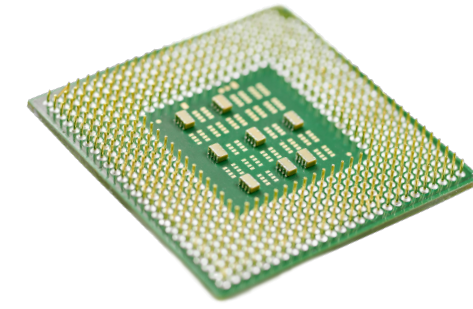


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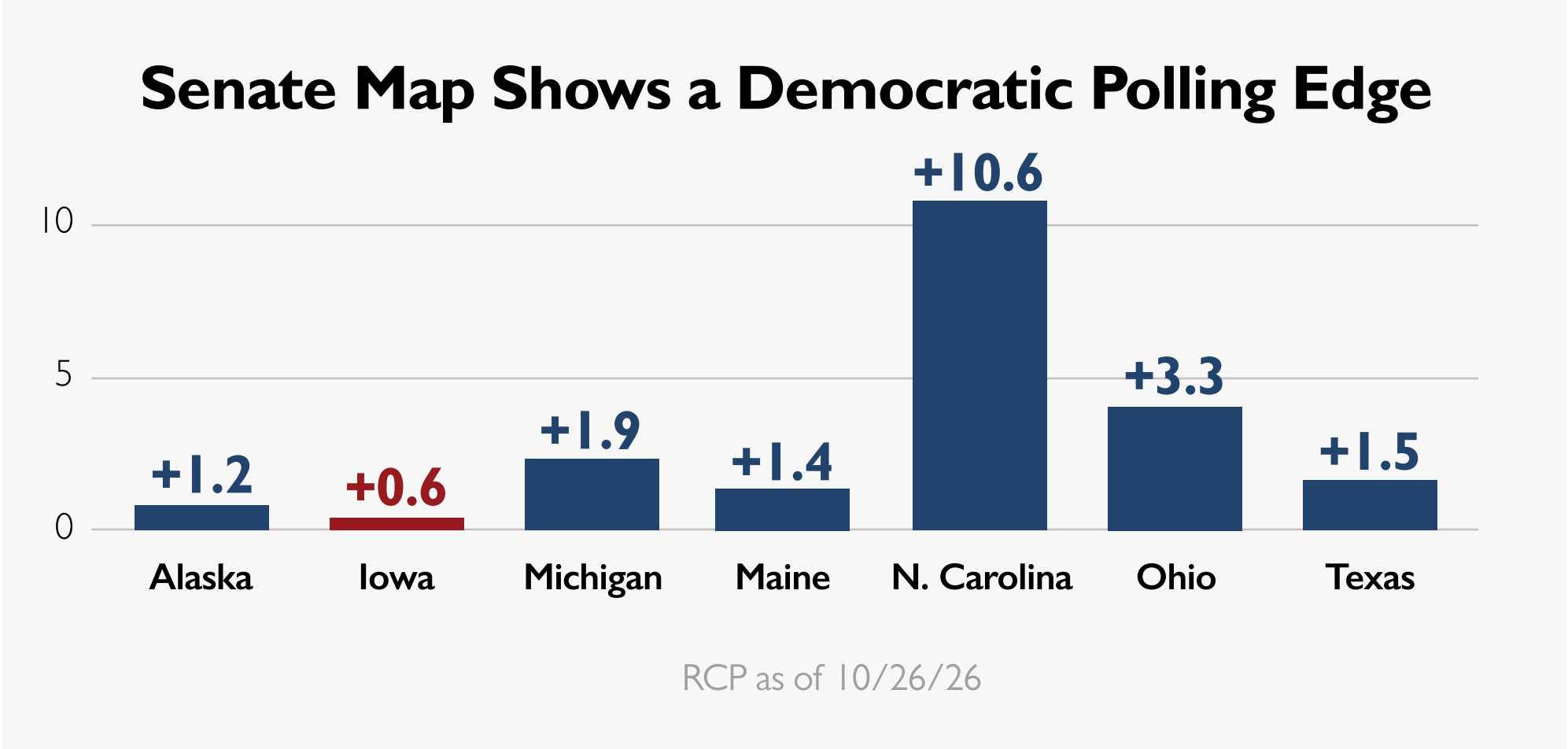
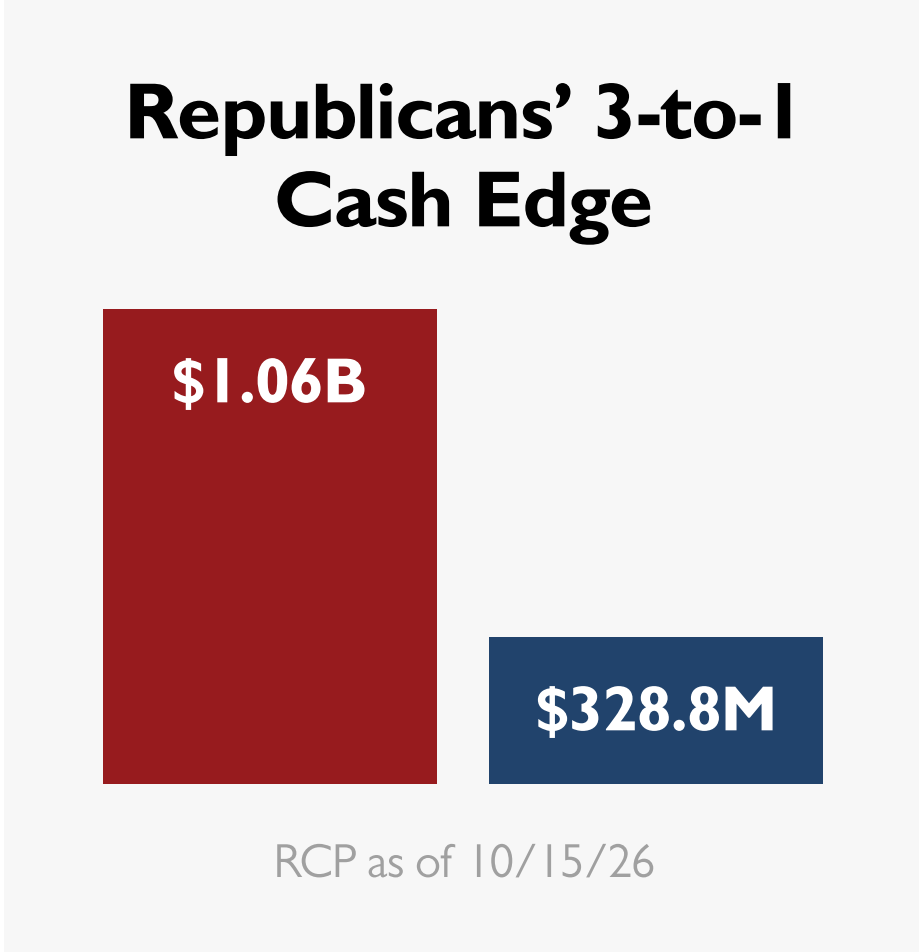
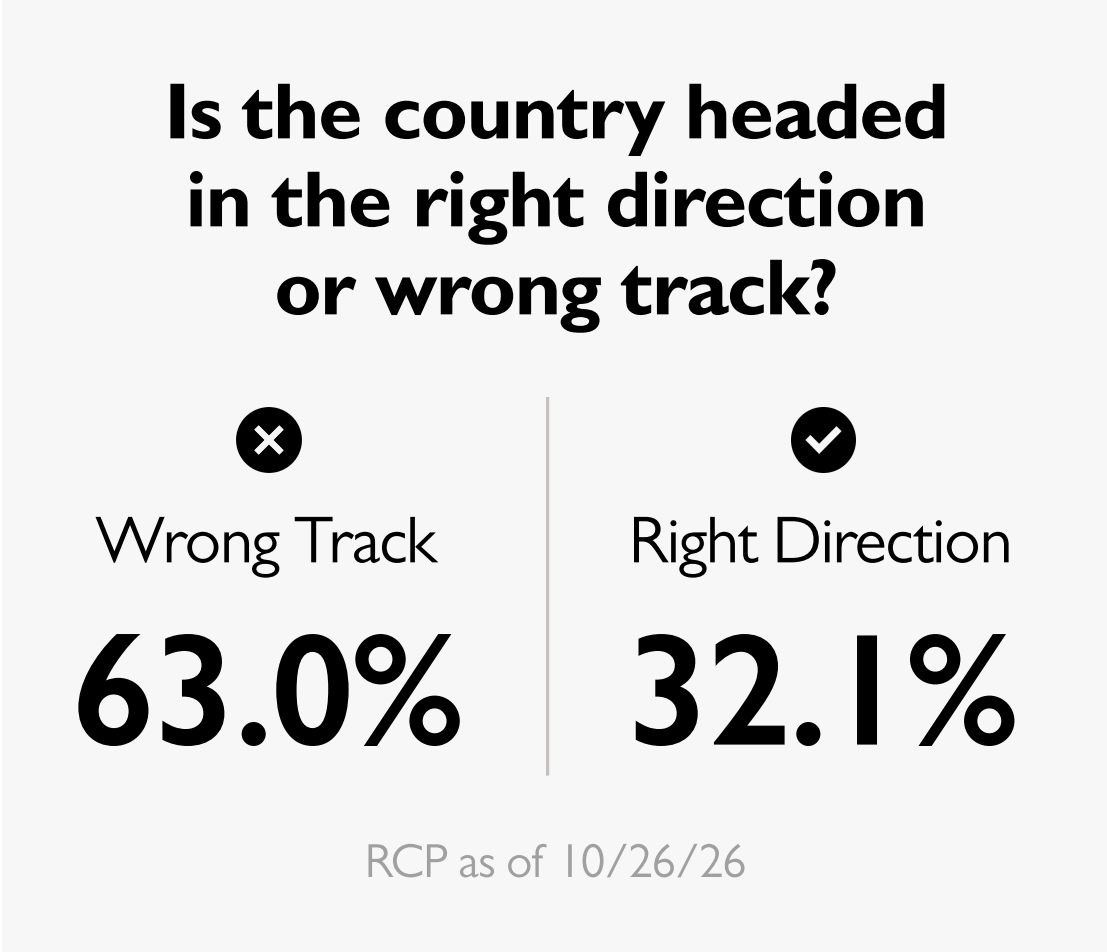
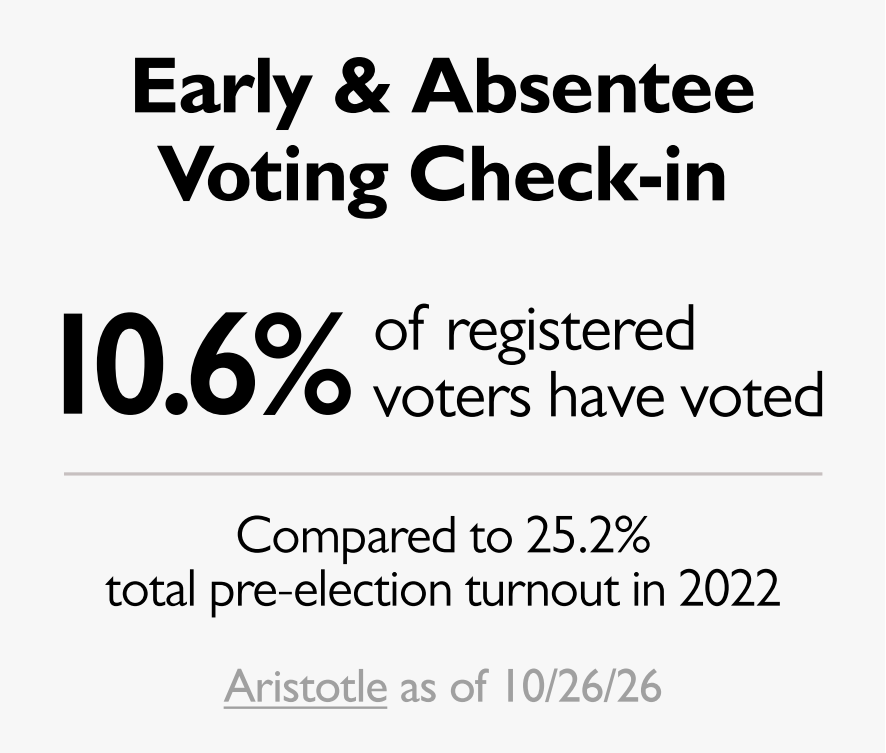
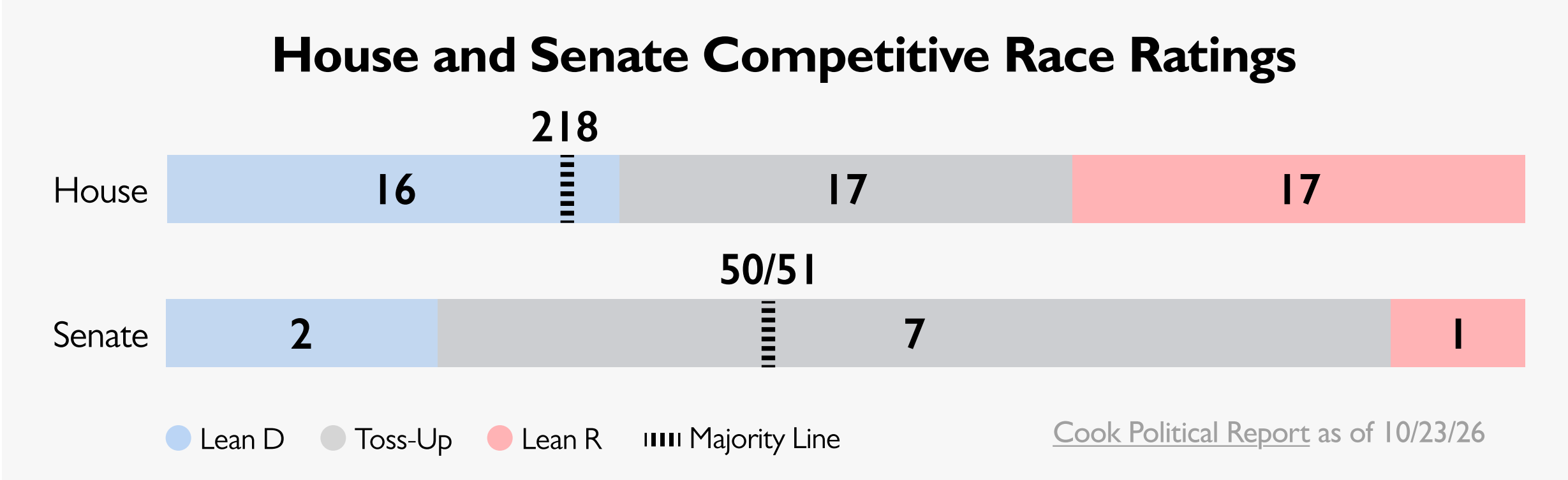
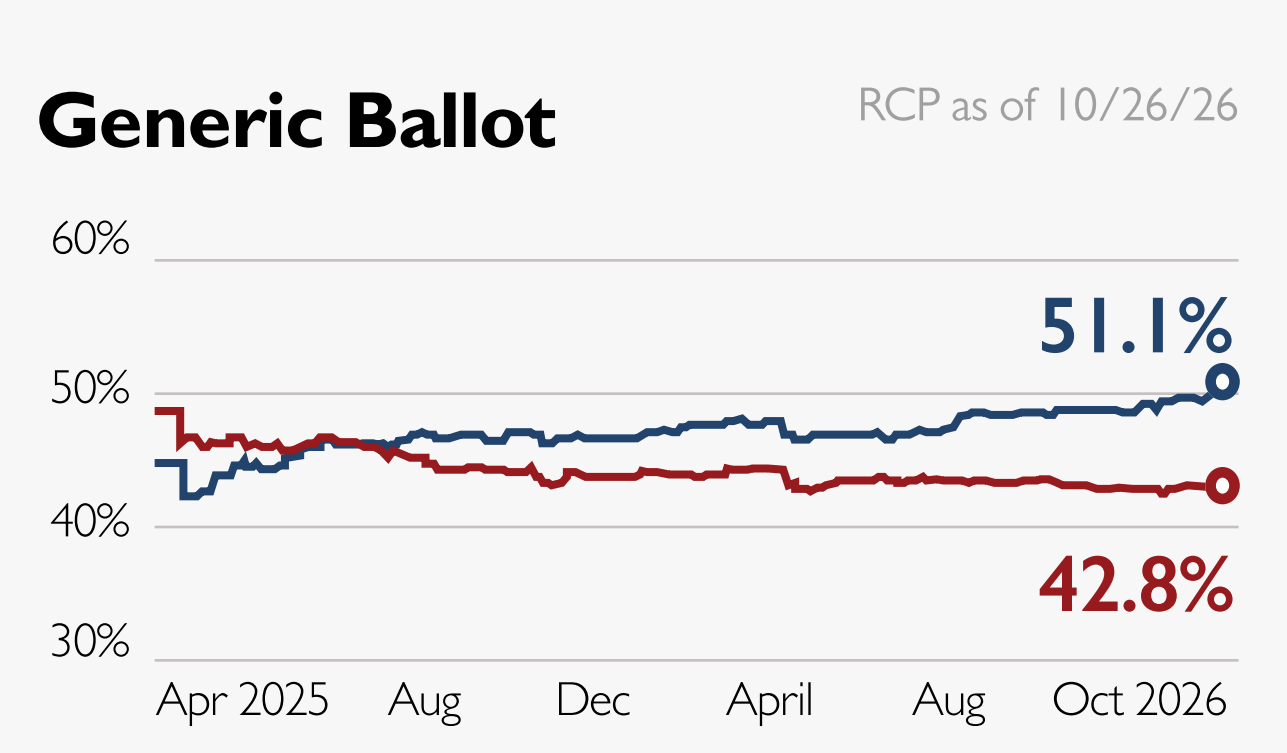
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Election Update



Elections Snapshot

A quick look at the 2026 midterm election cycle...





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days until the 2026 election

Elections at a Glance

Democrats' House advantage grows as an expanding Senate battlefield puts Republican control at risk.

House

17

Toss-Up House seats

Democrats are favored to win the majority.

Democrats are favored in 220 seats, above the 218 needed for a majority, with a projected gain of 12–22 seats. Nineteen more races have shifted their way, expanding Republican vulnerabilities into traditionally safe territory.

Senate

7

Toss-Up Senate seats

Senate control is now a true toss-up.

Democrats' projected gain of 2–6 seats puts the four needed for control within reach. South Carolina and Mississippi have grown more competitive, stretching Republican defenses, while a tightening Minnesota race gives Democrats another seat to watch.

Governors

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Toss-Up Governor seats

The battlefield stretches beyond Congress.

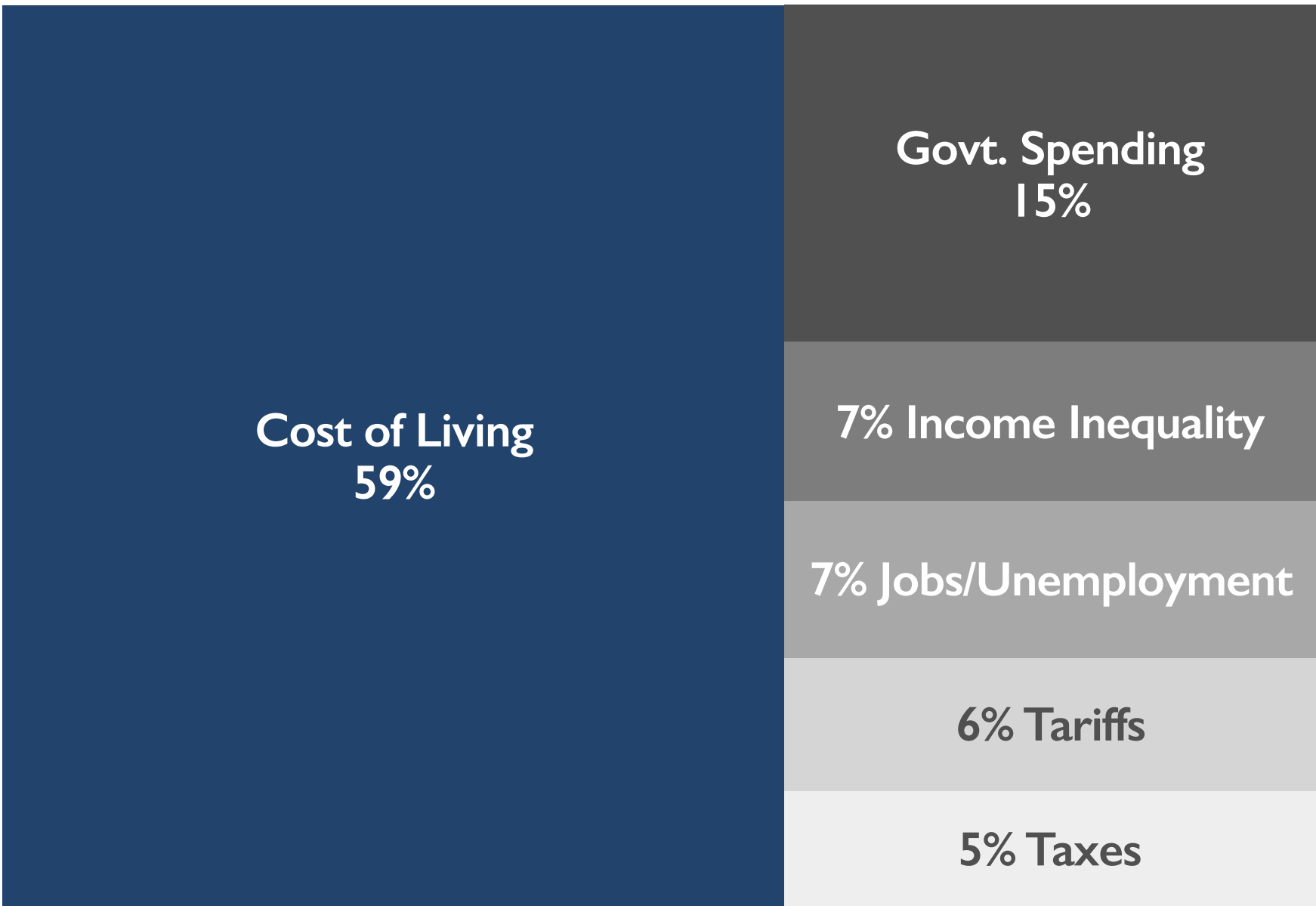
Alaska and Ohio now join Iowa as a Democratic-leaning pickup opportunity, while Georgia and Nevada remain competitive. Republicans still have the advantage in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Vermont, but those races have become less secure.

The House fight increasingly centers on the size of a Democratic majority. Senate control still hinges on a handful of close races.

What's driving the vote?

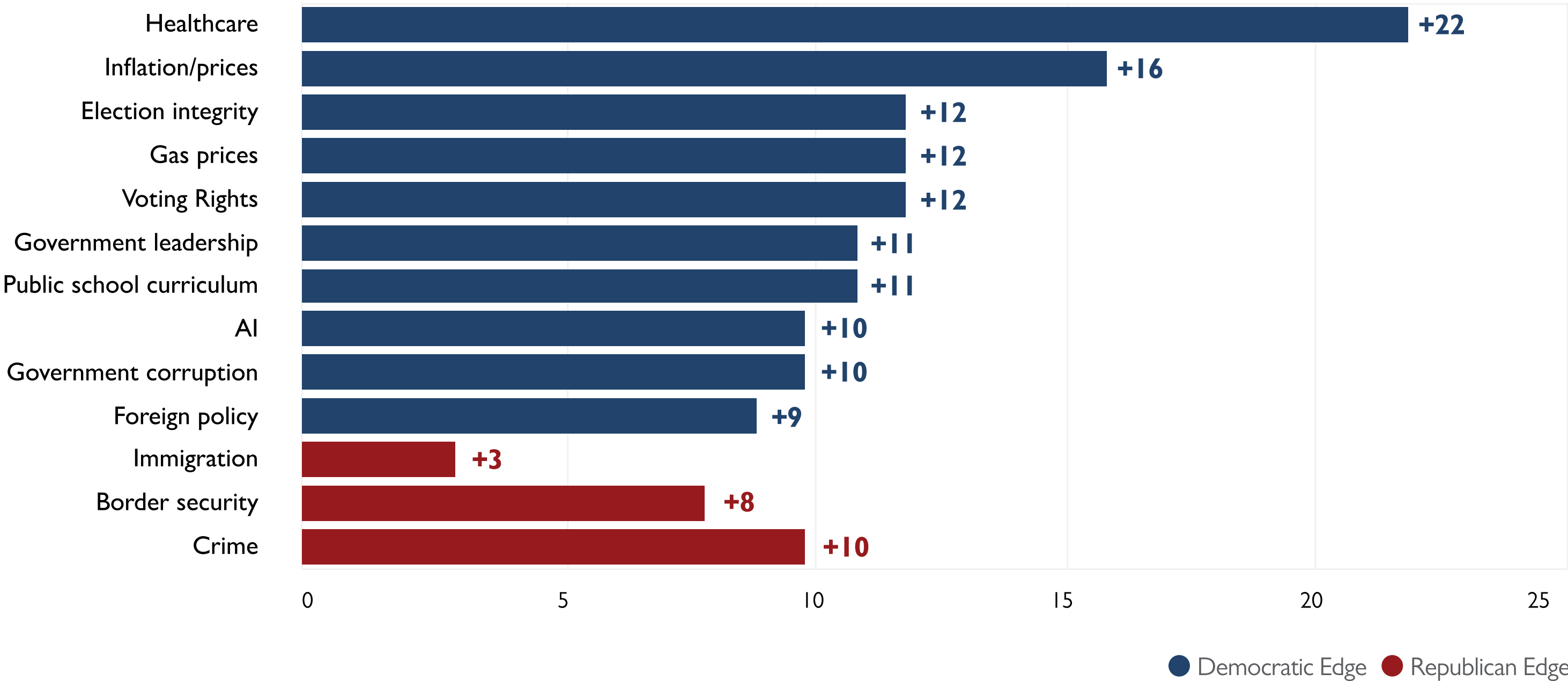
High costs fuel voter frustration. Corruption gives Democrats another opening.

Cost of living dominates economic priorities



59% name cost of living as the country's most important economic issue.

Democrats lead on most issues, reversing the GOP's edge on inflation



60% of voters are extremely concerned about government corruption

Data Center Backlash

Rising electricity costs and the rapid AI buildout are turning local data-center disputes into campaign issues for candidates in both parties.

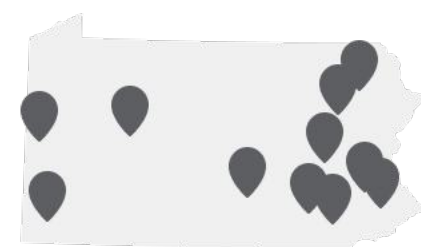
Where data-center disputes are showing up



Ohio

Senate Race

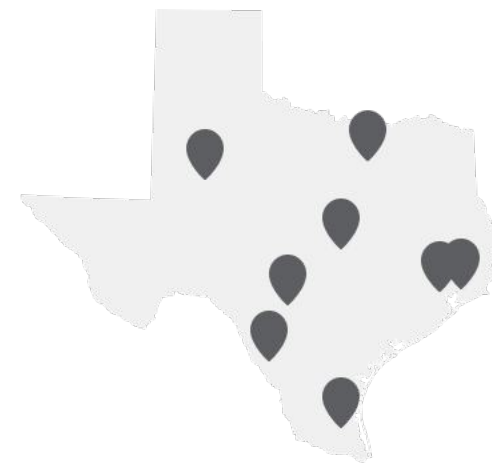
Sherrod Brown (D) has attacked Sen. Jon Husted's (R) past support for data-center development; Husted has backed legislation intended to protect ratepayers from data-center-driven electricity costs.



Pennsylvania

House Race (PA-08)

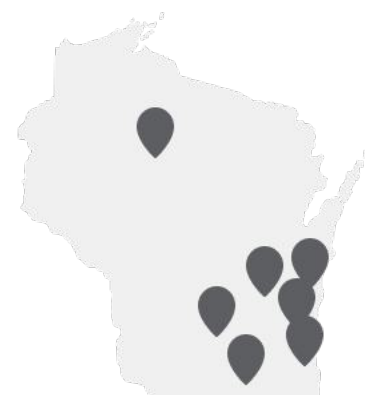
Both Democratic challenger Paige Cognito and Republican Rep. Rob Bresnahan have aired anti-data-center messages.



Texas

Governor Race

Democrat Gina Hinojosa has attacked Gov. Greg Abbott over data centers, while Abbott himself has moved toward advocating for additional restrictions.



Wisconsin

Governor Race

Republican Rep. Tom Tiffany has dubbed David Crowley "Data Center Dave," attacking his past support for making Wisconsin an AI and data-center hub; Crowley now emphasizes local control and ratepayer protections.

By the numbers

63% of voters oppose a data center in their community

69% of Independents oppose data centers

\$53M+ spent on data-center ads

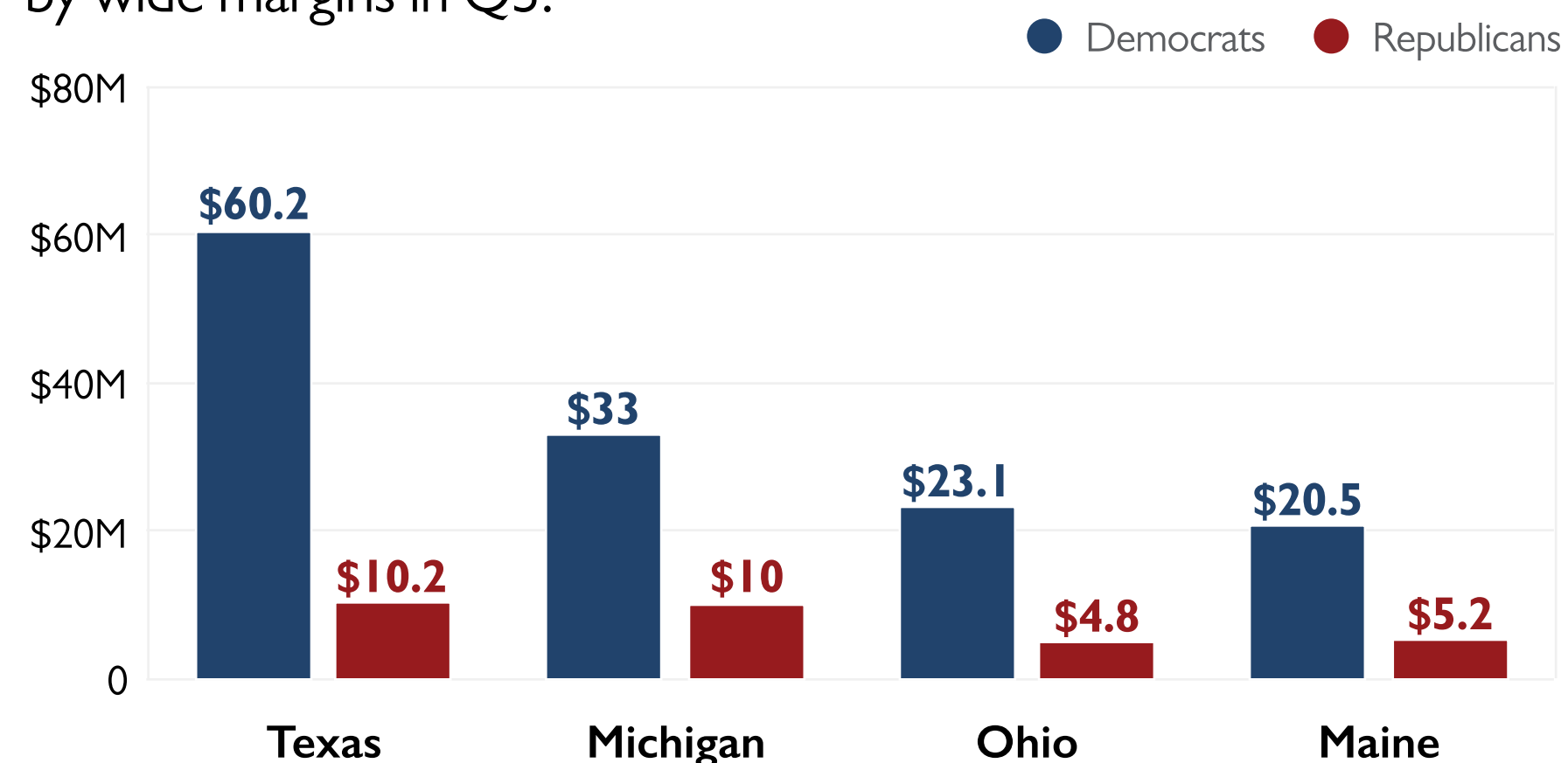
The backlash is putting past support for data-center development under scrutiny, forcing candidates to defend their records and offer stronger protections for communities.

Democrats raise, Republicans spend

Democrats outraise GOP opponents by as much as 6-to-1 in Senate races, while Republican megadonors bankroll a massive outside spending advantage.

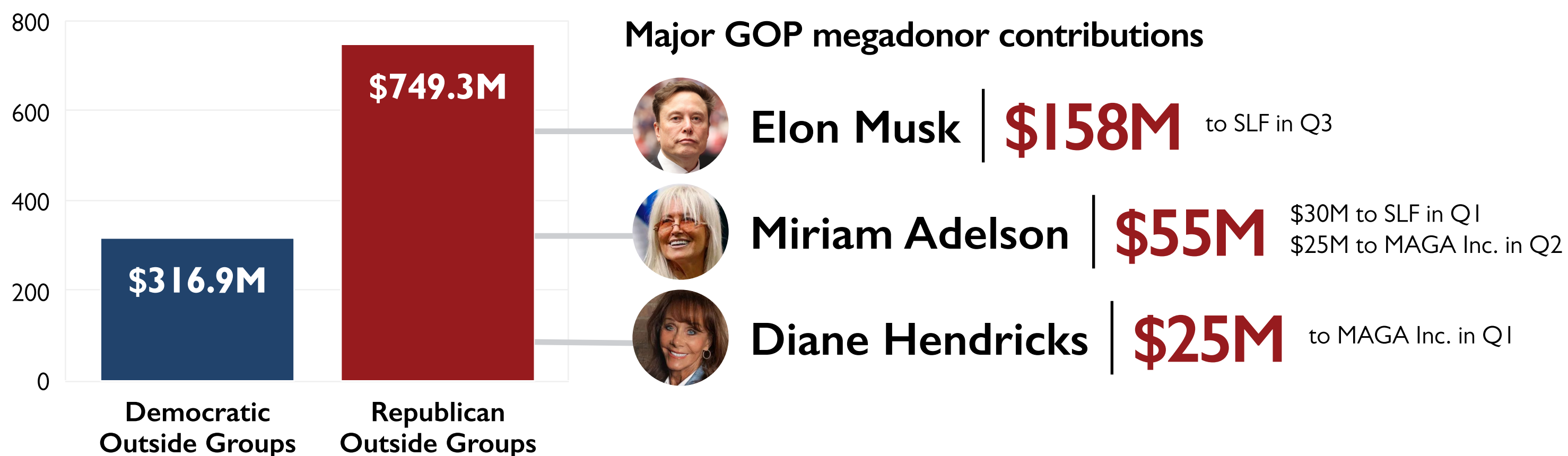
Democratic candidates win the money race

Democratic Senate candidates outraised their GOP opponents by wide margins in Q3.



GOP outside groups power the ad blitz

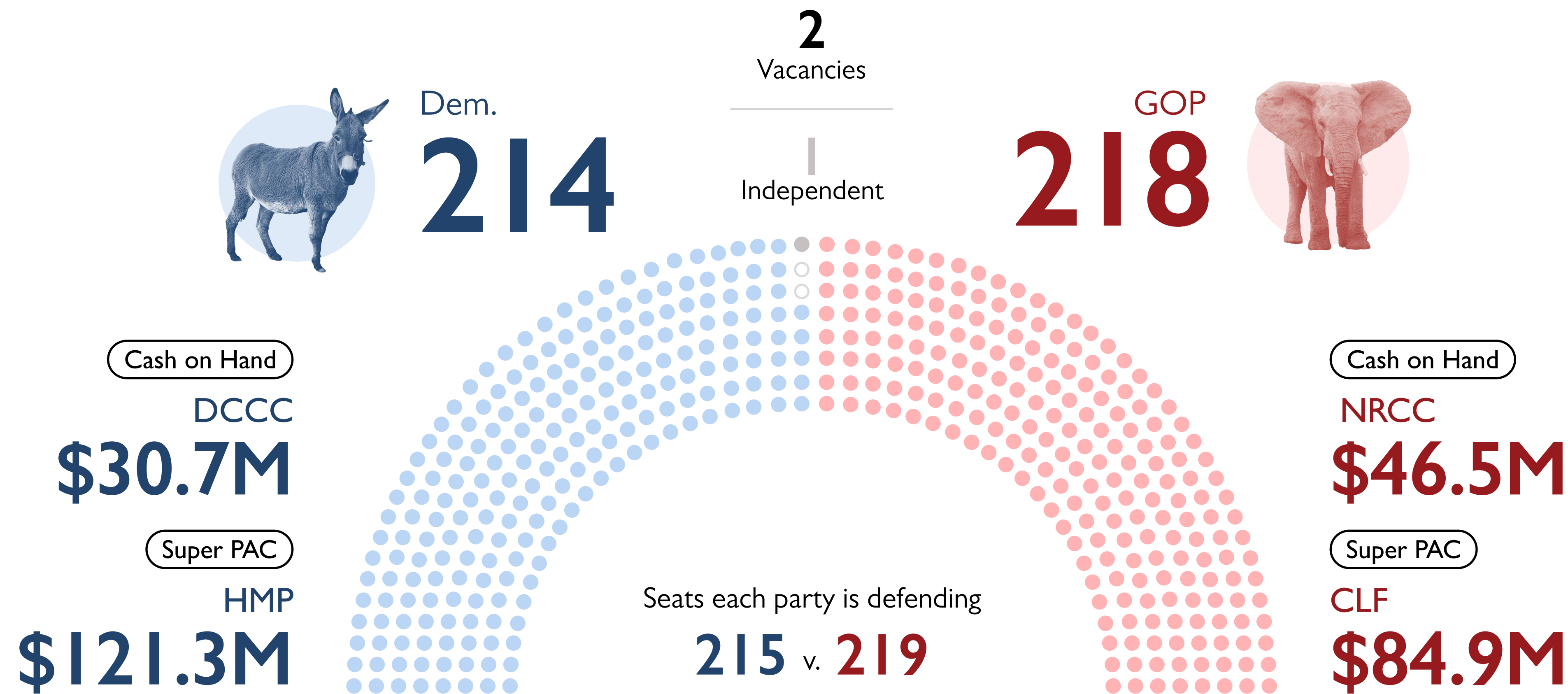
GOP outside groups have spent more than twice as much as Democratic groups on Senate ads.



GOP megadonors are bridging the fundraising gap, but Senate battleground polls have barely moved despite the spending surge.

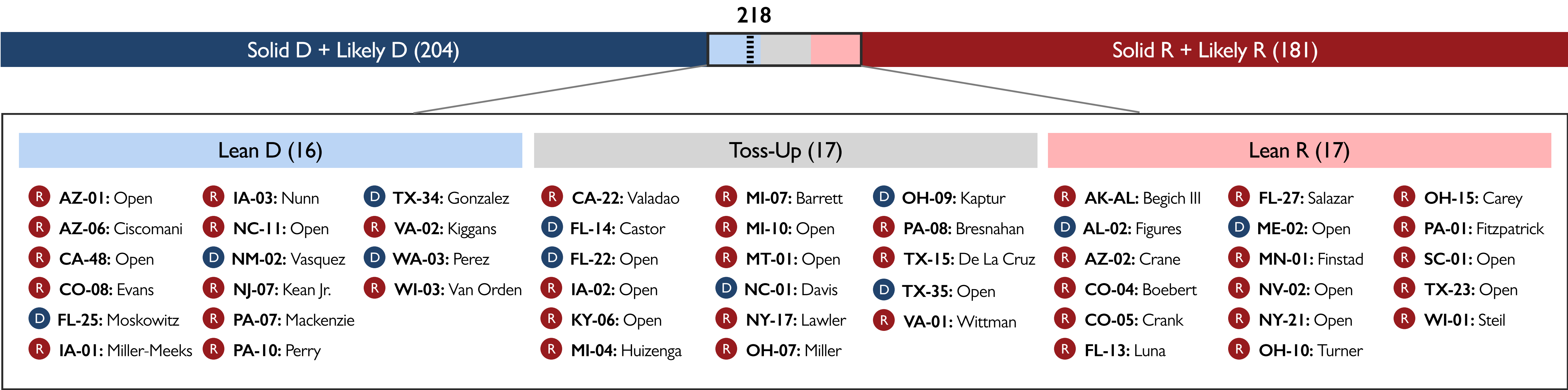
House

Democrats are favored to flip the House as Republicans redirect spending to limit losses across an expanding battlefield.



The Math to 218

Democrats are projected to gain 12–22 seats, giving them a majority with a potential caucus of 227-237 Democratic Members.



Democrats have room to lose close races and still win the House. Republicans must defend a growing number of competitive seats, including districts Trump carried comfortably in 2024.

Election Night Timeline

When polls close in key House races and what the results could reveal.

7-7:30 PM

Fast-reporting Florida offers the first redistricting test, followed by NC and OH. Democrats are favored in VA-02 and NC-11; flipping VA-01 would signal deeper Republican trouble.

- D

FL-14: Castor* v. Beltran
- R

FL-27: Rodriguez v. Salazar*
- D

NC-01: Davis* v. Buckhout
- R

NC-11: Ager v. Balkcom
- D

OH-09: Kaptur* v. Merrin
- R

OH-10: Knickerbocker v. Turner*
- R

VA-01: Taylor v. Wittman*
- R

VA-02: Luria v. Kiggans*
- Toss-Up
- Lean R
- Toss-Up
- Lean D
- Toss-Up
- Lean R
- Toss-Up
- Lean D

8 PM

Democrats are favored in PA-07 and PA-10. Michigan's Toss-Ups test their next gains; flipping PA-01 would signal a broader wave.

- R

PA-01: Harvie v. Fitzpatrick*
- R

PA-07: Brooks v. Mackenzie*
- R

PA-08: Coggnetti v. Bresnahan*
- R

PA-10: Stelson v. Perry*
- R

MI-07: Lawrence v. Barrett*
- R

MI-10: Hines v. Bouchard
- Lean R
- Lean D
- Toss-Up
- Lean D
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- Toss-Up

9 PM

Democrats are favored in IA-01, IA-03 and WI-03. Adding IA-02 or WI-01 would deepen their gains; NY-17 tests their reach in blue-state suburbs.

- R

IA-01: Bohannon v. Miller-Meeks*
- R

IA-02: James v. Mitchell
- R

IA-03: Garriott v. Nunn*
- R

NY-17: Conley v. Lawler*
- R

WI-01: Berman v. Steil*
- R

WI-03: Cooke v. Van Orden*
- Lean D
- Toss-Up
- Lean D
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- Lean R
- Lean D

11 PM

California and Washington could determine the size of Democrats' majority. CA-22 offers another pickup, but close races may take days to resolve.

- D

CA-13: Gray* v. Lincoln
- R

CA-22: Villegas v. Valadao*
- D

WA-03: Perez* v. Braun
- Likely D
- Toss-Up
- Lean D

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 Current Democratic Seat

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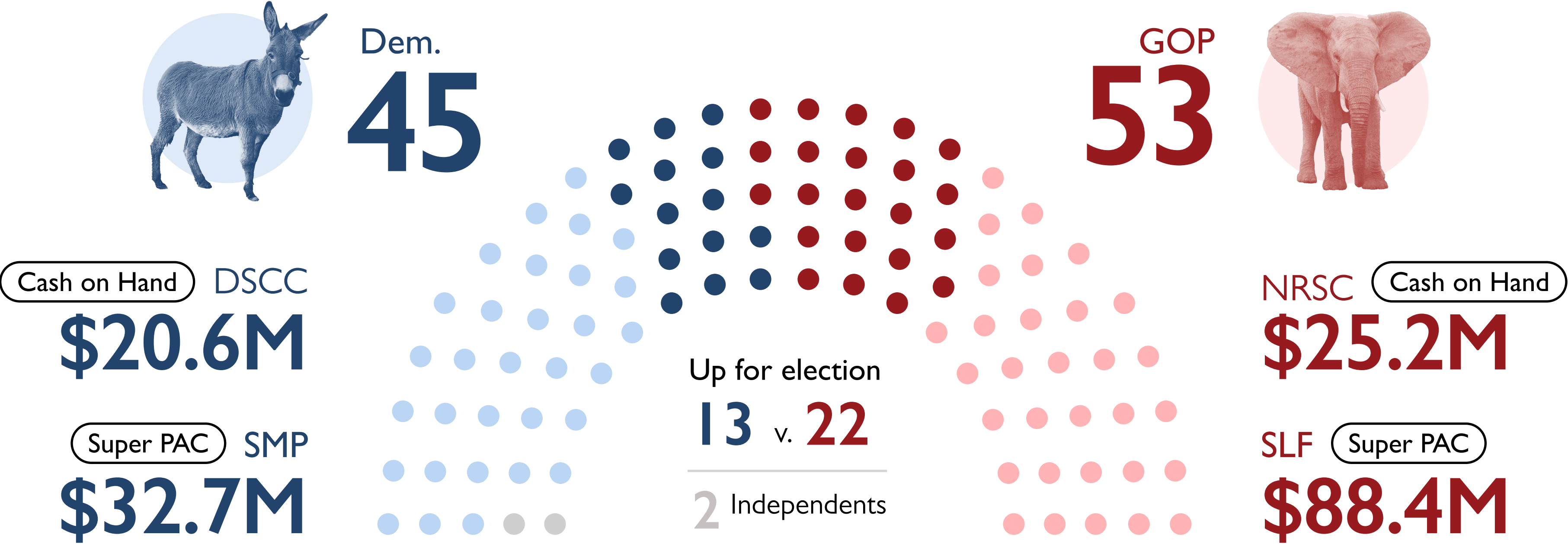
 Current Republican Seat

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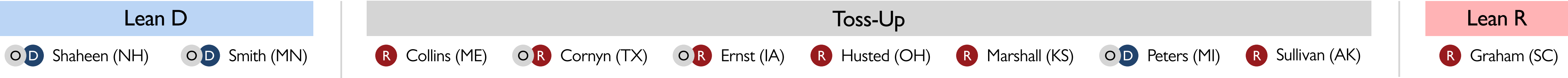
 Open Seat

Senate

Senate control is a toss-up, but Democrats still need four pickups while defending their own seats.



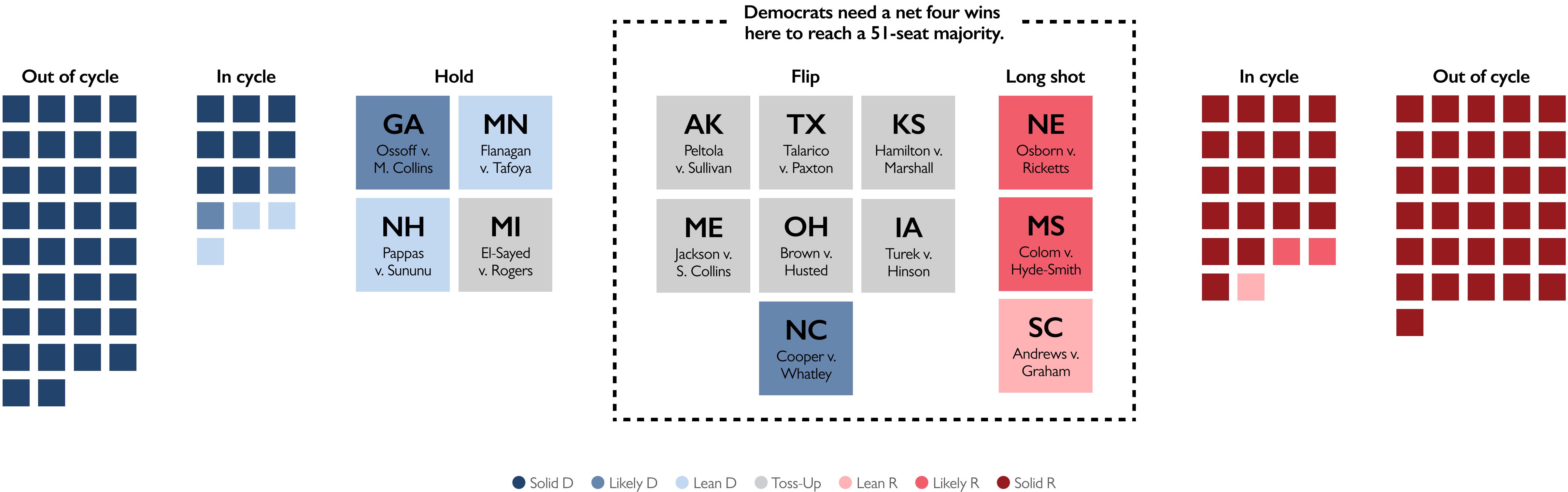
Competitive Races



D Current Democratic Seat R Current Republican Seat O Open Seat

The Path to 51

Fourteen competitive seats shape the fight for Senate control.



The seven races to watch

The Senate seats most likely to decide the majority.

Iowa

R

Toss-Up

Josh Turek v. Ashley Hinson

Tariffs and rising costs have strained Iowa’s farm economy, giving Turek an opening in a state that historically has been moving sharply right.

Texas

R

Toss-Up

James Talarico v. Ken Paxton

Paxton’s ethical baggage and Talarico’s crossover appeal have forced Republicans into a costly defense in a state that hasn’t elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1988.

Alaska

R

Toss-Up

Mary Peltola v. Dan Sullivan*

Peltola’s ability to win over Republican voters and ranked-choice voting complicate Sullivan’s reelection bid, as does another Dan Sullivan also on the ballot.

Maine

R

Toss-Up

Troy Jackson v. Susan Collins*

Collins’ history of winning crossover voters faces a tough test against Jackson in an increasingly unfavorable Republican environment.

Kansas

R

Toss-Up

Adam Hamilton v. Roger Marshall*

Democrats have not won a Senate race in Kansas since 1932, but Hamilton’s support from former Republican governors, his personal profile, and Marshall’s vulnerabilities have turned a once-safe seat into a late GOP rescue effort.

Michigan

D

D

Toss-Up

Abdul El-Sayed v. Mike Rogers

Republicans see their strongest pickup opportunity here. Democrats must unite behind El-Sayed to protect their path to a majority.

Ohio

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Toss-Up

Sherrod Brown v. Jon Husted*

Brown’s comeback tests whether his longtime appeal to working-class voters can overcome Ohio’s shift toward Republicans.

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 Current Democratic Seat

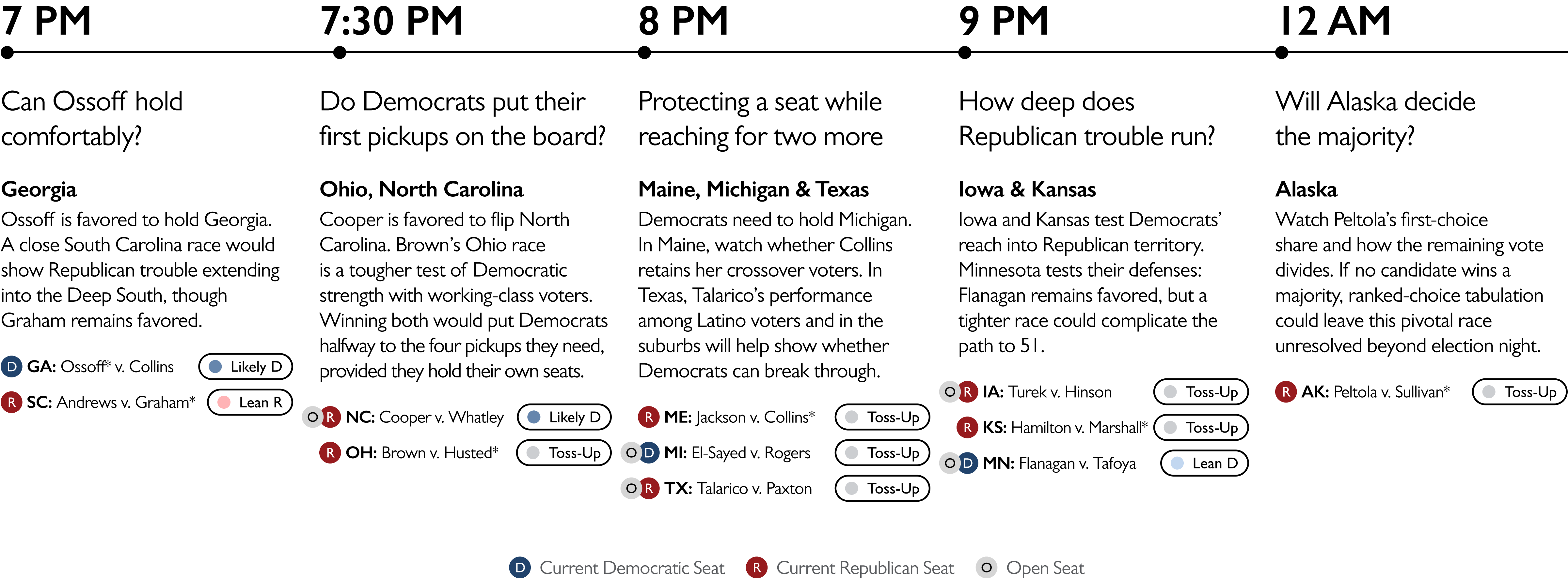
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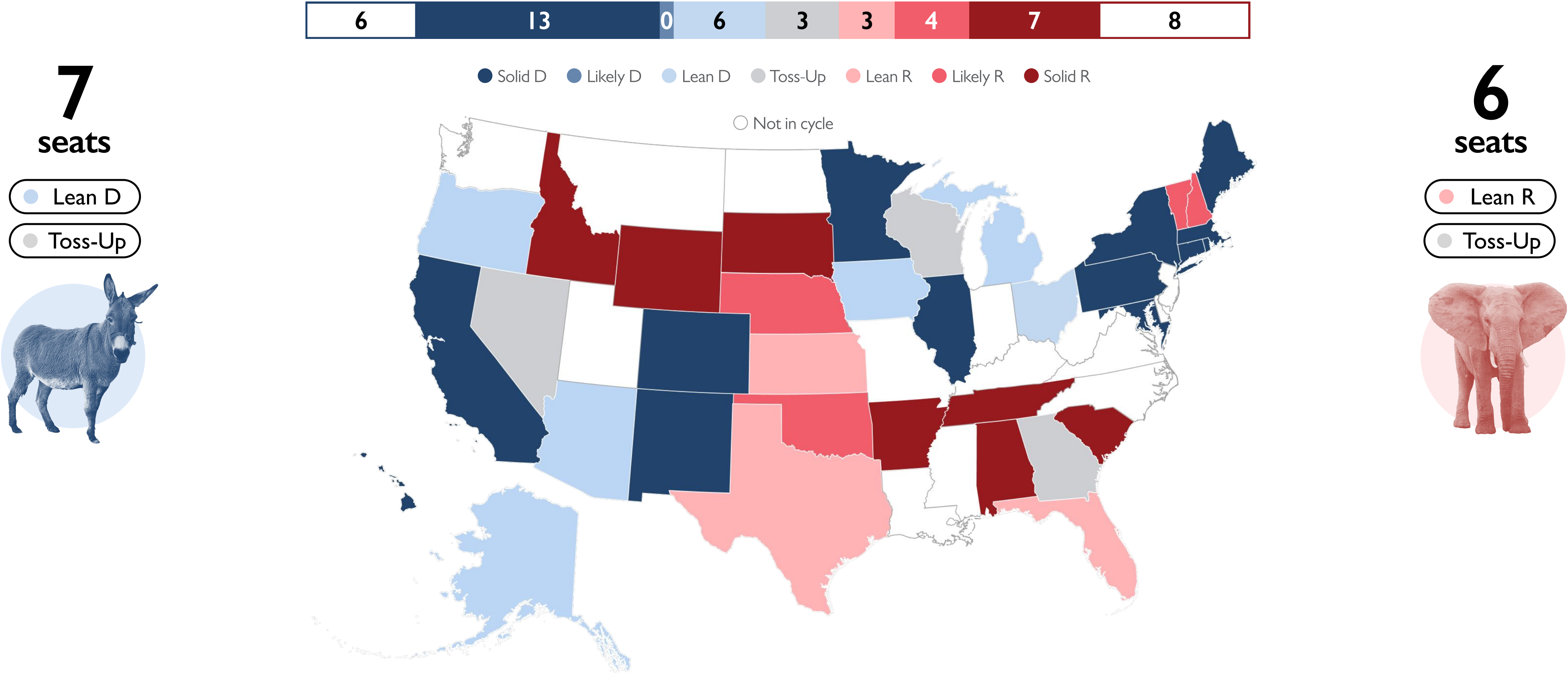
Election Night Timeline

When polls close and what to watch as Democrats push to flip four GOP Senate seats.



Governors

A competitive Governors' map could produce results that defy national political trends.



Same States, Different Tests

Governor and Senate results will show where Democrats’ strength extends across the ballot and where individual candidates make the difference.

Georgia

R

Toss-Up

Keisha Lance Bottoms v. Rick Jackson

Can Bottoms build on Ossoff’s strength?

Ossoff is favored in the Senate race, while Bottoms’ contest against Jackson remains a Toss-Up. Their margins will show whether Democratic strength carries into the governor’s race or voters split their tickets.

Iowa

R

Lean D

Rob Sand v. Zach Lahn

How much of Sand’s advantage carries over?

Sand is favored for governor, while Turek’s Senate race remains a Toss-Up. Strong Democratic results in both would suggest a broader shift. A clear Sand win alongside a Republican Senate victory would highlight his personal appeal.

Ohio

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Lean D

Amy Acton v. Vivek Ramaswamy

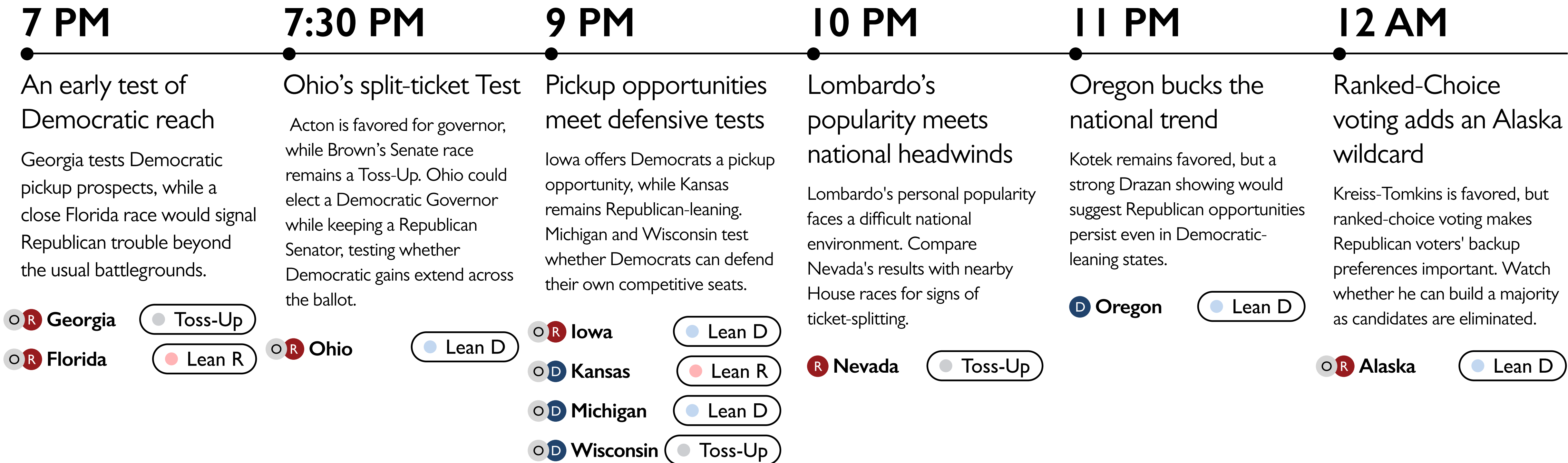
Do Brown and Acton rise together?

Acton is now favored for governor, while Brown’s Senate race remains a Toss-Up. Backlash over Ramaswamy’s personal attack ad adds to Republicans’ challenges. Watch whether Democratic gains extend across both races or voters split their tickets.

Watch for ticket-splitting: Senate and governor results could reveal different levels of Democratic strength within the same state.

Election Night Timeline

When polls close and which races will show how far Democratic momentum extends.



The governors' map could produce surprises in both directions, even if the national environment favors Democrats.

D

 Current Democratic Seat

R

 Current Republican Seat Open Seat

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)

Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN)

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) (Lost Primary)

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) (Lost Primary)

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-FL)

Rep. Al Green (D-TX) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Julie Johnson (D-TX) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Dan Goldman (D-NY) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Cleo Fields (D-LA)

Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC)

Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN) (Lost Primary)

Rep. Cory Mills (R-FL) (Lost Primary)

Rep. John Larson (D-CT) (Lost Primary)

Ran 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)

Del. Stacey Plaskett (D-VI) (Governor)

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)

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

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)

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Departing House

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Departing Senate

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