

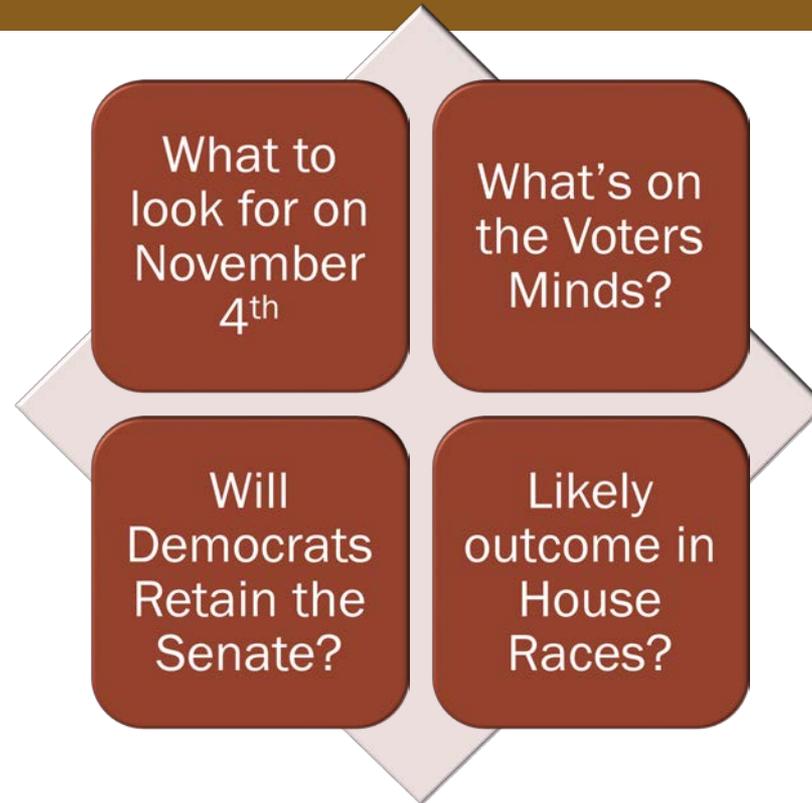
The Big Change

How will the 2014 midterm elections impact the legislative environment in 2015 and beyond?

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28 Days Until Midterms



Predictions

What will it all mean in the Lame-Duck Congressional session and beyond?

What's on Voters' Minds?

Gallup asked

What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

Top Five Responses from Sept. 4-7, 2014	Top Five Responses from September 5-8 2013
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dissatisfaction with Government2. Economy in General3. Tie between Immigration and Unemployment4. Tie between Foreign Policy and Federal Debt5. Ethics/Moral/Religious Decline	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Economy in General2. Unemployment/ Jobs3. Dissatisfaction with government4. Poor healthcare/ high cost of healthcare5. Situation in Syria

Then, they asked

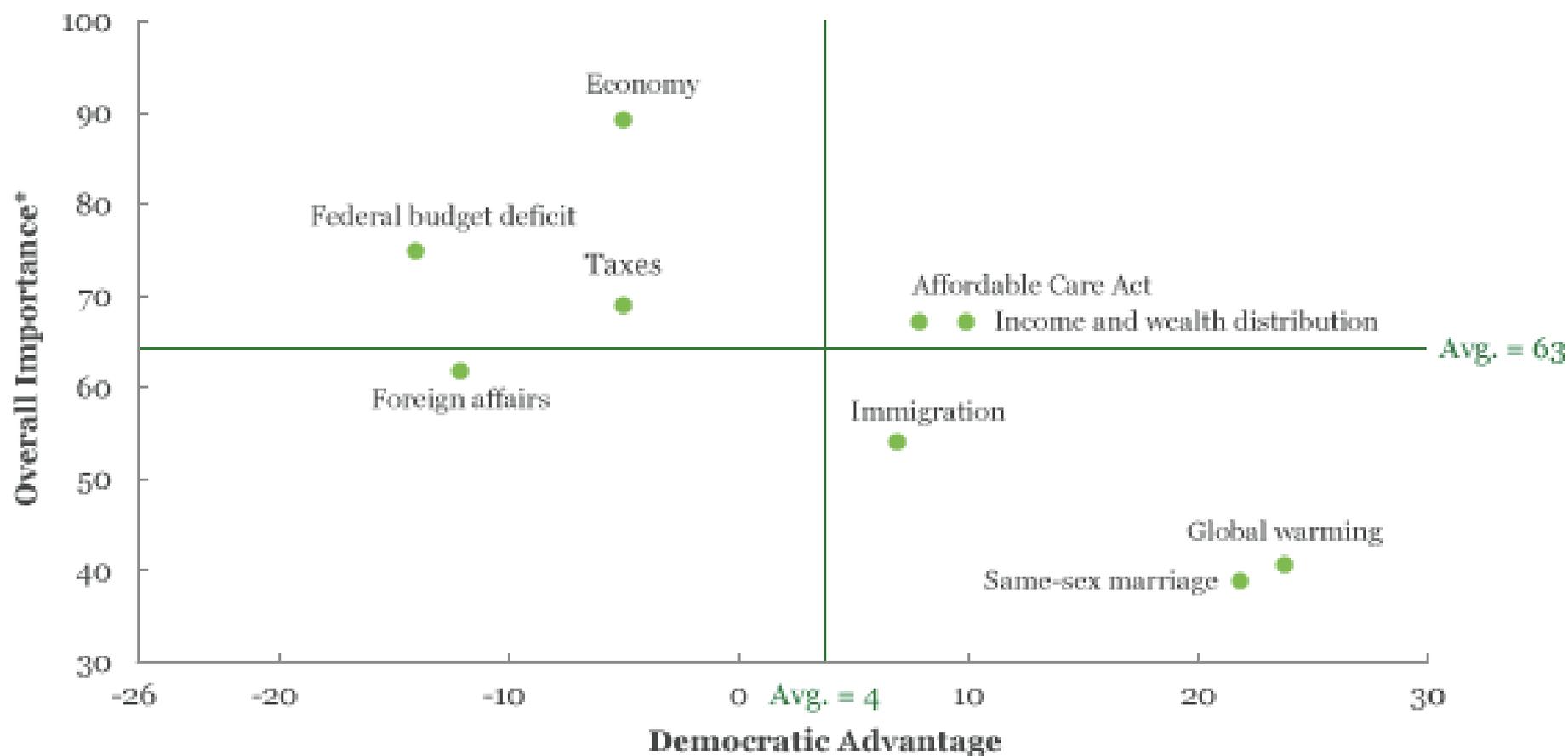
Which political party do you think can do a better job of handling the problem you think is most important – the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Date	Republican Party	Democratic Party
<i>2014: Sept. 4-7</i>	40%	36%
<i>2014: July 7-10</i>	35%	35%
<i>2013: Sept. 5-8</i>	34%	39%

Which Party has the
advantage by issue area?

Issues in 2014 Elections

Overall importance to 2014 congressional vote and party advantage among registered voters



*Extremely/Very important

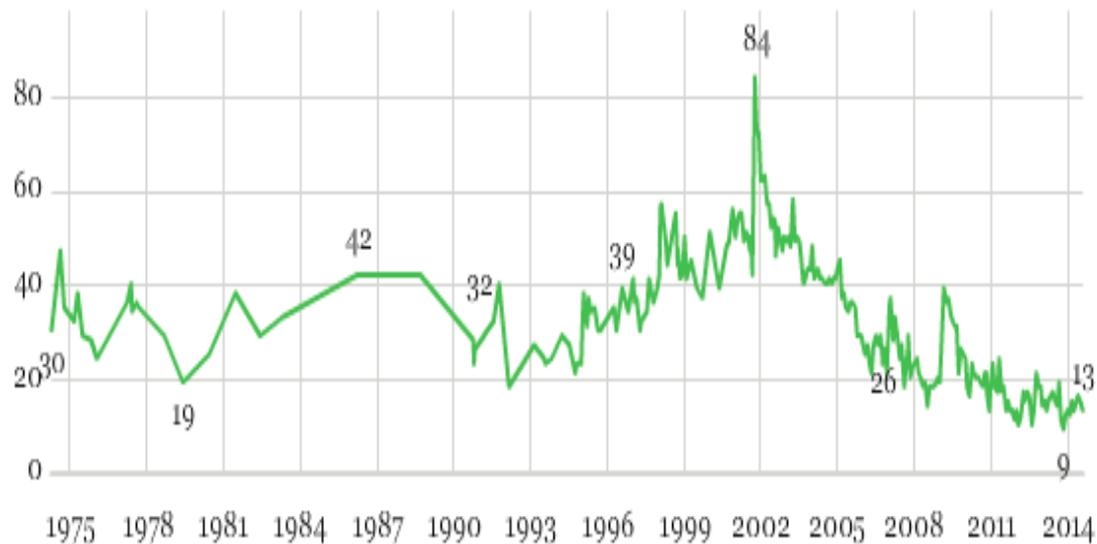
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Approval Ratings

- Polls showing Republican Favorability Rate is **31%**
 - Unfavorability rate is **41%**
- Democratic Favorability Rate: **36%**
 - Unfavorability rate: **42%**
- Obama Approval Rating: **41%**
 - **54%** Disapproval

Congressional Job Approval -- Full Trend



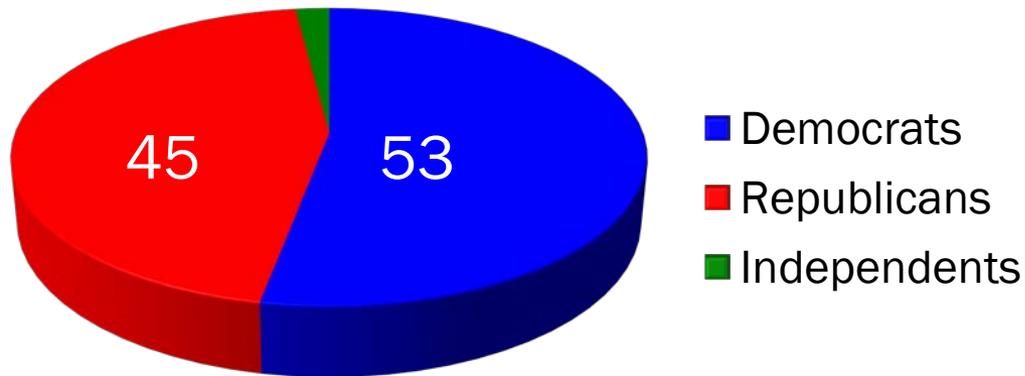
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Of likely voters, on Washington—

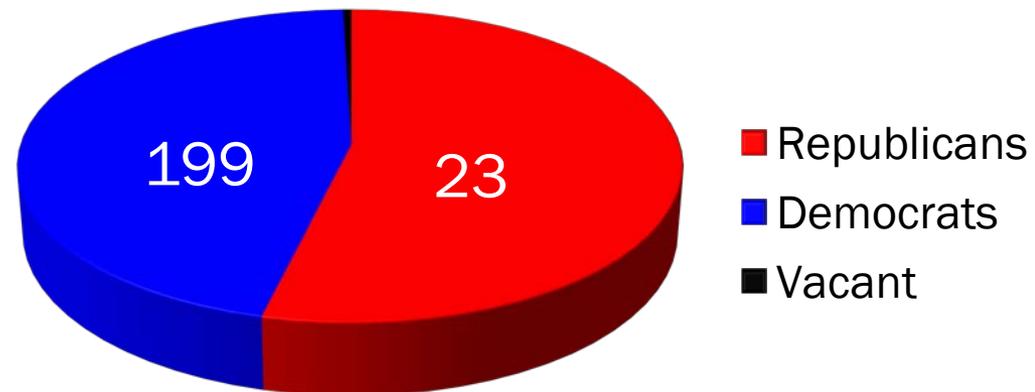
- ▣ 7% approve of the way Congress is handling its job
- ▣ 42% approve of Barack Obama's job performance
- ▣ 74% are dissatisfied or angry with the Republican leadership

Current Congressional Line-Up

United States Senate



House of Representatives



The Six-Year Itch

The President's party fares poorly in second-term midterm elections

Change in congressional party makeup after midterm elections during President's second term

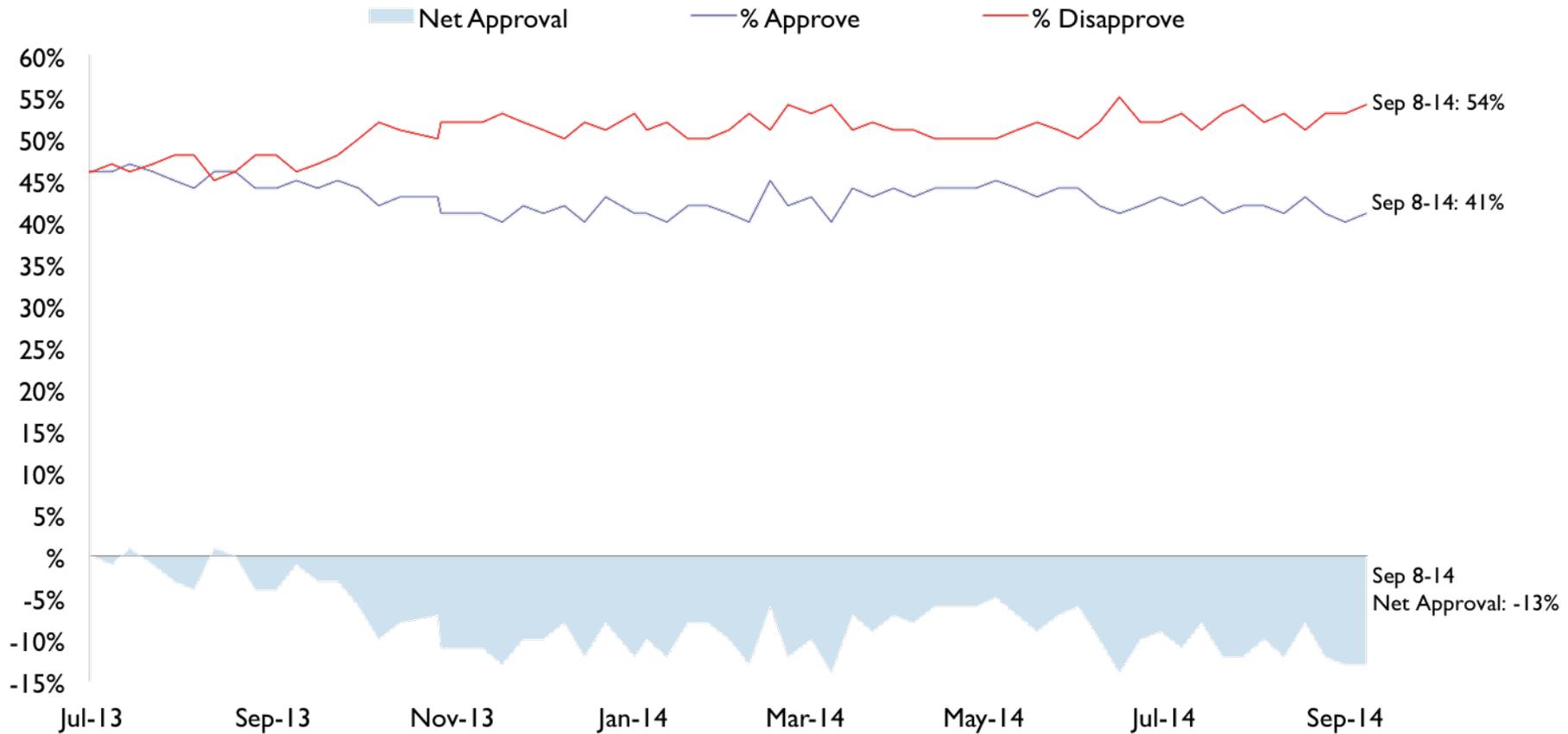
Year	President	Party	Pres. Party Seat Change: House	Pres. Party Seat Change: Senate
2006	G.W. Bush	Republican	-30	-6
1998	Clinton	Democrat	+5	0
1986	Reagan	Republican	-5	-8
1974	Nixon/Ford	Republican	-48	-4
1966	Kennedy/Johnson	Democrat	-48	-4
1958	Eisenhower	Republican	-48	-12
Average			-29	-6

Analysis

The President's party has been hammered in the House and/or Senate in five of the last six "six-year itch" elections since World War II

Obama's Approval Ratings in Very Gradual Decline in Second Term

Gallup Weekly Presidential Approval Tracking: 2013 through 2014 Year to Date



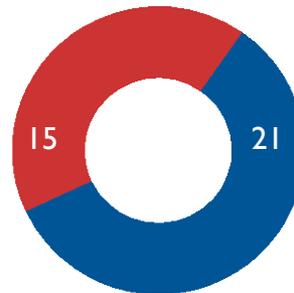
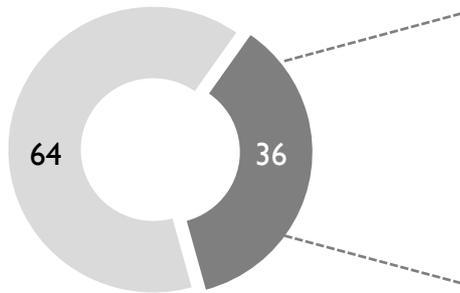
Source: Gallup Presidential Approval Center, September 8-14, 2014.

2014 Midterm Elections: All Seats in Play, by Party

■ Seats in play
 ■ Seats not in play

■ Democrats ■ Republicans

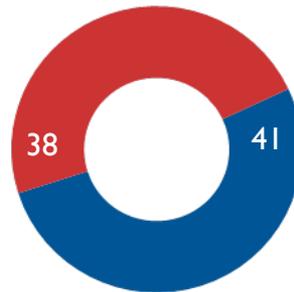
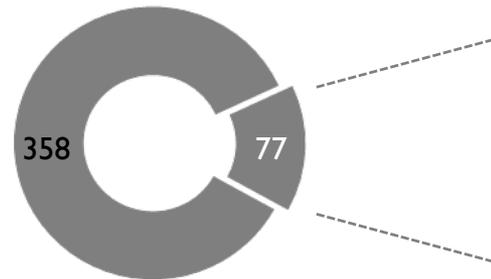
Senate



Current outlook: To win the majority, Republicans would have to score a net gain of six seats. They are on track to pick up between four and six seats; it is more likely than not that the number will be at the higher end of – and may exceed – that range.

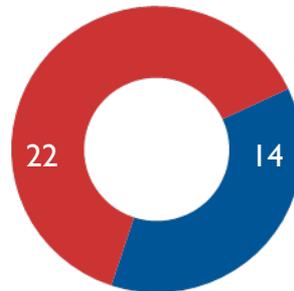
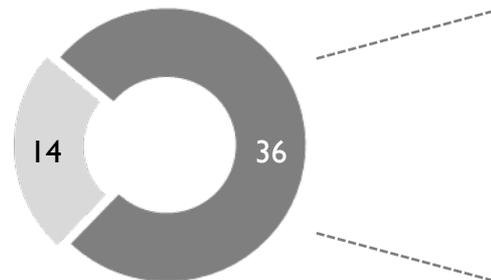
House

All seats in play, but 77 considered competitive or potentially competitive



Current outlook: Democrats need a net gain of 17 seats to reach a majority in 2014. Because the House is well sorted-out, large shifts or a change in partisan control of the House are unlikely. In large part because of President Obama's standing and the GOP's midterm turnout advantages, we would estimate a Republican gain of between two and 12 House seats if the election were held today.

Governors



Current outlook: While a favorable political landscape should help Republicans, they remain on track to lose between two and four seats.

The Battle for the Senate

The Battle for the Senate

- ▣ 21 Democratic Seats Up:
- ▣ 15 Republican Seats Up:
- ▣ 7 Open Seats
 - ▣ 5 retiring Democrats
 - ▣ 2 retiring Republicans
- ▣ Republicans need to pick up 6 seats to gain control

Democratic Senate Seats Up in 2014

Democratic Incumbents And Retirees

- Mark Begich (AK)
- Mark Pryor (AR)
- Mark Udall (CO)
- Christopher Coons (DE)
- Brian Schatz (HI)
- Richard Durbin (IL)
- Tom Harkin (IA)*
- Mary Landrieu (LA)
- Edward Markey (MA)
- Carl Levin (MI)*
- Al Franken (MN)

- John Walsh (MT)
- Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
- Cory Booker (NJ)
- Tom Udall (NM)
- Kay Hagan (NC)
- Jeff Merkley (OR)
- Jack Reed (RI)
- Tim Johnson (SD)*
- Mark Warner (VA)
- John Rockefeller (WV)*

* Denotes Open Seat

Democratic Senate Seats Up in 2014

Vulnerable Democratic Senate Seats

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Toss-up

Lean Democratic

Lean Republican

Solidly Republican

Republican Seats Up in 2014

Republican Incumbents And Retirees

- Saxby Chambliss (AL)
- Pat Roberts (KS)
- Mitch McConnell (KY)
- James Risch (ID)
- Susan M. Collins (ME)
- Thad Cochran (MS)
- Mike Johanns (NE)
- Tom Coburn (OK)*
- Lindsey Graham (SC)
- Tim Scott (SC)
- Lamar Alexander (TN)
- John Cornyn (TX)
- Michael Enzi (WY)

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Alaska



- ▣ Incumbent Mark Begich (D) vs. Dan Sullivan (R)
- ▣ Average Polls: Sullivan **+5%** (Real Clear Politics)
- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 54.8%
 - ▣ Romney: 40.8%
- ▣ Most recent polls show Mark Begich at 42% and Dan Sullivan at 37%.

Arkansas



- ▣ Incumbent Mark Pryor (D) vs. Tom Cotton (R)
- ▣ Poll Averages: **Cotton +3.6%** (Real Clear Politics)

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: **36.9%**
 - ▣ Romney: **60.6%**

- ▣ Majority of Pryor's woes can be traced to state approval ratings for President Obama which are **13%** among undecided Senatorial voters.
- ▣ *Important Note:* Arkansas has benefitted the most in the entire country from the implementation of Obamacare

Colorado



- ▣ Incumbent Mark Udall (D) vs. Cory Gardner (R)
- ▣ Poll Averages: **Gardner +1.5%** (Real Clear Politics)

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: **51.5%**
 - ▣ Romney: **46.1%**

Georgia

- ▣ Open Seat Election: Tom Perdue (R) vs. Michelle Nunn (D)
- ▣ Average Polls: **Perdue +3.4%** (Real Clear Politics)

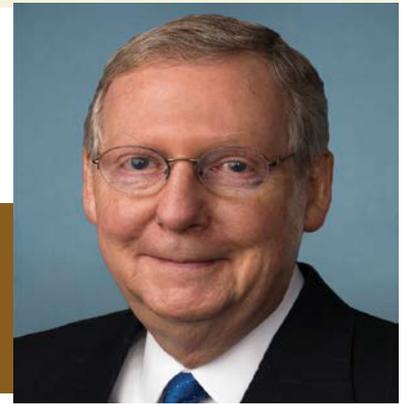
- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: **45.5%**
 - ▣ Romney: **53.3%**

- ▣ Nunn started strong in the polls, but has recently cooled.
- ▣ This race may also result in a run off, though unlikely. If it does, the run off is not until January. This means a potential situation exists where control of the Senate is not determined until January 2015.

Iowa

- Open Seat: Bruce Braley (D) vs. Joni Ernst (R)
- Poll Averages: Ernst +2.8% (Real Clear Politics)
- 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - Obama: 52%
 - Romney: 46%
- Harkin's soon-to-be-vacated seat is nearly even in the polls.

Kentucky



- ▣ Incumbent Mitch McConnell (R) vs. Alison Lundergan Grimes (D)
- ▣ Average Polls: **McConnell +5.2%** (Real Clear Politics)

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 37.8%
 - ▣ Romney: 60.5%

- ▣ Current polling has McConnell at 46% and Grimes at 42%.
- ▣ *Important Note:* Kentucky benefitted the second most in the country from Obamacare.

Louisiana



- ▣ Incumbent Mary Landrieu (D) vs. Bill Cassidy (R)
- ▣ Poll Averages: **Cassidy +4.6%** (Real Clear Politics)

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 40.6%
 - ▣ Romney: 57.8%

- ▣ Most legitimate Republican opponent Landrieu has faced.

- ▣ Obama Approval rating in LA around 30%.

This race may require a run off, which would be December 6th. It is possible that control of the Senate will not be determined until after the run off. This race is the reason approval for the CR and Syrian aid is valid until December 12th.

New Hampshire



- ▣ Incumbent Jeanne Shaheen (D) vs. Scott Brown (R)
- ▣ Poll Averages: Shaheen +4% (Real Clear Politics)

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 52%
 - ▣ Romney: 46%

- ▣ If former Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown wins, it is a clear sign that Democrats are not appealing to voters on issues.

North Carolina



- ▣ Incumbent Kay Hagan (D) vs. Thom Tillis (R)
- ▣ Average Polls: **Hagan +4.0%**

- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 48.4%
 - ▣ Romney: 50.4%

- ▣ With the most outside group spending the country, pro-Democratic groups have outspent Republicans \$13 million to \$8 million.
- ▣ Most recent polling has Hagan at 46% and Tillis at 43% with the Independent candidate pulling 7%.

The Republican Path to 51

Dem Giveaways: Democratic seats that Republicans will pick up

West Virginia



Bill Cassidy Shelley Moore Capito



Natalie Tennant

South Dakota



Tim Johnson



Susan Wismer

Montana



Steve Daines

Pick up 2 of 3 (in traditionally R states)

Louisiana



Bill Cassidy



Rob Maness



Mary Landrieu

Arkansas



Tom Cotton



Mark Pryor

North Carolina



Kay Hagan



Tom Tillis

Pick up 1 of the following in typically D states

Colorado

Iowa



Mark Udall



Cory Gardner



Joni Ernst



Bruce Braley

The Democratic Path to Staying in Power

Hold 2 of 3 (in traditionally R states)

Louisiana



Bill Cassidy



Rob Maness



Mary Landrieu

Arkansas



Tom Cotton



Mark Pryor

North Carolina



Kay Hagan



Tom Tillis

Hold 2 out of three in the following in typically D states

Colorado



Mark Udall



Cory Gardner

Alaska



Mark Begich



Dan Sullivan

Iowa



Joni Ernst



Bruce Braley

Win New Hampshire



Jeanne Shaheen



Scott Brown

Or pick up either

Kentucky



Mitch McConnell



Alison Lundergan Grimes

Georgia



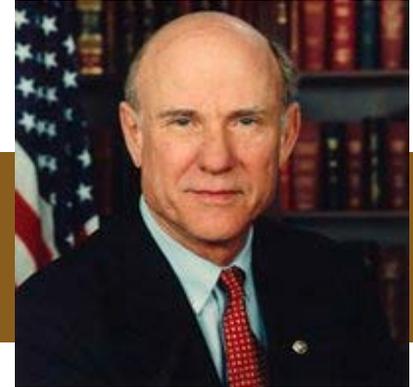
Michelle Nunn



David Perdue

AND THEN...

Kansas



- ▣ Incumbent Pat Roberts (R) vs. Greg Orman (I)
- ▣ Average Polls: Orman +5.0%
- ▣ 2012 Presidential Election Results:
 - ▣ Obama: 38.0%
 - ▣ Romney: 59.7%

Supreme Court of Kansas ruled that Democratic Candidate Taylor was to be removed from the ballot, making way for strong push from Independent conservative-leaning Orman.

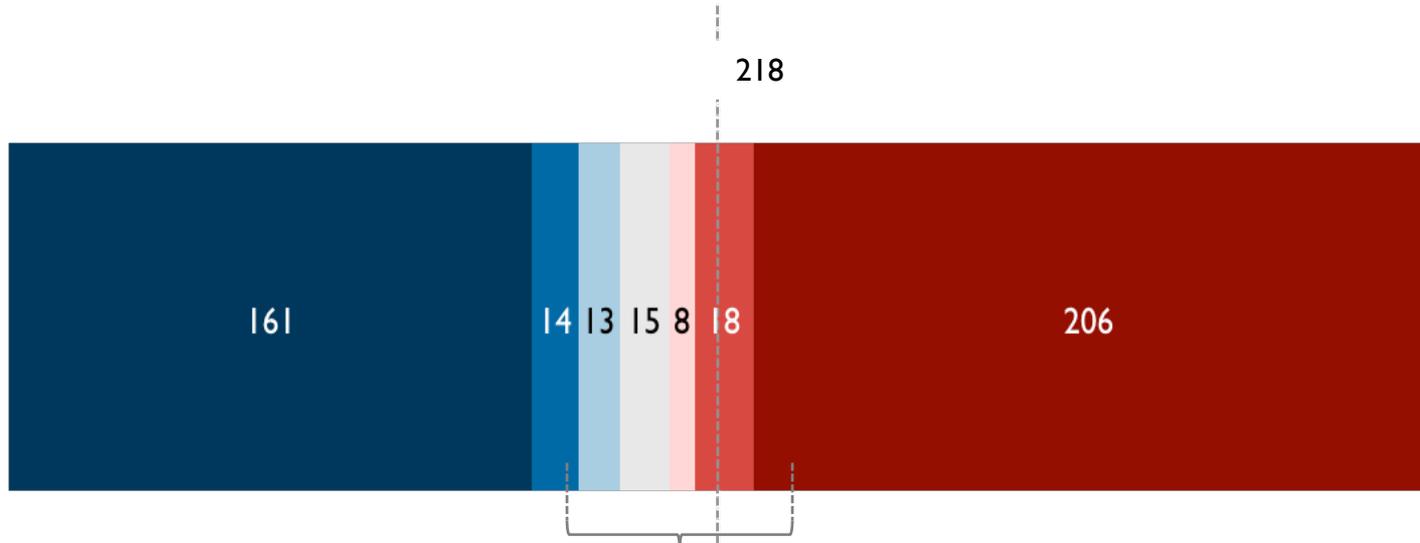
Control of the Senate may hinge on with which party Orman caucuses if elected.

Outlook of the House

2014

Number of House seats in the 113th Congress, by party

■ Solid Democrat ■ Likely Democrat ■ Lean Democrat ■ Toss-Up ■ Lean Republican ■ Likely Republican ■ Solid Republican



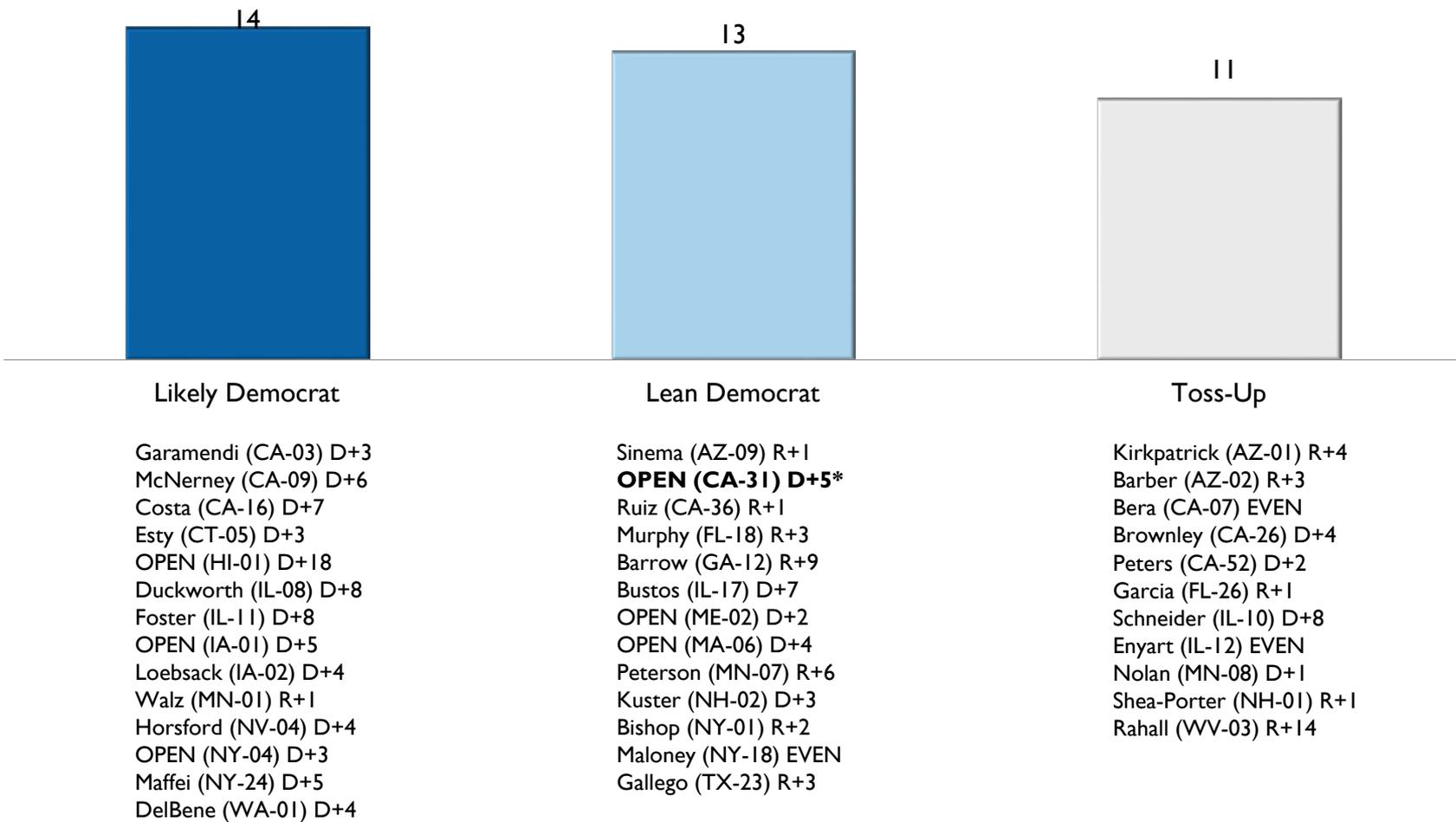
Democrats must win every Solid Democrat, Likely Democrat, Lean Democrat, Toss-Up, Lean Republican, and 6 out of 18 Likely Republican districts to take back the House

68 Competitive House Races

Source: Cook Political Report.

Breakdown of competitive districts by Cook Political Report Rating

40 total competitive or potentially competitive Democratic districts



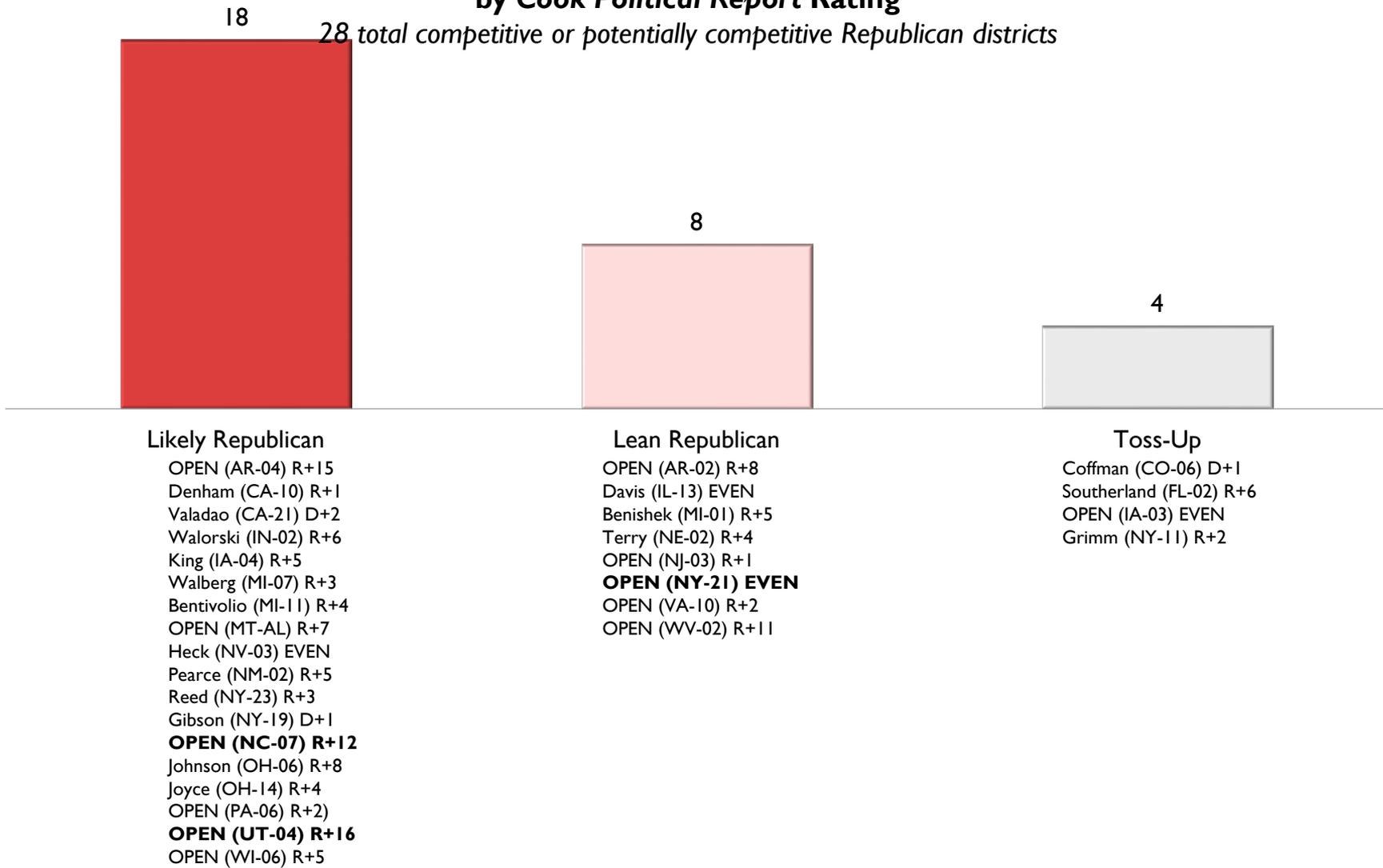
Note: Matheson (UT-04) and McIntyre (NC-07)'s open seats are rated Likely Republican

***Bolded** name denotes opposing party's seat

Source: The Cook Political Report.

Breakdown of competitive districts by Cook Political Report Rating

28 total competitive or potentially competitive Republican districts



- Likely Republican**
- OPEN (AR-04) R+15
 - Denham (CA-10) R+1
 - Valadao (CA-21) D+2
 - Walorski (IN-02) R+6
 - King (IA-04) R+5
 - Walberg (MI-07) R+3
 - Bentivolio (MI-11) R+4
 - OPEN (MT-AL) R+7
 - Heck (NV-03) EVEN
 - Pearce (NM-02) R+5
 - Reed (NY-23) R+3
 - Gibson (NY-19) D+1
 - OPEN (NC-07) R+12**
 - Johnson (OH-06) R+8
 - Joyce (OH-14) R+4
 - OPEN (PA-06) R+2
 - OPEN (UT-04) R+16**
 - OPEN (WI-06) R+5

- Lean Republican**
- OPEN (AR-02) R+8
 - Davis (IL-13) EVEN
 - Benishek (MI-01) R+5
 - Terry (NE-02) R+4
 - OPEN (NJ-03) R+1
 - OPEN (NY-21) EVEN**
 - OPEN (VA-10) R+2
 - OPEN (WV-02) R+11

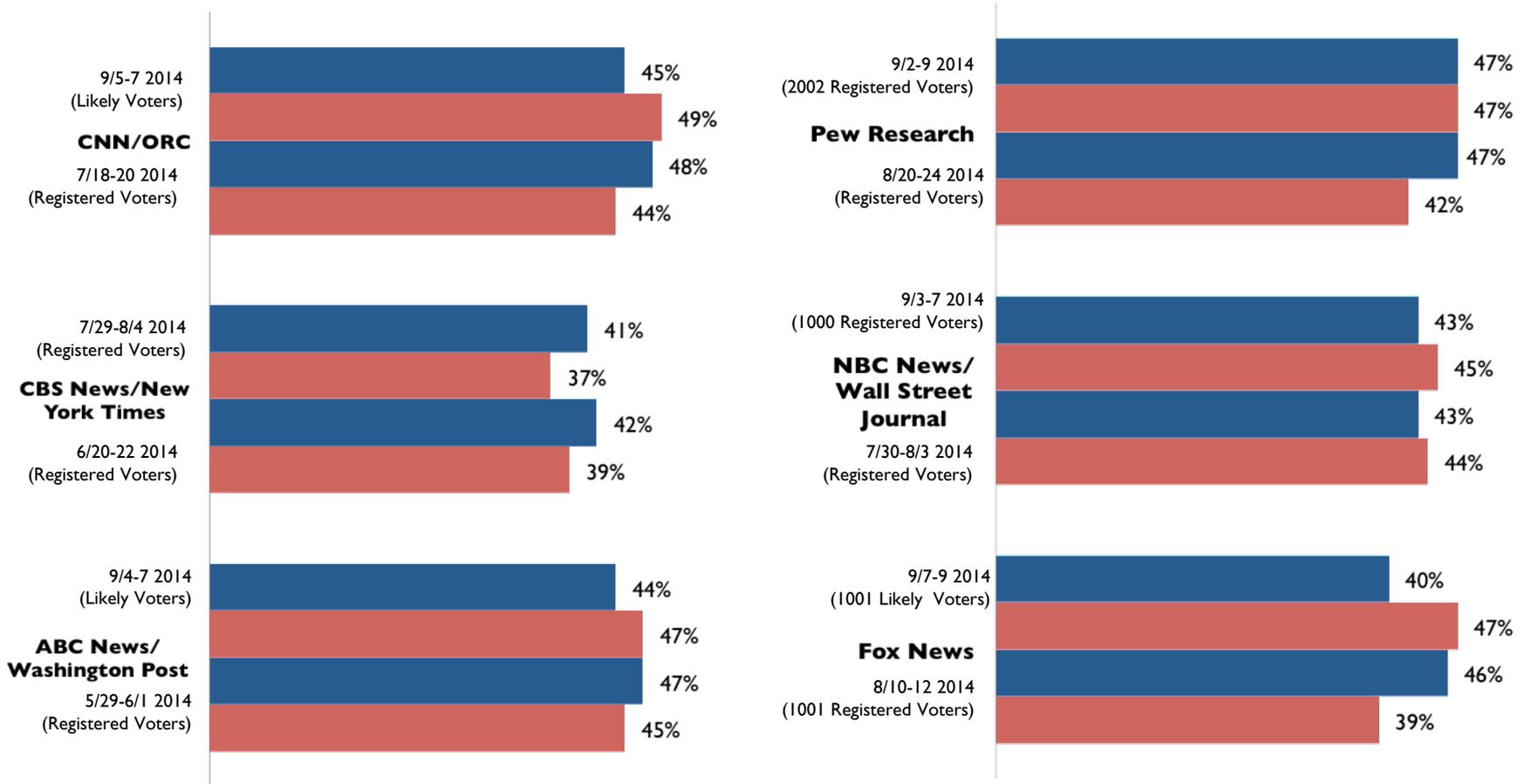
- Toss-Up**
- Coffman (CO-06) D+1
 - Southerland (FL-02) R+6
 - OPEN (IA-03) EVEN
 - Grimm (NY-11) R+2

*Miller (CA-31) is rated in the Lean D column
Source: The Cook Political Report.

Note: Bolded name denotes opposing party's seat

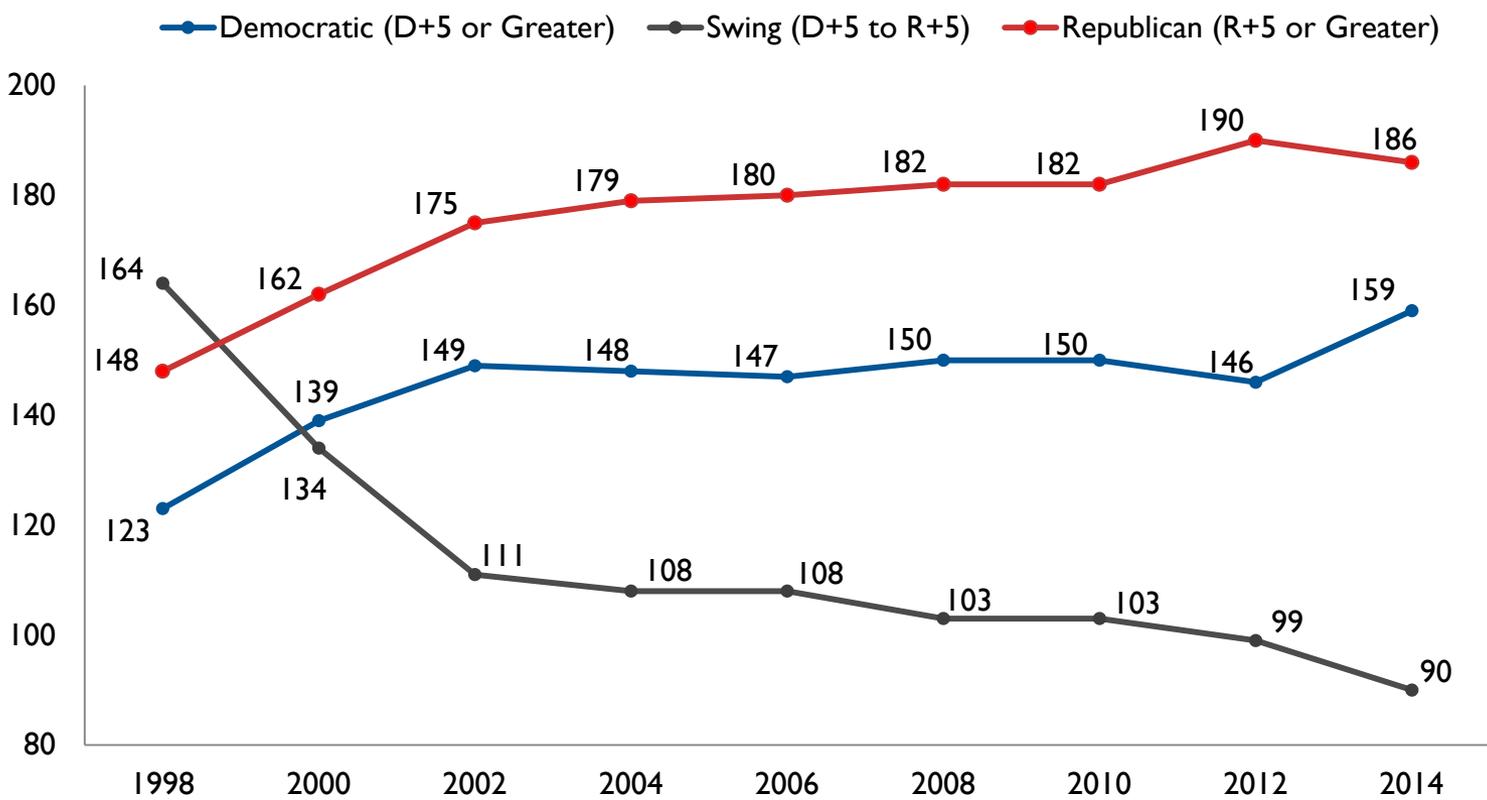
Democrats vs. Republicans: The Generic Ballot

■ Democratic Party ■ Republican Party



The House's Incredible Shrinking Swing Seat

Number of House seats by Partisan Voting Index of district

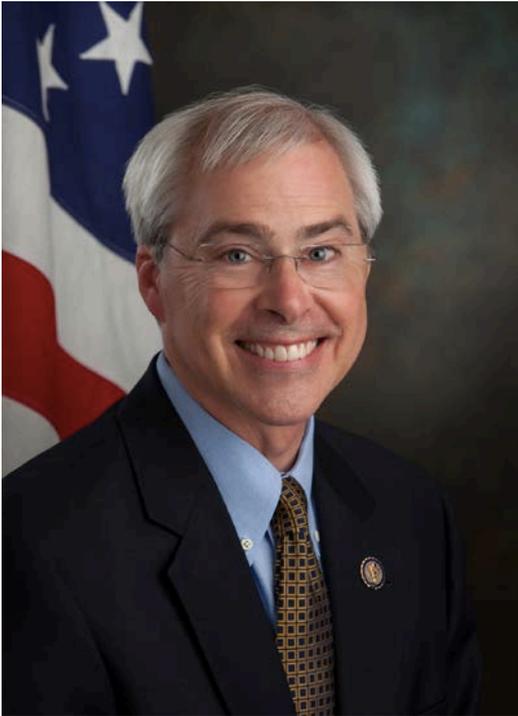


Note: "Swing" districts are defined as having an average presidential vote margin over the last two elections within five points of the national average

Source: Cook Political Report.

Race to Watch in the House

GA-12



Democratic Incumbent
Cong. John Barrow

VS.



Republican Challenger
Rick Allen

The Facts

1. Cong. Barrow has served his district since 2005 and has staved off Republican challengers election year after election year.
2. In 2010, the district was redrawn to be more conservative and Republicans think this is their year.
3. Allen has personally been able to contribute \$825,000 to the race.
4. A recent poll shows Barrow leading with 44 percent and Allen at 42 percent with 11 percent undecided.
5. The NRCC has spent \$1.1 million attacking Barrow on his voting record – 85 percent of the time he's voted with Obama.
6. The DCCC has put up \$1.2 million on tv to protect Barrow.

If Allen pulls it off... expect Republicans to have a good night.

The Money Game

FUNDRAISING ADVANTAGE?



Special Jo

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Republicans See Money Dry

GOP strategists fret they aren't scheduled to spend enough in a handful of battlegrounds. Are they lowering expectations or setting up the blame game?

A restless electorate and a target-rich map have the GOP on the verge of

winning the Senate majority. But with fewer than 40 days until November, Republican campaigns are suddenly confronting a problem that undermines high hopes of victory: a sudden and serious lack of cash.

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Senate Fundraising to Date

Committee	Raised this cycle
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC)	\$111,163,546
National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)	\$82,587,323

1. DSCC has already out spent NRSC by \$21.6 million.
2. DSCC has \$5.4 million more cash on hand than Republicans to use during the remaining days of the campaign season.

*Do outside spending groups make up for
NRSC spending disadvantage?*

No...

Maybe?

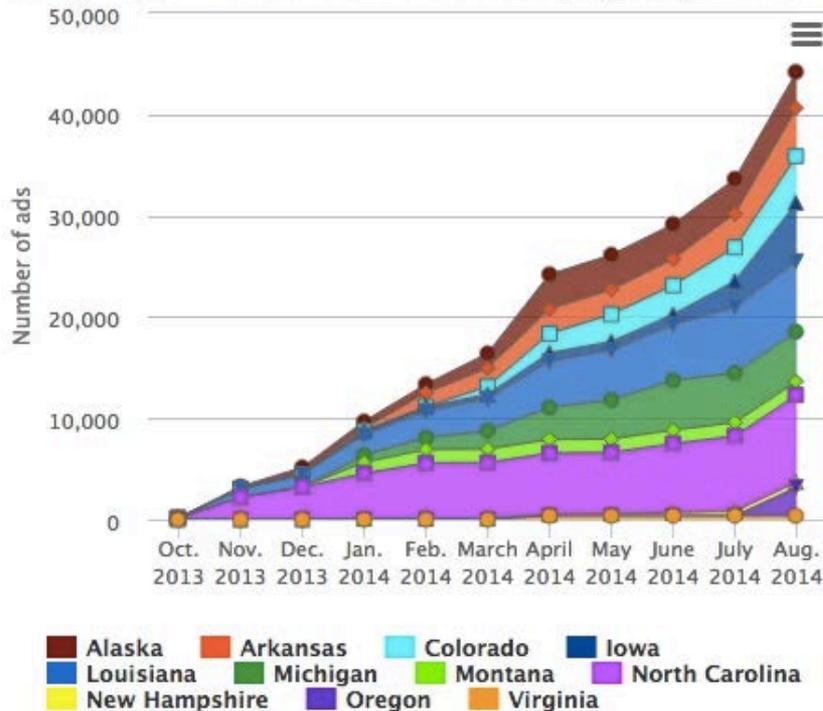
Why “No”

1. Most early outside, pro-GOP money has been matched or exceeded by Democrats.
1. Outside, most pro-GOP groups' ad buys taper off in the couple weeks leading up to the Election, demonstrating possible lack of resources resulting inability to sway public opinion right before the Election.

Why “Maybe”

The six Koch groups have run 43,900 television ads from Jan. 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.

Koch groups' TV ads in Senate races, aggregate totals



NC Senate Race: 8,600 ads;
6,900 ads in Louisiana;
followed by Iowa, Michigan
and Arkansas.

Last week, Koch brother organization Americans for Prosperity has opted for more financial disclosure in return for the ability to make direct attacks on candidates versus issue based ads.

House Fundraising to Date

Committee	Raised this cycle
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC)	\$62 million
National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC)	\$20 million

1. Democrats has already outspent Republicans by \$148 million.
2. DCCC \$8.7 million more cash on hand than Republicans to use during the remaining days of the campaign season.

Do outside spending groups make up for NRCC spending disadvantage?

In at least one race—
sort of.

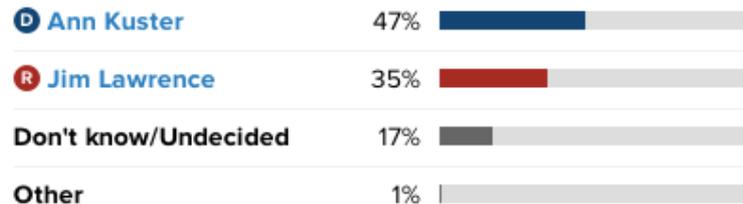
NH-2

*Outside spending is predominantly impacting Senate races, but Koch involvement is allowing the NRCC to save some money. For example, the NRCC is counting on **the Koch's public pledge to be aggressively active in NH-2**, allowing the NRCC to play a monitoring role only.*

New Hampshire 2nd Congressional District 2014

WMUR Granite State Poll

June 19–Jul 1, 2014
240 likely voters
Margin of error: +/- 6.3



UVA Center for Politics race rating: **Leans Democratic**



Predictions

Possible Midterm Outcomes

	Republicans pick up 4 to 10 seats in the House.	Republicans pick up more than 10 seats.
29% chance Democrats hold control of Senate (barely?).	UNLIKELY	UNLIKELY
71% chance Republicans take control of Senate by winning 6 additional seats.	Likely	Likely

House Democrat Potential Committee Leadership Changes

Expected and Potential Committee Leadership Shifts*

	House Leadership	Budget	Education & Workforce	Energy & Commerce	Natural Resources	Transport	Veterans Affairs
Current Holder	Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) 	Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) 	George Miller (D-CA)  Retiring	Henry Waxman (D-CA)  Retiring	Peter DeFazio (D-OR) 	Nick Rahall (D-WV)  <i>Tight 2014 race</i>	Michael Michaud (D-ME)  Retiring
Potential Successors	Steny Hoyer (D-MD)  Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) 	John Yarmuth (D-KY)  Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) 	Bobby Scott (D-VA) 	Anna Eshoo (D-CA)  Frank Pallone (D-NJ) 	Raul Grijalva (D-CA)  Del. Eni Faleomavaega (D-AS) 	Peter DeFazio (D-OR)  Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) 	Corrine Brown (D-FL)  Mark Takano (D-CA) 

Rep. Van Hollen may run for chamber leadership if Pelosi steps down post-2014

If Rep. Rahall loses, it is possible that Rep. DeFazio could switch ranking slots

Analysis

- While some Democratic committees will switch their ranking members, House Democratic leadership could also see significant change
- Should Rep. Pelosi step down, potential successors could include Reps. Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), and Joseph Crowley (D-NY), in addition to Reps. Hoyer and Van Hollen

*House Agriculture, Appropriations, Armed Services, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Oversight, Science, Small Business, and Ways and Means are not expected to change their top Democrat

House Republican Potential Committee Leadership Changes

Expected and Potential Committee Leadership Shifts*

	House Leadership	Agriculture	Armed Services	Budget	Education	Natural Resources	Oversight	Ways and Means
Current Holder	John Boehner (R-OH) 	Frank Lucas (R-OK)  <i>Term Limited</i>	Buck McKeon (R-CA)  <i>Retiring</i>	Paul Ryan (R-WI)  <i>Term Limited</i>	John Kline (R-MN)  <i>Term Limited</i>	Doc Hastings (R-WA)  <i>Retiring</i>	Darrell Issa (R-CA)  <i>Term Limited</i>	Dave Camp (R-MI)  <i>Retiring</i>
	Potential Successors	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)  Paul Ryan (R-WI) 	Steve King (R-IA)  Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) 	Mac Thornberry (R-TX) 	Tom Price (R-GA) 	Joe Wilson (R-SC)  Virginia Foxx (R-NC) 	Don Young (R-AK)  Louie Gohmert (R-TX) 	John Mica (R-FL)  Jim Jordan (R-OH) 

Rep. Ryan is expected to switch from Budget to Ways and Means; he is also a potential Speaker candidate if Boehner is deposed, as are a number of other House conservatives including Job Hensarling (R-TX), Tom Price (R-GA), and Jim Jordan (R-OH)

*House Appropriations, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Science, Small Business, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs are not expected to change their top Republican

Analysis

Republican term-limit rules will affect a number of current chairs, but those affected may request a rules waiver

Senate Democrat Potential Committee Leadership Changes

Expected and Potential Committee Leadership Shifts*

	Senate Leadership	Armed Services	Banking	Budget	Commerce Science & Trans	Energy & Natural Resources	Enviro. & Public Works	HELP
Current Holder	Harry Reid (D-NV)  Tight 2016 race	Carl Levin (D-MI)  Retiring	Tim Johnson (D-SD)  Retiring	Patty Murray (D-WA) 	Jay Rockefeller (D-WV)  Retiring	Mary Landrieu (D-LA)  Tight 2014 race	Barbara Boxer (D-CA) 	Tom Harkin (D-IA)  Retiring
Potential Successors	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  Dick Durbin (D-IL) 	Jack Reed (D-RI) 	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)  Sherrod Brown (D-OH) 	Bill Nelson (D-FL) 	Barbara Boxer (D-CA)  Bill Nelson (D-FL)  	Maria Cantwell** (D-WA) 	Tom Carper† (D-DL)  Ben Cardin (D-MD) 	Patty Murray (D-WA)  Bernie Sanders (I-VT) 

Sen. Schumer is more senior on Banking, but may prefer to stay in leadership, particularly if Sen. Reid appears vulnerable in 2016

Sen. Murray would have committee seniority at HELP, but she may prefer to keep Budget

Sen. Boxer would have to relinquish her EPW gavel to take CST

*Senate Agriculture, Appropriations, Finance, Foreign Relations, and Judiciary are not expected to change their top Democrat

**Current Small Business Committee Chair

† Current Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee Chair

Analysis

The retirement of powerful and senior Members could cause major shifts in Senate Democratic committees come 2015

Senate Republican Potential Committee Chair Changes

Expected and Potential Committee Chair Shifts*

	Senate Leadership	Agriculture	Armed Services	Commerce Science & Trans	Enviro. & Public Works	Homeland Security & Gov. Affairs
Current Holder	Mitch McConnell (R-KY)  Tight 2014 race	Thad Cochran (R-MS)  Tight 2014 race	Jim Inhofe (R-OK) 	John Thune (R-SD) 	David Vitter (R-LA)  Running for LA Gov.	Tom Coburn (R-OK)  Retiring
Potential Successors	John Cornyn (R-TX)  John Thune (R-SD) 	Pat Roberts (R-KS) 	John McCain (R-AZ) 	Roger Wicker (R-MS) 	Jim Inhofe (R-OK) 	John McCain (R-AZ)  Ron Johnson (R-WI)  Rob Portman (R-OH) 
		Sen. Thune is seen as a leadership candidate if Sen. McConnell loses		If Sen. Vitter passes up the EPW gavel, Sen. Inhofe may move into the slot		Sen. McCain is senior on HSGAC, but may favor Armed Services

*Senate Appropriations, Banking, Budget, Energy, Finance, Foreign Relations, HELP and Judiciary are not expected to change their top Republican.

Analysis

Although Senate Republicans face term limits on committees, if Republicans take the Senate in 2014, most current ranking members will keep their gavels

Rightward Shift in House Republicans

- ▣ “You could argue that money is more important for men.”
– Glenn Grothman
- ▣ Hillary Clinton is “the Antichrist” and “the real enemy.”
– Ryan Zinke
- ▣ Of women in politics: “If the woman’s within the authority of her husband, I don’t see a problem.” – Jody Hice
- ▣ On war with Mexico: “If we need to do it again, I don’t have a qualm about it.” – Mark Walker

Rightward Shift House Republicans

- ▣ John Ratcliffe (TX-4)
- ▣ Gary Palmer (AL-6)
- ▣ Jody Hice (GA-10)
- ▣ Glenn Grothman (WI-6)
- ▣ Mark Walker (NC-6)
- ▣ Ryan Zinke (MT- At large)
- ▣ Alex X. Mooney (WV-2)
- ▣ Ken Buck (CO-4)
- ▣ Barbara Comstock (VA-10)
- ▣ David Brat (VA-7)
- ▣ Clint Didier (WA-4)
- ▣ Steve Knight (CA-25)

What does this mean for 2016?

2016 Senate Races

