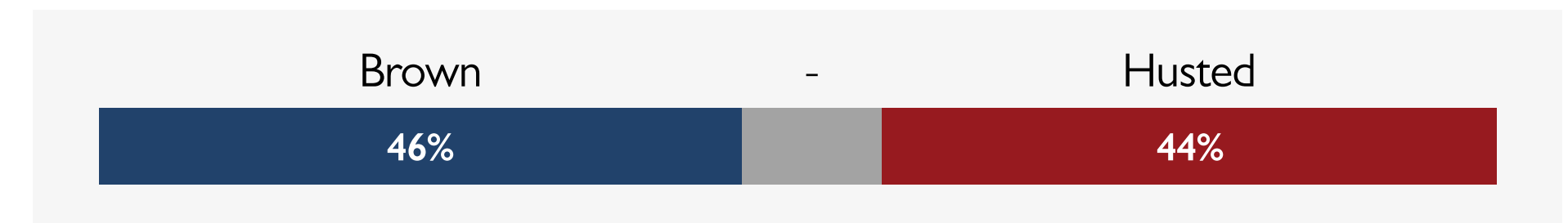
D Sherrod Brown
Former Senator

REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT

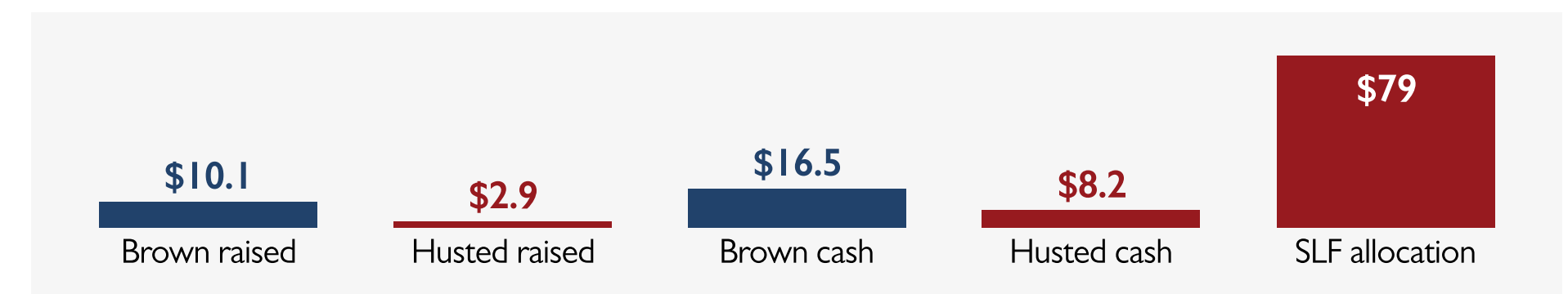
R Jon Husted
Senator; Former Lieutenant Governor

By The Numbers

Early polling shows neither candidate pulling ahead.



Republicans are flooding the race with cash to hold onto Ohio.



Ohio is back in play, with Republicans spending big on defense.

Emerging Races to Watch

Maine anchors the map, while other races could emerge depending on candidates and conditions

Maine ● Toss Up

Susan Collins (R) vs. Graham Platner (D)

Sen. Collins has outrun the GOP brand for years, but pressure is building in a blue state. Gov. Janet Mills' late exit reshaped the race, but presumptive Democratic nominee Graham Platner enters with unresolved controversies that create early headwinds in spite of grassroots support.

The race is expected to be close regardless, with Collins' crossover strength tested in a polarized environment.

New Hampshire ● Lean D

Open Seat (D) vs. TBD (R)

Rep. Pappas enters as the Democratic favorite, but Republicans see an opening.

Former Sen. John E. Sununu leads the GOP field, which also includes former MA Sen. Scott Brown. Party leaders argue that Sununu, the brother of the popular former governor, keeps the race competitive.

Recent polling shows a statistical tie, but in a favorable Democratic environment, Republicans still face an uphill path to an upset.

Iowa ● Likely R

Open Seat (R) vs. TBD (D)

Sen. Ernst's exit creates an opening, but the primary will decide if Democrats compete.

Wahls vs. Turek is an electability test:

- State Rep. Turek (establishment) has crossover appeal and a track record of winning in red areas
- State Sen. Wahls (progressive) leads in early polling but risks being defined as too liberal

Republicans signal they prefer Wahls, underscoring the stakes of the primary outcome.

Nebraska ● Likely R

Pete Ricketts (R) vs. TBD (D) vs. Dan Osborn (I)

GOP Sen. Ricketts faces a first full-term test but enters far stronger than Sen. Fischer did in 2024.

Osborn, a blue-collar independent who nearly upset Sen. Deb Fischer in 2024, returns with cross-party appeal that keeps the race on the edge of competitiveness, but his support may be capped without a broader shift in the environment.

These races hinge less on the map and more on whether parties nominate candidates who can actually win.

Southern Infighting

AL, LA, and KY are safely Republican, but the intraparty dynamics are worth watching

Alabama ● Likely R

Barry Moore vs. Steve Marshall vs. Jared Hudson

Sen. Tuberville's run for governor creates an open-seat Republican primary and a rare scramble for succession. Rep. Moore holds Trump's endorsement and a clear lead, consolidating early support, while state AG Marshall and businessman Hudson remain in the race without closing the gap or redefining the contest.

Louisiana ● Likely R

Bill Cassidy vs. Julia Letlow vs. John Fleming

Incumbent Sen. Cassidy faces a volatile three-way primary with Trump-backed Rep. Letlow and state Treasurer John Fleming. A June runoff looks likely, with no candidate near 50% and a real risk Cassidy could be shut out. His 2021 impeachment vote to convict Trump remains a core liability, while his vote to confirm Robert F. Kennedy Jr. limits crossover support.

Letlow's low name recognition and inability to pull away from Cassidy in public polling have opened a path for Fleming, as Trump's endorsement has yet to consolidate the field.

Kentucky ● Solid R

Andy Barr vs. Daniel Cameron

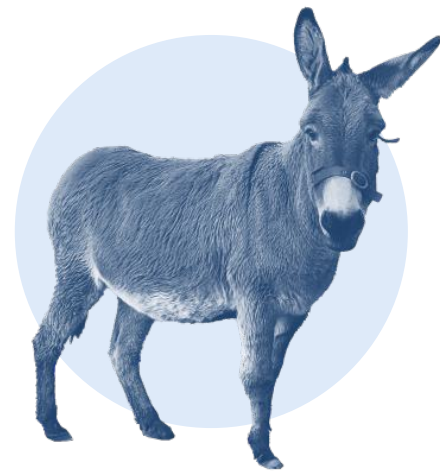
An open-seat race to replace Sen. McConnell has quickly consolidated after Trump endorsed Rep. Andy Barr and pushed outsider Nate Morris out of the race, with Morris exiting to join the administration and backing Barr.

Barr now enters as the clear Trump-backed frontrunner, combining financial strength with MAGA alignment. Former state AG Daniel Cameron remains a contender but must navigate ties to McConnell while arguing Barr represents the establishment lane.

These three Republican primaries are turning into intraparty fights shaped by Trump, runoffs, and competing factions.

Governors

State power takes center stage as redistricting battles escalate nationwide. Governors and state legislatures are emerging as key players as states respond to the Supreme Court’s VRA ruling.



“New York has always led the fight for voting rights... we’ll lead again.”

Gov. Kathy Hochul

“Illinois will be fighting back... could net Democrats up to 3 seats.”

Gov. JB Pritzker

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Democratic governors		Up for election

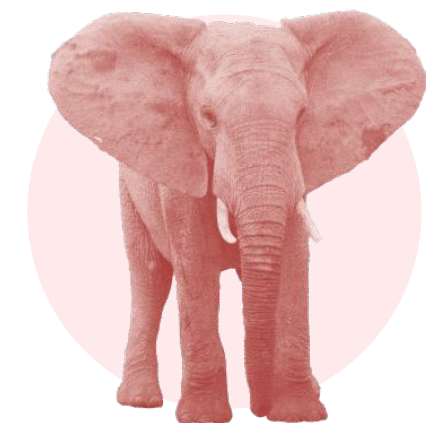


“Redistrict another Republican seat in Memphis... cement Trump’s agenda.”

Marsha Blackburn (TN Gov. candidate)

"...Alabama... should send an entire Republican delegation to Washington.”

Tommy Tuberville (AL Gov. candidate)



18		26
Up for election		Republican governors

Governors’ races will determine who draws the next congressional maps.

Capitol Hill to State Capitals

Record number of lawmakers are leaving Washington for statewide runs

Current Member	Party	State	Current Status	Primary Date
Rep. Mikie Sherrill	D Democrat	NJ	Won	11/4/25
Sen. Tommy Tuberville	R Republican	AL	Running	5/19/26
Rep. Chip Roy	R Republican	TX	Primary Runoff	5/26/26
Rep. Eric Swalwell	D Democrat	CA	Dropped Out	6/2/26
Rep. Randy Feenstra	R Republican	IA	Running	6/2/26
Rep. Dusty Johnson	R Republican	SD	Running	6/2/26
Rep. Ralph Norman	R Republican	SC	Running	6/9/26
Rep. Nancy Mace	R Republican	SC	Running	6/9/26
Sen. Michael Bennet	D Democrat	CO	Running	6/30/26

Current Member	Party	State	Current Status	Primary Date
Rep. David Schweikert	R Republican	AZ	Running	7/21/26
Rep. Andy Biggs	R Republican	AZ	Running	7/21/26
Rep. John James	R Republican	MI	Running	8/4/26
Sen. Marsha Blackburn	R Republican	TN	Running	8/6/26
Rep. John Rose	R Republican	TN	Running	8/6/26
Sen. Amy Klobuchar	D Democrat	MN	Running	8/11/26
Rep. Tom Tiffany	R Republican	WI	Running	8/11/26
Rep. Byron Donalds	R Republican	FL	Running	8/18/26

Georgia Spotlight

Crowded primaries and shifting dynamics keep a toss up race wide open

Democratic Primary

Democrats have an opportunity to flip the Governor's seat this cycle but face primary challenges of their own. No candidate locks down the field.

Bottoms leads early, yet Thurmond, Esteves, and Duncan remain within reach, which keeps a runoff in play. Recent results add fuel. Democrats won a 2025 statewide utility race by 25 points and flipped a 12-point State House seat.

A congressional special election in Georgia's 14th district delivered a 25-point swing toward Democrats, the largest this cycle. Momentum shows up on paper. Structure still looks messy.



Bottoms



Brown



Duffy



Duncan



Esteves



Jackson



Thurmond

Republican Primary

On the Republican side, healthcare executive Rick Jackson, a self-funding entrant with \$50+ million to deploy, blows open the field and turns a predictable primary into a volatile contest. Lt. Gov. Burt Jones no longer runs unopposed in spirit or in money.

The split sharpens along a familiar fault line: Jones anchors the Trump lane with the endorsement, while Carr and Raffensperger chase voters who care more about general election viability than loyalty tests.

That divide almost guarantees a runoff. Fragmentation leaves no clean path to a majority.



Carr



Dean



Jackson



Jones



Kirkpatrick



Raffensperger



Williams



Yasger

Nominee quality will decide 2026, but control of the governorship could shape Georgia's maps in the next redistricting cycle.

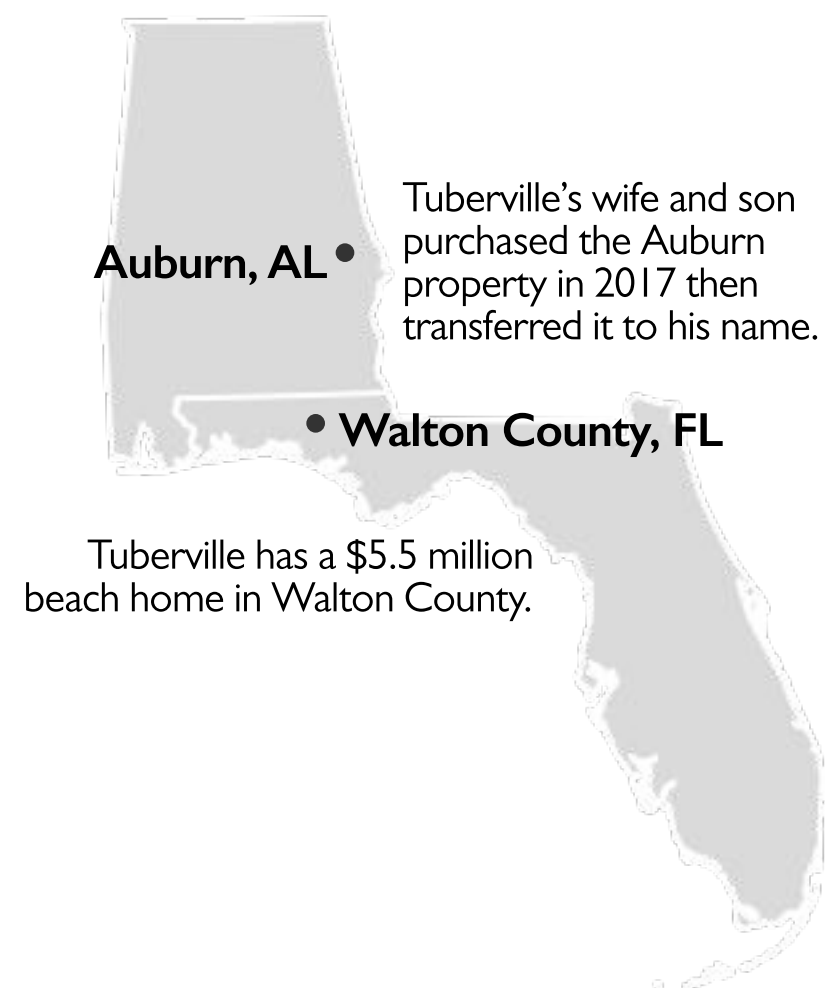
Alabama Spotlight

Tuberville leads easily, but residency questions and a credible Democrat create tension

Republican Primary

Sen. Tommy Tuberville holds the field with strong name ID, [Trump alignment](#), and no serious primary threat. The bench stays thin, even as some [intraparty frustration](#) surfaces.

The risk does not come from a rival candidate—it comes from a Tuberville vulnerability. Residency questions hang over the race, and Democrats plan to press [eligibility](#) arguments under the state constitution's seven-year requirement. That line of attack does not flip the state, but it complicates what should be a clean runway.



Democratic Primary

Democrats bring a known quantity and a narrow path. Doug Jones remains the party's [strongest statewide candidate](#), with a past statewide win that proves viability under the right conditions.

The [playbook](#) is straightforward: prosecute the residency case, question Tuberville's ties to the state, and frame the race around competence. The constraint is structural. Alabama has not elected a Democratic governor since [1998](#), and the partisan gap leaves little margin for error.

Tuberville dominates politically, but the residency lawsuit ensures the race isn't fully settled.

Iowa Spotlight

A strong Democratic recruit and shifting dynamics put a red-state governorship in play

Real Opening for Democrats

State Auditor Rob Sand turns this into a real race. As Iowa's only Democratic statewide elected official, he has built a durable brand, winning and being re-elected even as Democrats lost every other statewide office in tough cycles.

Sand holds a major cash advantage over likely GOP nominee Rep. Randy Feenstra, while Republicans remain stuck in a contested primary that delays consolidation.

Sand runs beyond the base, pairing crossover appeal with scale through 800+ town halls and a 99-county tour. His record fundraising, bipartisan support, and anti-corruption profile give him credibility in a red state.

Additionally, trade policy pressure and Gov. Reynolds' sustained unpopularity create a rare opening in Iowa.

Best Democratic opportunity in decades, but Iowa still makes Democrats prove it.

Rob Sand's Numbers Add Up

4x

Sand has 4x the cash of likely GOP nominee Rep. Randy Feenstra.

800+

Sand hosted 800+ town halls across 99 counties on his tour.

24,756

Sand submitted 24,756 petition signatures to the Secretary of State.

California Spotlight

Swalwell's exit and Trump's endorsement reshuffle the field, but no clear leader emerges

Recent Developments Reshape the Race

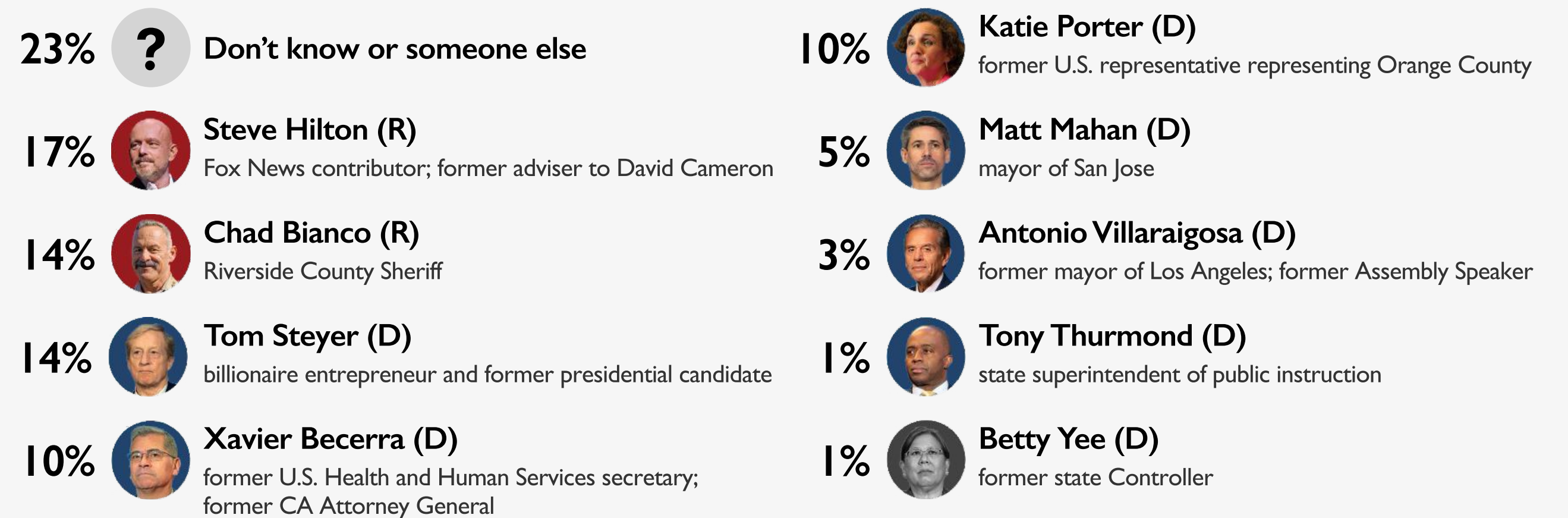
Swalwell's exit scrambled the race and accelerated late movement. Xavier Becerra now gains traction across multiple polls as Democrats begin to coalesce around an experienced statewide candidate.

Donald Trump's endorsement pushed Steve Hilton into early contention but failed to unify Republicans or reshape the field. The move may have reduced the risk of a Democratic lockout by sharpening partisan lines.

Republicans remain competitive at the top, but the likelihood of both advancing has declined as at least one Democrat now consistently polls within striking distance of the top two.

A large undecided bloc keeps the race fluid, with no candidate breaking out of the low-20s.

Current Polling Snapshot: California Governor Primary



A fragmented field and undecided vote keep the race open, with consolidation—not candidate strength—deciding who advances.

Appendix

Departing Congress

Retiring

Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA)
Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)
Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL)
Rep. Daniel Webster (R-FL)
Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL)
Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)
Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)
Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL)
Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)
Rep. Jesús “Chuy” García (D-IL)
Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)
Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)
Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME)
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO)
Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-MT)
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)
Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ)
Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV)
Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY)
Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY)
Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA)
Rep. Jodey C. Arrington (R-TX)
Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX)
(Lost Primary)
Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
Rep. Morgan Luttrell (R-TX)
Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)
Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX)
Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)
Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)
Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA)
Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)

Running for Other Office

Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL) (Senate)
Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) (Governor)
Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ) (Governor)
Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ) (Governor)
Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL) (Governor)
Rep. Earl L. “Buddy” Carter (R-GA) (Senate)
Rep. Mike Collins (R-GA) (Senate)
Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA) (Governor)
Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA) (Senate)
Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL) (Senate)
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (Senate)
Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) (Senate)
Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA) (Senate)
Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA) (Senate)
Rep. John James (R-MI) (Governor)
Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI) (Senate)
Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN) (Senate)
Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH) (Senate)
Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK) (Senate)
Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC) (Governor)
Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC) (Governor)
Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD) (Governor)
Rep. John W. Rose (R-TN) (Governor)
Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-TX) (Senate)
Rep. Wesley Hunt (R-TX) (Senate)
Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) (TX AG)
Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI) (Governor)
Rep. Harriet M. Hageman (R-WY) (Senate)

Resigned

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)
Rep. Mark E. Green (R-TN)
Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX)
Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (D-FL)
Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)

Deceased

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ)
Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)
Rep. Sylvester Turner (D-TX)
Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-VA)
Rep. David Scott (D-GA)

Left for Another Position

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)
Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL)
Sen. JD Vance (R-OH)
Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)

Elected to Other Office

Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ)

71 Departing House | **13** Departing Senate

Note: Includes retirements, runs for other office, resignations, and deaths.

Invariant

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