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2018 House Overview: On the Eve of Reality

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After over a year of conjecture, the 2018 midterm elections are about to get real. Once the Winter Olympics come to a close on Feb. 25, it's just a little more than a week before the country's first set of primaries.

The March 6 Texas primaries will be a wake-up call for Democrats, who have enjoyed tremendous success in candidate recruitment and in fundraising, considering the cruel reality of elections is about to set in. Many of the most talked-about Democratic challengers won't make it out of their primaries, and some nominees' bursting bank accounts will be spent defeating people within their own party.

You'd still rather be Democrats than Republicans this year. History is on Democrats' side as the party out of the White House, and President Donald Trump's job approval rating and the national generic ballot favor Democrats as well. Democrats could also receive a boost on March 13 if Democratic attorney Connor Lamb comes close to winning Pennsylvania's 18th District. A victory would be a political earthquake considering Trump's wide margin in 2016, Republicans are dramatically outspending Democrats, and GOP nominee Rick Saccone isn't as flawed as Alabama's Roy Moore.

Looking ahead to the fall, some of the best news for Democrats is the strength of their own seats. Incumbents such as Ami Bera of California, Tom O'Halleran of Arizona, and others would probably be toast in a midterm cycle if Hillary Clinton was president. But they all have at least a slight advantage with nine months to go and the party could be defending open seats in Minnesota, Nevada, and New Hampshire at the right time. The easiest path for Democrats to gain 24 seats (for the majority), is for them to lose as few of their own as possible.

Redistricting has the potential to shake up the cycle. A new map in Pennsylvania is close to being decided by the state supreme court and decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Wisconsin and Maryland cases could add to the uncertainty. The high court's valuation of compactness of districts compared to partisan competitiveness could impact congressional map-making for a generation.

The best advice is to consider, but not overreact, to each news event and watch the polling trends over singular surveys.

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2018 House Ratings

Toss-Up (9R, 2D)

CA 39 (Open; Royce, R)	NJ 11 (Open; Frelinghuysen, R)
CA 49 (Open; Issa, R)	PA 7 (Open; Meehan, R)
MN 1 (Open; Walz, DFL)	TX 23 (Hurd, R)
MN 2 (Lewis, R)	VA 10 (Comstock, R)
NJ 2 (Open; LoBiondo, R)#	WA 8 (Open; Reichert, R)*
MN 8 (Open; Nolan, DFL)	

Tilt Democratic (4D, 1R)

AZ 1 (O'Halleran, D)
AZ 2 (Open; McSally, R)#
NH 1 (Open; Shea-Porter, D)#
NJ 5 (Gottheimer, D)#
NV 3 (Open; Rosen, D)

Tilt Republican (11R)

CA 10 (Denham, R)#
CA 25 (Knight, R)#
CA 48 (Rohrabacher, R)
CO 6 (Coffman, R)
FL 26 (Curbelo, R)
IA 1 (Blum, R)#
MI 11 (Open; Trott, R)#
NE 2 (Bacon, R)
NY 19 (Faso, R)
NY 22 (Tenney, R)
TX 7 (Culberson, R)

Lean Democratic (1D, 1R)

FL 7 (Murphy, D)#
FL 27 (Open; Ros-Lehtinen, R)

Lean Republican (15R)

CA 45 (Walters, R)#	NJ 7 (Lance, R)#
IL 6 (Roskam, R)#	PA 6 (Costello, R)
IL 12 (Bost, R)	PA 8 (Fitzpatrick, R)
KS 2 (Open; Jenkins, R)	PA 15 (Open; Dent, R)
KS 3 (Yoder, R)	PA 16 (Smucker, R)
KY 6 (Barr, R)	PA 18 (Vacant, R)
MI 8 (Bishop, R)	UT 4 (Love, R)
MN 3 (Paulsen, R)	

Likely Democratic (5D)

CA 7 (Bera, D)
FL 13 (Crist, D)
MN 7 (Peterson, DFL)
NV 4 (Open; Kihuen, D)
PA 17 (Cartwright, D)

Likely Republican (19R)

CA 21 (Valadao, R)	NY 11 (Donovan, R)
CA 50 (Hunter, R)	NY 24 (Katko, R)
GA 6 (Handel, R)	OH 12 (Vacant, R)
IL 13 (Davis, R)	TX 32 (Sessions, R)
IA 3 (Young, R)	VA 2 (Taylor, R)
ME 2 (Poliquin, R)	VA 5 (Garrett, R)
MI 6 (Upton, R)	VA 7 (Brat, R)
MTA-L (Gianforte, R)	WA 5 (McMorris Rodgers, R)#
NC 9 (Pittenger, R)	
NC 13 (Budd, R)#	
NM 2 (Open; Pearce, R)	

Dropped

WI 3 (Kind, D)#

	GOP	DEM
115th Congress	241	194
Currently Solid	185	182
Competitive	56	12
Needed for majority	218	

moved benefiting Democrats, * moved benefiting Republicans Takeovers in Italics

House Overview: Alabama-California

Alabama. Feb. 9 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

2nd District (Martha Roby, R, re-elected in 2016 with 49%). 2016 Presidential Winner: Trump 65%. State Rep. Barry Moore's primary challenge seems even more unlikely given his \$25,000 cash on hand on Dec. 31. But now Roby (\$568,000 cash on hand on Dec. 31) is facing two more primary challengers: Rich Hobson, campaign manager for Alabama Senate nominee Roy Moore, and former Rep. Bobby Bright, who served in the House as a Democrat—and was defeated by Roby in the 2010 general election—but is switching to the GOP for this race. Roby faced down a primary challenger in 2016, and won the general with less than 50 percent due to a challenge from a write-in candidate, who received nearly 11 percent. Solid R.

5th District (Mo Brooks, R, re-elected with 67%). Trump 65%. It looked like Mo Brooks (\$565,000) would face a competitive primary for his congressional seat after he lost the Senate special election primary runoff, but Iraq War veteran Clayton Hinchman (\$16,000) and state Sen. Bill Holtzclaw (\$23,000) haven't gained traction. Solid R.

Arizona. May 30 filing deadline. Aug. 28 primary.

1st District (Tom O'Halleran, D, elected 51%). Trump 48%. As a freshman Democrat in a Trump district, the congressman is a natural GOP takeover target. He faced a flawed candidate in 2016 so Republicans believe this will be his first real test. State Sen. Steve Smith (\$156,000) is running with endorsements from Sen. Ted Cruz and House Freedom Caucus Rep. Andy Biggs and former Rep. Trent Franks. But some GOP strategists believe farmer/attorney Tiffany Shedd (\$188,000) gives their party the best shot in November. Tilt D.

2nd District (Open; Martha McSally, R, running for Senate). Clinton 49.6%. Democratic strategists are confident that former Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (\$464,000) will win the nomination, but last cycle's nominee, physician Matt Heinz (\$193,000), is still running and believes many of the reasons (fundraising) why some Democrats favored Kirkpatrick are less important with McSally out of the race. Former assistant secretary of the Army Mary Matiella is also running for the Democratic nomination but had just \$48,000 in her account on Dec. 31. On the Republican side, Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President Lea Márquez Peterson (\$210,000) seems to be clearing the field. Kirkpatrick was elected

to the neighboring 1st District in 2008, lost re-election in 2010, then was elected again in 2012 and 2014. She lost to GOP Sen. John McCain 54-41 percent in 2016 and moved to Tucson. This is a good Democratic opportunity. Move from Toss-Up to Tilt D.

8th District (VACANT; Trent Franks, R, resigned). Trump 58%. Feb. 27 Special Election Primary, April 24 General Election. GOP Rep. Trent Franks resigned after being accused of sexual harassment. On the Republican side, former state Sen. Debbie Lesko has endorsements from former Gov. Jan Brewer, House Freedom Caucus co-founders Rep. Mark Meadows and Jim Jordan, and the editorial board at *The Arizona Republic*. Former state Sen. Steve Montenegro is running with support from Franks, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, and Sen. Ted Cruz. Former Arizona Corporation Commissioner Bob Stump and Phil Lovas, who was the state chairman for the Trump presidential campaign, will also be on the GOP primary ballot. Recent public polling shows Lesko and Montenegro with an edge. Two Democrats are running—physician Hiral Tipirneni and car saleswoman/transgender rights activist Brianna Westbrook—but at this point there's not a viable path to victory for them. Read our overview in the Jan. 19 issue. Solid R.

9th District (Open; Kyristen Sinema, D, running for Senate). Clinton 55%. Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton (\$515,000) has all but cleared the Democratic field. Republicans hope Steve Ferrara (\$449,000), former chief medical officer of the Navy, can make it competitive. Solid D.

Arkansas. March 1 filing deadline. May 22 primary.

2nd District (French Hill, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 52%. Democrats believe state Rep. Clarke Tucker is a game-changing candidate who can put this Little Rock-based district into play. Tucker announced his campaign on Feb. 5 while Hill had \$1.3 million in the bank and personal money. Solid R.

California. March 9 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

7th District (Ami Bera, D, re-elected 51%). Clinton 52%. The congressman is always a target but consistently wins. This cycle, Bera is getting some pressure from the left by attorney Brad Westmoreland who had just \$301 on hand, and on the right by Republican Andrew Grant, a retired Marine and CEO of an organization that helps the region with trade opportunities who had just \$113,000. Solid D.

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House Overview: California-Colorado

10th District (Jeff Denham, R, re-elected 52%). Clinton 49%.

Democrats keep edging closer to defeating the congressman (\$1.9 million) in this Central Valley district. Last month, Michael Eggman announced he'd wage a third challenge to Denham, and Democratic operatives believe he has the best shot in a general election. Venture capitalist Josh Harder, however, had the biggest war chest on Dec. 31 (\$675,000). The field also includes former Riverbank Mayor Virginia Madueño (\$115,000) and businessman T.J. Cox (\$280,000). Move from Lean R to Tilt R.

21st District (David Valadao, R, re-elected 57%). Clinton 55%. The presidential performance keeps attracting Democrats to this seat, but Valadao just demolishes anyone in his path. Attorney Emilio Huerta (\$97,000) is running again but has never proven he can run a top-tier campaign. Democrats believe they've found a new candidate with blue collar-appeal and personal money who will keep this race in play. Likely R.

22nd District (Devin Nunes, R, re-elected 68%). Trump 52%. Fresno County Deputy District Attorney Andrew Janz (\$85,000) is running but hadn't been raising the kind of money a Democrat would need to wage a credible challenge. But on Feb. 12 his campaign told *Inside Elections* that it had raised \$500,000 since Feb. 2, when the Nunes memo was released. Nunes had \$3.8 million as of Dec. 31. Solid R.

24th District (Salud Carbajal, D, elected 53%). Clinton 57%. Republican Justin Fareed (\$299,000), who lost the 2016 open-seat race by 6 points, is running again. Former Democratic Rep. Lois Capps used to struggle in midterm elections, but it's tough to see this seat flipping with Trump in the White House and while Carbajal has \$1.3 million in the bank. Solid D.

25th District (Steve Knight, R, re-elected 53%). Clinton 50%. The congressman (\$795,000) prevailed by 6 points in a targeted race in 2016. Non-profit executive Katie Hill (\$383,000) and 2016 nominee Bryan Caforio (\$377,000) are leading the Democratic field in fundraising, and Democratic strategists believe either can win a general. But the expensive Los Angeles media market will present a challenge. Move from Lean R to Tilt R.

36th District (Raul Ruiz, D, re-elected 62%). Clinton 52%. Some Republicans believe Kimberlin Brown (\$147,000), a soap opera actress, can give the congressman (\$2.1 million) a serious race. This doesn't look like the cycle for that to happen. Solid D.

39th District (Open; Ed Royce, R, not seeking re-election). Clinton 52%. The field of credible Democratic candidates is large enough that there is some concern a Democratic candidate won't garner enough votes to make it out of the top two primary. Lottery winner Gil Cisneros (\$1 million) is consistently mentioned as a top candidate, but 2012 nominee Jay Chen made a splash when he entered the race after Royce's retirement, and insurance executive Andy Thorburn (\$2 million), Wall Street analyst-turned-pediatrician Mai-Khanh Tran (\$535,000), Obama appointee Sam Jammal (\$198,000), and former Cal State Fullerton chemistry professor Phil Janowicz (\$93,000) are running as well. On the Republican side, Royce endorsed former Assemblywoman Young Kim, but former state Senate minority leader Bob Huff and Orange County Supervisor Shawn Nelson can't be dismissed. Toss-Up.

45th District (Mimi Walters, R, re-elected with 59%). Clinton 49.8%.

Katie Porter (\$510,000), one of the two UC Irvine law professors in the race, and Obama White House technology adviser Brian Forde (\$560,000) are leading Democrats in fundraising, while Dave Min (\$410,000) performed best in the state Democratic Party's "pre-endorsement conference." Kia Hamadanchy (\$128,000), former aide to Sen. Sherrod Brown, has fallen behind in fundraising. Walters has \$1.5 million in the bank. Move from Likely R to Lean R.

48th District (Dana Rohrabacher, R, re-elected 58%). Clinton 48%. Trump lost this Orange County district as well, but the congressman (\$713,000) is a unique target because of his reputation for being too sympathetic toward Russia, and it's unclear whether he is ready for a tough campaign. Some Democrats have been excited about biologist Hans Keirstead (\$490,000), but tech executive Rachel Payne entered the race in December with a positive reception from Democratic operatives. Wealthy realtor/former Republican Harley Rouda is also running (\$834,000) with grassroots support and endorsements from local officials. Attorney/private adviser to the FBI Omar Siddiqui (\$540,000) has kept up in fundraising too. This looks like a GOP headache. Tilt R.

49th District (Open; Darrell Issa, R, not seeking re-election). Clinton 51%. 2016 Democratic nominee Doug Applegate is running again but his narrow loss inspired more credible Democratic candidates, including



Mike Levin

environmental attorney Mike Levin (\$486,000) and Navy veteran/real-estate developer Paul Kerr (\$520,000), while Sara Jacobs, who worked on policy for Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, wrote a \$1 million check to her own campaign and

has \$1.2 million cash on hand, along with endorsements from EMILY's List, Rep. Susan Davis and Rep. Juan Vargas. The GOP field includes Board of Equalization member/former Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, San Diego County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar, and Assemblyman Rocky Chavez. Republican chances to hold the seat might have improved with the polarizing Issa out of the race. Toss-Up.

50th District (Duncan Hunter, R, re-elected). Trump 55%. The district shouldn't be competitive, but the congressman is under investigation for potentially misusing campaign funds. Democrats are excited about the contrast with retired Navy Seal Josh Butner (\$277,000) in a district that includes Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Ammar Campa-Najjar (\$299,000), a 28-eight-year-old Latino-Arab American who formerly worked for President Obama, is also running. Issa has talked about running here if Hunter's legal problems push him out. Likely R.

Colorado. March 30 filing deadline. June 26 primary.

2nd District (Open; Polis, D, running for governor). Clinton 56%. Democrat Joe Neguse (\$278,000), who worked for Gov. John Hickenlooper before announcing his candidacy, is the frontrunner to

House Overview: Florida-Idaho

replace Polis. Nederland Mayor Kristopher Larsen (\$10,000) and former Boulder County Democratic Chairman Mark Williams (\$10,000) are running, while Ken Toltz withdrew from the race. Solid D.

5th District (Doug Lamborn, R, re-elected with 62%). Trump 57%. State Sen. Owen Hill (\$217,000) and 2016 Senate nominee Darryl Glenn (\$190,000) are challenging Lamborn (\$515,000) in the Republican primary. Lamborn has struggled in primaries before, but having two credible opponents could divide his detractors. The Colorado Springs district should remain in GOP hands. Solid R.

6th District (Mike Coffman, R, re-elected with 51%). Clinton 50%. Even after a convincing 8-point win in 2016, Coffman is a target again in this competitive district. Democratic attorney / retired Army Ranger Jason Crow (\$590,000) is regarded as the frontrunner, but tech entrepreneur Levi Tillemann (\$133,000), the grandson of the late California Rep. Tom Lantos, is putting up a fight as well. Attorney David Aarestad has fallen behind in fundraising (\$23,000). This is the type of diverse, suburban district that could switch hands in an anti-Republican wave. Tilt R.

Florida. May 4 filing deadline. Aug. 28 primary.

6th District (Open; Ron DeSantis, R, running for governor). Trump 57%. Former U.N. Ambassador Nancy Soderberg (\$376,000) decided to run before DeSantis had announced he'd run for governor. John Ward (\$644,000), a veteran who is a growth company investor, former state Rep. / dentist Fred Costello and others are running for the GOP nod. Democrats like the open seat, but it's still a tough district. Solid R.

7th District (Stephanie Murphy, D, elected 52%). Clinton 51%. Republicans want to win the seat back from Murphy (\$973,000) with a better candidate but their candidates haven't raised much money. State Rep. Mike Miller (\$185,000) is running and is endorsed by Sen. Marco Rubio, while Durable Safety Products CEO Scott Sturgill (\$266,000) has support from Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera. Move from Tilt D to Lean D.

13th District (Charlie Crist, D, elected 52%). Clinton 49.6%. Crist (\$1.8 million) defeated GOP Rep. David Jolly (who was ostracized from the national party) in underwhelming fashion in a redrawn district that included all of Crist's home territory. Despite his trashed reputation in Washington, Jolly's indecision on a rematch has frozen the field of potential contenders. Likely D.

16th District (Vern Buchanan, R, re-elected 60%). Trump 54%. The congressman's son was defeated in a special election on Tuesday for a vacant seat in the Florida House. Democrats believe it's an omen for Buchanan (\$2.2 million) and that attorney Dave Shapiro (\$192,000) is the candidate to knock him off. But the district went easily for Trump and his son didn't have the opportunity to rally Republicans against Nancy Pelosi. Solid R.

18th District (Brian Mast, R, elected 54%). Trump 53%. Mast (\$1 million), an Afghanistan War veteran and double amputee, took over Democratic Rep. Patrick Murphy's seat in 2016 and will not be easy to defeat in a district that Trump carried. Lauren Baer (\$415,000), a former State Department appointee, is the frontrunner against former JAG/2016 Senate candidate Pam Keith (\$56,000) in the Democratic primary. Solid R.

26th District (Carlos Curbelo, R, re-elected 53%). Clinton 57%. Curbelo (\$1.7 million) was a top target last cycle and won comfortably

against a flawed candidate. Democrats are baffled by his vote for the



Tom Williams/CQ Roll Call
Carlos Curbelo

GOP health care plan. Non-profit group consultant Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (\$316,000), who lost a 2016 race for state Senate by 8 points, seems to have cleared the field. And while she's not raising tons of money, Curbelo could be in a tough spot in this national environment. It's going to take a formidable Democrat or a wave to defeat Curbelo. Tilt R.

27th District (Open; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R, not seeking re-election). Clinton 59%. Democratic dreams of an open seat are a reality with the congresswoman's retirement. State Sen. José Javier Rodriguez (\$327,000), sometimes called "J.J.R.," appears to be leading the pack. Former Knight Foundation program director Matt Haggman (\$750,000), former circuit court judge Mary Barzee Flores (\$339,000), Miami Beach City Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez (\$189,000), state Rep. David Richardson (\$858,000), and Miami City Commissioner Ken Russell (\$325,000) also have enough money to be taken seriously. If former Clinton Foundation director Donna Shalala runs, she would jump to the top tier of contenders. For the GOP, former Miami-Dade County School Board Member Raquel Regalado dropped out and is running for J.J.R.'s Senate seat, while Miami-Dade County Commissioner Bruno Barreiro (\$213,000) is running. The timing of the open seat probably couldn't be any better for Democrats. Lean D.

Georgia. March 9 filing deadline. May 22 primary. July 24 runoff.

6th District (Karen Handel, R, elected 2017 special election 52%). Trump 48.3%. Jon Ossoff hasn't publicly announced his 2018 plans after losing the most expensive House race in history to Karen Handel. Bobby Kaple (\$232,000) left his job as anchor of a local CBS affiliate to run in the Democratic primary. Democrats won't be able to focus on the race as they did in the special election, but Handel (\$573,000) can't take the race for granted. Likely R.

Hawaii. June 5 filing. August 11 primary.

1st District (Open; Colleen Hanabusa, D, running for governor). Clinton 63%. The all-important Democratic primary appears to be between state Sen. Donna Mercado Kim (\$170,000) and state Rep. Kaniela Ing (\$60,000), though Attorney General Doug Chin (\$28,000) is also running. Ing is positioning himself to appeal to the progressive wing of the party. Solid D.

Idaho. March 9 filing deadline. May 15 primary.

1st District (Open; Raul Labrador, R, running for governor). Trump 64%. Labrador, a founding member of the Freedom Caucus, is leaving Washington, setting up a competitive primary race for his seat. Former Lt. Gov. David Leroy (\$67,000) who was elected in 1982, lost a close gubernatorial race in 1986, and lost the GOP congressional

House Overview: Illinois-Indiana

primary in 1994), former state Sen. Russ Fulcher (\$161,000; who switched from the gubernatorial race), and state Rep. Luke Malek (\$92,000) are running. Solid R.

Illinois. March 20 primary.

3rd District (Dan Lipinski, D, unopposed). Clinton 55%. The pro-life congressman is consistently criticized by some members of his own party for being too conservative, and now he has a primary challenger: marketing consultant Marie Newman. Lipinski had a \$1.6 million-to-\$237,000 cash advantage over Newman. But Newman has backing from several major progressive organizations, including EMILY's List, Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, and The Human Rights Campaign, as well as New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Illinois Reps. Luis Gutierrez and Jan Schakowsky, which could boost her fundraising. The seat won't fall into Republican hands. Solid D.

4th District (Open; Luis Gutierrez, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 82%. Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia (\$163,000) has some built-in name identification in the expensive Chicago media market as a local elected official and past mayoral candidate. But nonprofit executive Sol Flores (\$78,000) is running with an endorsement from EMILY's List. Solid D.

6th District (Peter Roskam, R, re-elected 59%). Clinton 50%. There is a crowd of Democrats challenging Roskam (\$1.6 million). Barrington Hills Planning Commissioner Kelly Mazeski (\$513,000; who lost a state Senate race 59-41 percent in 2016) has the lead in Democratic fundraising, followed by scientist and clean energy advocate Sean Casten (\$409,000). Other candidates running for the Democratic nomination include Naperville City Council Member Becky Anderson Wilkins (\$97,000), 2016 nominee Amanda Howland (\$41,000; who lost to Roskam 59-41 percent), and Carole Cheney (\$124,000), who was Illinois Rep. Bill Foster's district chief of staff. Move from Likely R to Lean R.

12th District (Mike Bost, R, re-elected 54%). Trump 55%. The Downstate district swung heavily for Trump, but St. Clair County State's Attorney Brendan Kelly (\$521,000) gives Democrats a chance to win it back. Bost (\$686,000) has been consistently underestimated and he's come out on top. Lean R.

13th District (Rodney Davis, R, re-elected 60%). Trump 49.7%. Davis (\$1.1 million) has proven to be a savvy incumbent, but Democrats are taking a fresh run at his seat with a polarizing president. Former Sen. Dick Durbin fundraiser Betsy Dirksen Londrigan (\$238,000) and former congressional staffer/former Illinois assistant attorney general Erik Jones (\$238,000) are battling for the Democratic nomination. Perennial candidate David Gill has some existing name ID so will get a portion of the vote. Likely R.

17th District (Cheri Bustos, D, re-elected 60%). Trump 47%. Bustos almost faced a serious, wealthy challenger, but businessman Mark Kleine dropped out after the filing deadline. Bustos had \$2.8 million on Dec. 31 and even made a trip to Iowa (which are never accidental), and could be on a ticket as vice president in 2020. Solid D.

Indiana. May 8 primary.

2nd District (Jackie Walorski, R, re-elected 59%). Trump 59%. The congresswoman (\$829,000) always seems to find herself in a competitive

race. Democrat Mel Hall (\$432,000) raised some eyebrows with his fundraising, but it's still an uphill battle. Solid R.

4th District (Open; Todd Rokita, R, running for Senate). Trump 64%. The congressman is challenging Democratic Sen. Joe Donnelly, leaving behind an open seat. Former state Workforce Development Commissioner/former state Rep. Steve Braun (\$154,000) looks like the initial frontrunner, but state Rep. Jim Baird (\$203,000, including \$200,000 in personal money) and Diego Morales (\$355,000; former aide to Gov. Mike Pence) are running as well. Solid R.

6th District (Open; Luke Messer, R, running for Senate). Trump 68%. The congressman is also challenging Donnelly. Businessman Greg

2018 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up	
Donnelly (D-Ind.)	McCaskill (D-Mo.)
Manchin (D-W.Va.)	Heller (R-Nev.)
Heitkamp (D-N.D.)	AZ Open (Flake, R)
Tilt Democratic	Tilt Republican
Baldwin (D-Wis.)	
Nelson (D-Fla.)	
Tester (D-Mont.)	
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican
Brown (D-Ohio)	
Casey (D-Pa.)	
Likely Democratic	Likely Republican
Smith (D-Minn.)	TN Open (Corker, R)
Solid Democratic	Solid Republican
Cantwell (D-Wash.)	Barrasso (R-Wyo.)
Cardin (D-Md.)	Cruz (R-Texas)
Carper (D-Del.)	Fischer (R-Neb.)
Feinstein (D-Calif.)	Wicker (R-Miss.)
Gillibrand (D-N.Y.)	UT Open (Hatch, R)
Heinrich (D-N.M.)	
Hirono (D-Hawaii)	
Kaine (D-Va.)	
King (I-Maine)	
Klobuchar (D-Minn.)	
Menendez (D-N.J.)	
Murphy (D-Conn.)	
Sanders (I-Vt.)	
Stabenow (D-Mich.)	
Warren (D-Mass.)	
Whitehouse (D-R.I.)	
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House Overview: Iowa-Michigan

Pence (\$437,000; the Vice President's older brother) is the frontrunner, but Muncie businessman Jonathan Lamb (\$468,000, including \$550,000 in personal money) is running as well. Solid R.

9th District (Trey Hollingsworth, R, elected 54%). Trump 61%. Hollingsworth (\$298,000) had very loose ties to the district when he ran and won last cycle and Democrats think he could be vulnerable. Attorney/former Committee on Education and the Workforce aide Liz Watson (\$276,000) and civil rights attorney/Bernie Sanders supporter Dan Canon (\$112,000) are running on the Democratic side. Solid R.

Iowa. March 16 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

1st District (Rod Blum, R, re-elected 54%). Trump 49%. If Democrats are going to take back a seat in Iowa, this is the most likely target. Democratic state Rep. Abby Finkenauer (\$379,000) looks like the frontrunner after a slow start, outpacing former Obama appointee Thomas Heckroth (\$190,000). Democrats need to defeat incumbents like Blum (\$995,000) to get to a majority. Move from Lean R to Tilt R.

3rd District (David Young, R, re-elected 53%). Trump 49%. Despite being a Democratic target last cycle, Young (\$833,000) won re-election by 13 points and outperformed Trump. But Democrats see an opportunity in this Des Moines district. Real estate company president Theresa Greenfield (\$211,000), Bernie Sanders' Iowa caucus coordinator Pete D'Alessandro (\$28,000), digital design firm owner Cindy Axne (\$166,000), and insurance company owner Eddie Mauro (\$333,000) are running. Candidates must receive 35 percent of the vote to become the party nominee, and since it's not likely to be a two-way race, it may go to convention. Likely R.

Kansas. June 1 filing deadline. Aug. 7 primary.

2nd District (Open; Lynn Jenkins, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 56%. The combination of an open seat and a strong Democratic candidate makes this a competitive race. Former state House Minority Leader Paul Davis (\$506,000) carried the 2nd District 51-45 percent in the 2014 gubernatorial race against Gov. Sam Brownback, although he lost statewide. Meanwhile, none of the GOP candidates has broken away from the pack. State Sen. Caryn Tyson (\$209,000), state Sen. Steve Fitzgerald (\$192,000), state Rep. Kevin Jones (\$20,000), and Steve Watkins \$210,000 (including \$175,000 in personal money), are running for the GOP nomination. Lean R.

3rd District (Kevin Yoder, R, re-elected 51%). Clinton 47%. Last cycle this seat was an example of new territory where Democrats saw an opportunity due to Trump's problems in the suburbs. Andrea Ramsey dropped out after a past accusation of sexual harassment surfaced, but high school teacher Tom Niermann (\$185,000) and Bernie Sanders supporter Brent Welder (\$179,000) are still running. Yoder had \$1.8 million in the bank at the end of December. Likely R.

Kentucky. May 22 primary.

6th District (Andy Barr, R, re-elected 61%). Trump 55%. Democrats have a high-profile primary in a Lexington-based district Trump won easily. Marine Lt. Col. Amy McGrath (\$656,000) generated national attention for a summer campaign ad, but Lexington Mayor Jim Gray (\$324,000) jumped in last fall and starts with more local support. Gray

defeated GOP Sen. Rand Paul 52-48 percent in this district in 2016 (even though he lost statewide). Barr (\$1.6 million) could be in for a tough re-election fight. Lean R.

Maine. March 15 filing deadline. June 12 primary.

2nd District (Bruce Poliquin, R, re-elected 55%). Trump 51%. Poliquin has proven to be a tough incumbent, but Democrats aren't giving up. Lucas St. Clair (\$140,000), who led the movement to create the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, entered the race in October and can self-fund. Party strategists were excited about state Rep. Jared Golden (\$182,000), who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and is a former committee staffer for GOP Sen. Susan Collins. This will be an expensive takeover target for Democrats against the congressman (\$1.9 million), who is personally wealthy. Likely R.

Maryland. Feb. 27 filing deadline. June 26 primary.

6th District (Open; John Delaney, D, running for president). Clinton 56%. A handful of Democrats are running for the open seat including state Del. Aruna Miller (\$752,000), who was endorsed by EMILY's List; state Sen. Roger Manno (\$285,000); Total Wine & More stores owner David Trone (\$787,000), who has put over \$2 million into his campaign (he spent \$13 million in the 8th District in 2016); doctor/novelist Nadia Hashimi (\$349,000); and others. 2016 GOP nominee Amie Hoeber (\$50,000) lost by 16 points last cycle but is running again. Solid D.

Massachusetts. May 8 filing deadline. Sept. 18 primary.

3rd District (Open; Niki Tsongas, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 58%. Daniel Koh (\$1.5 million), former chief of staff to Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, is the frontrunner, but the Democratic field also includes state Sen. Barbara L'Italien (\$245,000), state Rep. Juana Matias (\$182,000), 2014 LG nominee Steve Kerrigan (\$133,000), business consultant Lori Trahan (\$510,000), former ambassador to Denmark Rufus Gifford (\$417,000, and subject of a Netflix documentary). Auto parts company owner Rick Green (\$386,000) is the likely GOP nominee, but he's got a difficult race. Solid D.

Michigan. April 24 filing deadline. Aug. 7 primary.

6th District (Fred Upton, R, re-elected 59%). Trump 51%. Upton (\$1.1 million) decided against running for the Senate, but Democrats haven't given up hope. Physician/former YMCA National Health Director Matt Longjohn (\$231,000) and George Franklin (\$272,000), the former VP of government relations for Kellogg, look like the leading Democratic contenders. 2014/16 nominee Paul Clements (\$141,000) is also running. Likely R.

7th District (Tim Walberg, R, re-elected 55%). Trump 56%. The congressman (\$774,000) is a perennial Democratic target but consistently wins. Democrat Gretchen Driskell (who lost to Walberg by 15 points last cycle) is running here again and had \$419,000. Solid R.

8th District (Mike Bishop, R, re-elected 56%). Trump 51%. Democrats landed a credible challenger in former Assistant Secretary of Defense and CIA Analyst Elissa Slotkin, who had \$710,000 on hand compared to \$972,000 for Bishop. Lean R.

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9th District (Open; Sander Levin, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 52%. The Democratic primary is likely to be the most consequential race. Energy consultant/the congressman's son Andy Levin (\$114,000), state Sen. Steve Bieda, former state Rep. Ellen Lipton, and others are running. Insurance consultant Candius Stearns (\$100,000) has an uphill fight as the GOP nominee. Solid D

11th District (Open; Dave Trott, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 49.7%. Former Trump campaign state co-chairman Lena Epstein (\$1 million, including personal money) switched from the Senate race and will try to help keep this seat in GOP hands. Former Rep. Kerry Bentivolio and former state Rep. Rocky Raczowski are running as well. Haley Stevens (\$465,000), former chief of staff for Obama's Auto Task Force, looks like the Democratic frontrunner, but Fayrouz Saad (\$251,000; the former director of immigrant affairs for Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan), state Rep. Tim Greimel (\$286,000), technology corporation CEO Suneel Gupta (\$468,000) and others are running. Move from Lean R to Tilt R.

13th District (VACANT; John Conyers, D, resigned 2017). Clinton 79%. There's a crowded race to replace the dean of the House in a heavily Democratic district. Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones is running with an endorsement from Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Other contenders include state Sen. Ian Conyers (the congressman's great nephew), hedge fund partner John Conyers III (the congressman's son), state Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, state Sen. Coleman Young II, and others. Solid D.

Minnesota. June 5 filing deadline. Aug. 14 primary.

1st District (Open; Tim Walz, DFL, running for governor). Trump 53%. The congressman leaves his party with a difficult open seat to defend. The primary looks like it'll be between Army veteran Dan Feehan (\$287,000) and attorney Joe Sullivan (\$129,000). Former state Sen. Vicki Jensen (\$1,000; who lost re-election by more than 17 points in 2016) and others are running for the DFL nomination as well. On the Republican side, state Sen. Carla Nelson (\$169,000) faces Jim Hagedorn (\$282,000), who lost a closer-than-expected race to Walz in 2016. Republicans should have an advantage in an open seat Trump won by 15 points. Toss-Up.



Angie Craig

2nd District (Jason Lewis, R, elected 47%). Trump 47%. Trump's performance and a third-party candidate complicated Democratic plans to win the open seat. Former St. Jude Medical executive Angie Craig (\$433,000) was regarded as a top candidate last cycle, even though she fell short, and she's the frontrunner for the DFL nomination once again. Lewis had \$718,000 on Dec. 31. Toss-Up.

3rd District (Erik Paulsen, R, re-elected 57%). Clinton 51%. Democrats believe they've landed a top recruit with wealthy vodka

and gelato tycoon Dean Phillips (\$618,000). Paulsen, who is a strong campaigner and fundraiser, had \$1.2 million. It's a tough district and environment for Paulsen, but he's one of Republicans' strongest incumbents. Lean R.

5th District (Collin Peterson, DFL, re-elected 53%). Trump 62%. Peterson (\$993,000) is no stranger to GOP target lists and Republican strategists were hoping for a retirement, but the congressman is running for re-election. Dave Hughes (who lost 52-47 percent in 2016) is running again (\$29,000) and has two GOP opponents after state Rep. Tim Miller dropped out. Peterson is probably running on borrowed time but is the favorite to win again this year. Likely DFL.

8th District (Open; Rick Nolan, DFL, not seeking re-election). Trump 54%. Last year, the congressman passed on a bid for governor and then announced his retirement on Feb. 9. Republicans are excited about St. Louis County Commissioner Pete Stauber (\$137,000), also a police officer in Duluth, who played hockey in the Detroit Red Wings organization. Stewart Mills, who lost two close and expensive races to Nolan, previously announced he wasn't running and blamed the NRCC for his loss, but Mills is considering a run for the open seat. The field of DFL candidates is still taking shape but could include Homeland Security/Department of Justice aide Leah Phifer (\$11,000), who was challenging the congressman, and former state Rep. Joe Radinovich, former state Rep. Carly Melin, retired TV news anchor Michelle Lee, and North Branch Mayor Kirsten Kennedy. The Independence Party's endorsement of Skip Sandman (who received 4 percent in 2014) could complicate Democratic efforts to hold the seat. Toss-Up.

Mississippi. March 1 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

3rd District (Open; Gregg Harper, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 61%. The Republican field includes education advocate Katherine Tate, state Sen. Sally Doty, district attorney Michael Guest, former MSU basketball player Whit Hughes, health care consultant Morgan Dunn, and businessman Perry Parker. Solid R.

Montana. March 12 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

At-Large District (Greg Gianforte, R, elected 2017 special election 49.7%). Trump 57%. Wealthy former software executive Greg Gianforte (\$345,000) won a May special election in a district that Trump comfortably carried. It's not great for a candidate when a mugshot goes public after assaulting a reporter, but this doesn't look like a first- or second-tier Democratic opportunity. Attorney John Heenan (\$375,000) and nonprofit executive Grant Kier (\$308,000) are running. Likely R.

Nebraska. Incumbent filing deadline Feb. 15. Non-incumbent March 1. May 15 primary.

2nd District (Don Bacon, R, elected 49%). Trump 48%. Former Democratic Rep. Brad Ashford (\$210,000) is back for a rematch after losing one of the closest races in the country to Bacon in this Omaha-based district. Kara Eastman (\$73,000) is also running for the Democratic nomination, and doing so from the left, but is low on funds without support from major national groups. Ashford won in 2012 by defeating an inept GOP congressman, but Bacon (\$616,000) will be tougher to

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defeat. Democrats could have the wind at their backs, but the DCCC or House Majority PAC will probably have to carry the weight of the race because of Ashford's mediocre fundraising. Tilt R.

Nevada. March 16 filing deadline. June 12 primary.

2nd District (Mark Amodei, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 52%. If former Assemblywoman/2010 Senate nominee Sharron Angle (\$0) defeats Amodei (\$232,000) in the primary, then this race gets interesting. That's not likely. Solid R.

3rd District (Open; Jacky Rosen, D, running for Senate). Trump 48%. Wealthy philanthropist Susie Lee (\$601,000) finished third (21 percent) in the 2016 Democratic primary in the neighboring 4th District, but is now running for the 3rd, with endorsements from EMILY's List and Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto. State Sen. Scott Hammond (\$70,000), former state Assemblywoman Victoria Seaman (\$139,000) and former Clark County Chairman Dave McKeon (\$11,000; former California GOP Rep. Buck McKeon's son) are running on the Republican side. Tilt D.

4th District (Open; Ruben Kihuen, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 49.5%. The Democrat defeated GOP Rep. Crescent Hardy in 2016 but is leaving Congress amidst sexual harassment allegations. Hardy is running for his old seat and looks likely to face Democrat Steven Horsford, whom Hardy unseated in 2014. Horsford was caught off-guard in a cycle trending against Democrats. Neither is likely to happen this year. Likely D.

New Hampshire. June 15 filing deadline. Sept. 11 primary.

1st District (Open; Carol Shea-Porter, D, not seeking re-election). Trump 48%. Executive Councilor Chris Pappas (\$208,000) and former Department of Veterans Affairs official Maura Sullivan (\$369,000; who was viewed as a top challenger to Illinois Rep. Peter Roskam earlier this cycle) are leading a pack of Democratic candidates. On the Republican side, former state liquor commission enforcement and licensing director Eddie Edwards (\$128,000) and state Sen. Andy Sanborn (\$173,000) were running before the congresswoman's announcement but would likely start as the underdogs in a general election in this political environment. Move from Toss-Up to Tilt D.

New Jersey. April 2 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

2nd District (Open; Frank LoBiondo, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 51%. Democrats have had their eye on this South Jersey seat for years but never had a top recruit against the congressman, who had a strong connection with organized labor. Now that he's retiring, Democrats landed their star in state Sen. Jeff Van Drew (\$80,000). Republicans are still searching for a top-tier candidate. Move from Lean R to Toss-Up.

3rd District (Tom MacArthur, R, re-elected 59%). Trump 51%. Democrats first targeted MacArthur (\$932,000) early in the cycle because of Trump's slim 2016 margin but are further emboldened due to the congressman's role in reviving the House Republicans' health care plan. Former Obama National Security Council aide Andy Kim (\$431,000) is running, but still faces a tall task against a wealthy incumbent in a district covered by expensive media markets (57 percent Philadelphia and 43 percent New York City). This would take a heavy financial investment from Democratic entities. Solid R until that effort begins.

5th District (Josh Gottheimer, D, elected 51%). Trump 49%.

Gottheimer is a fundraising machine (\$2.6 million) and is regarded as a hard worker in his first re-election to this North Jersey district.

The likely GOP nominee is Steve Lonegan (\$1.1 million, including \$1



Steve Lonegan

million in personal money), the legally-blind former mayor of Bogota who summited Mount Kilimanjaro a couple years ago and who previously lost races for the state Senate (1997), governor (2005 and 2009), and the U.S. Senate (2013).

Lonegan, who does have a primary challenger, carried the district in some of those statewide losses but it's tough to see him defeating Gottheimer in this midterm election. Move from Toss-Up to Tilt D.

7th District (Leonard Lance, R, re-elected 54%). Clinton 49%. Lance (\$608,000) is a throwback in style to the old Northeast Republicans, but Democrats are hoping he gets lumped in with a national party that is more conservative. Tom Malinowski (\$446,000), who was assistant secretary of state under President Obama, is the leading Democrat in terms of fundraising. Teacher Lisa Mandelblatt (\$414,000) dropped out and endorsed Malinowski. Bank vice president Linda Weber (\$133,000) is running and receiving some party endorsements. Democrats are hoping Lance crumbles under the pressure of a competitive race. Move from Likely R to Lean R.

11th District (Open; Rodney Frelinghuysen, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 49%. The presidential performance initially caused Democrats to target the race, but the congressman's retirement presents an open-seat opportunity. Democrat Mikie Sherrill, a retired Navy helicopter pilot/former federal prosecutor, had \$822,000 on Dec. 31 while Republicans are searching for a candidate. Toss-Up.

New Mexico. June 5 primary.

1st District (Open; Michelle Lujan Grisham, D, running for governor). Clinton 52%. Former state party chairwoman Deb Haaland (who would be the first Native American woman in Congress and had \$196,000), former U.S. Attorney Damon Martinez (\$323,000), anti-domestic violence organization executive director Antoinette Sedillo-Lopez (\$348,000), attorney Damian Lara (\$147,000) and others are running for the Democratic nomination in this Albuquerque-based district. Former state Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones (who lost to Lujan Grisham by 18 points in 2012) and immigration lawyer Michael Hendricks are running on the GOP side. Solid D.

2nd District (Open; Steve Pearce, R, running for governor). Trump 50%. An open seat gives Democrats an opportunity, albeit a narrow one. Attorney Xochitl Torres-Small is garnering the most recent attention for Democrats, while state Rep. Yvette Herrell (\$203,000) and former Hobbs mayor Monty Newman (\$357,000) are running on the Republican side. Newman finished second in the 2008 GOP primary in the district. Likely R.

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New York. April 12 filing deadline. June 26 primary

1st District (Lee Zeldin, R, re-elected 59%). Trump 55%. In 2016, Trump turned into an asset rather than a liability for the congressman, who trounced a once-touted candidate. Term-limited Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning (\$142,000) is battling businessman Perry Gershon (\$812,000, with \$400,000 in personal money) for the Democratic nomination. Zeldin had \$1.3 million in the bank. Solid R.

3rd District (Tom Suozzi, D, elected 53%). Clinton 52%. Republican Jack Martins fell short in his bid to take over Democratic Rep. Steve Israel's open seat. Navy veteran/investment banker Dan DeBono (\$106,000) is challenging Suozzi (\$1.1 million) and could make it a real race, particularly if he ever spends significant personal money. Solid D.

11th District (Dan Donovan, R, re-elected 62%). Trump 54%. This has the potential to be one of the most interesting House races in the country, and that's not good news for Republicans. Donovan (\$719,000) won the seat when GOP Rep. Michael Grimm (\$198,000) went to prison for seven months for tax fraud. But Grimm is running again after being released last year and took a picture with Steve Bannon. The two men could split the Republican and Conservative Party lines and allow a Democrat to win with a plurality, although GOP strategists say that scenario is unlikely. Afghanistan War veteran/health care executive Max Rose gives Democrats a credible candidate to take advantage of a Republican implosion. He comes from the right part of the district (Staten Island) and is raising decent money (\$493,000 in the bank). Republicans will need to unify after the primary to avoid losing the seat. Likely R.

19th District (John Faso, R, elected 54%). Trump 51%. The Democratic opportunity is attracting plenty of candidates, including Gareth Rhodes (a young former aide to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Obama White House intern who finished December with \$336,000 in the bank), Iraq War veteran/technology executive Pat Ryan (\$714,000), businessman Brian Flynn (\$979,000, including \$685,000 of his own money), attorney Antonio Delgado (\$1.2 million) and others. Faso (\$744,000) is regarded as one of the most vulnerable incumbents in the country. Tilt R.

22nd District (Claudia Tenney, R, elected 47%). Trump 55%. Tenney (\$573,000) has plenty of Republican and Democratic critics, but she navigated a competitive open-seat race in 2016. This year, she could be somewhat insulated by Trump's strength in the district, but Democrats are ecstatic about state Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi. He had \$582,000 at the end of December. Tilt R.

24th District (John Katko, R, re-elected 61%). Clinton 49%. The district looks like a top takeover target on paper, except Katko is one of the Republican Party's strongest incumbents and Democrats lack a credible challenger. Anne Messenger, the founder of a human resources company, had \$37,000 at the end of December compared to Katko's \$1.1 million. Likely R.

27th District (Chris Collins, R, re-elected 67%). Trump 60%. The congressman was one of Trump's earliest and only surrogates on the Hill throughout the 2016 campaign, but Democrats hope ethical questions and attorney/Iraq War veteran Sean Bunny bring the seat into play. Collins had \$1.2 million while Bunny (\$92,000) is just getting started. Solid R.

North Carolina. Feb. 28 filing deadline. May 8 primary.

2nd District (George Holding, R, re-elected 57%). Trump 53%. Businessman Sam Searcy dropped out to run for the state Senate while tech entrepreneur Ken Romley (\$304,000) and others are still running. Holding had just \$386,000 but is personally wealthy. Solid R.

9th District (Robert Pittenger, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 54%. Rev. Mark Harris (\$222,000), who lost to the congressman in the 2016 primary by 134 votes (less than 1 percent), is running again and attracted support from Steve Bannon. Pittenger received just 35 percent in that race against two candidates. Democrats are excited about Dan McCready, a solar energy financier who served in Iraq with the Marines. He already had \$931,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 while the personally wealthy congressman had \$287,000 in his campaign account. Likely R.

13th District (Ted Budd, R, re-elected 56%). Trump 53%. This district is on the outskirts of the competitive race conversation. UNCG Trustee Kathy Manning (\$522,000) gives Democrats a credible challenger but she's been a major donor to the party and will have to break from the national party mold to have a chance against Budd (\$300,000). Move from Solid R to Likely R.

North Dakota. April 9 filing deadline. June 12 primary.

At-Large District (Kevin Cramer, R, re-elected 69%). Trump 64%. Cramer (\$952,000) appears poised to announce his challenge to Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp just after our publishing deadline. If he does, state Sen. Tom Campbell could switch to run for Cramer's open seat. Some of the opposition research on Campbell was made public during the Senate race conversation, and some of it isn't pretty, but Democrats don't have a top-tier candidate here now. Former state Rep. Ben Hanson (\$47,000) is running. Solid R.

Ohio. May 8 primary.

1st District (Steve Chabot, R, re-elected 59%). Trump 51%. Democrats believe their new challenger, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval, is a game-changer. He's viewed as a rising star in local politics but this will be a much larger stage and race. Chabot had nearly \$1.2 million on Dec. 31. We'll see how Pureval and the cycle develops in this Cincinnati district. Solid R.

7th District (Bob Gibbs, R, re-elected 64%). Trump 63%. Retired Navy pilot/Yale law school graduate Ken Harbaugh (\$433,000) is running against Gibbs (\$1.3 million). If the Democratic candidate with the same last name as the University of Michigan head football coach wins an Ohio seat that Trump won by 30 points, that will tell you all you need to know about the cycle. Solid R.

12th District (VACANT; Pat Tiberi, R, resigned Jan. 2018). Trump 53%. *May 8 special primary. Aug. 7 special general election.* The wide Republican field includes state Sen. Kevin Bacon, state Sen. Troy Balderson, Delaware County Carol O'Brien, and veteran Tim Kane. Several Democrats filed too, including Franklin County Recorder Daniel O'Connor and former Franklin County Sheriff Zach Scott. Read our full analysis in the Jan. 19 issue. Likely R.

16th District (Open; Jim Renacci, R, running for Senate). Trump 56%. Republicans lining up to run for this open seat include state Rep. Christina Hagan (\$199,000 and only represents a small portion of the district), former Ohio State/Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Anthony

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Gonzalez (\$742,000), and Afghanistan War veteran Kit Seryak (\$17,000), the newest entrant into the race. The large field of candidates lowers the votes necessary to win with a plurality. Solid R.

Oklahoma. April 13 filing deadline. June 26 primary. Aug. 3 runoff.

1st District (Open; Jim Bridenstine, R, not seeking re-election).

Trump 61%. President Trump nominated the congressman (\$102,000) to be the NASA administrator, so this seat could become a vacancy. Republican candidates include state Sen. Nathan Dahm (\$41,000), former Tulsa County District Attorney Tim Harris (\$68,000), Tulsa pastor Danny Stockstill (\$6,000), businessman Kevin Hern (\$376,000) and nonprofit executive / retired Army intelligence officer Andy Coleman (\$75,000). Solid R.

Pennsylvania. March 6 filing deadline. May 15 primary.

The state supreme court threw out the congressional map as an unconstitutional gerrymander. Under court order, the Republican-led Legislature drew a new map, that was vetoed by the Democratic governor. Now the court will select a map. But until the map is finalized, it's nearly impossible to handicap and rate the races. For now, the races are analyzed based on the old map, in order to understand the candidates financial position. But this is a fluid situation.

1st District (Open; Bob Brady, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 80%. A federal investigation put Brady in a politically precarious position. Brady's campaign allegedly paid a challenger to drop out of the 2012 race. Democratic candidates for the Philadelphia district include former Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Nina Ahmad (\$564,000), Pastor Kevin Johnson, Philadelphia Deputy Mayor Rick Lazer, radio show host Michele Lawrence, 2016 7th District & 6th District candidate Lindy Li, and others. Solid D.

6th District (Ryan Costello, R, re-elected 57%). Clinton 48%. Democrats are enthusiastic about retired Air Force veteran Chrissy Houlahan, a former executive of the And1 athletic wear company. She had a considerable \$950,000 on Dec. 31 while Costello had \$1.4 million. Republicans just started unloading their research book against Houlahan, including overseas manufacturing hits. The Democrat will have to work to make sure it doesn't define her. Lean R.



Ryan Costello

7th District (Open; Pat Meehan, R, not seeking re-election). Clinton 49%. The original skeleton of this race has been completely shattered due to accusations of sexual harassment against both the incumbent and former Democratic frontrunner Daylin Leach. Dan Muroff (\$267,000, who received 10 percent in the 2016 2nd District primary) remains in the Democratic race, but attention is now on several women running: bioengineer Molly Sheehan (\$187,000), former CIA officer Shelly Chauncey, former federal prosecutor Ashley Lunkenheimer, and real estate broker Elizabeth Moro (\$11,000). This seat could become more

Democratic with the new map. Toss-Up.

8th District (Brian Fitzpatrick, R, elected 54%). Trump 48.2%.

Democratic attorney and Navy veteran Rachel Reddick (\$80,000) is running against the congressman, who won his brother's open seat in 2016. Wealthy investment fund CEO Scott Wallace entered the race late and could be interesting. Fitzpatrick had \$1.1 million on Dec. 31. Lean R.

11th District (Open; Lou Barletta, R, running for the Senate). Trump 60%. Initial GOP potential candidates include businessman / former state Revenue Secretary Dan Meuser (\$471,000; who lost a 2008 GOP primary 52-48 in what was then the 10th District), state Rep. Stephen Bloom (\$200,000), state Rep. Tarah Toohil, and drywall contractor / Iraq War veteran Andrew Lewis (\$127,000), who narrowly lost a bid for the state Senate in 2016. Former state Agriculture Secretary Denny Wolff (\$155,000) could give Democrats an outside shot at the seat. Solid R.

15th District (Open; Charlie Dent, R, not seeking re-election).

Trump 52%. State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (\$204,000) and Lehigh County Commissioner Marty Nothstein (\$112,000) are the top GOP contenders. The Democratic field includes Allentown city solicitor Susan Ellis Wild (\$101,000), pastor Greg Edwards (\$162,000), former Coplay mayor Bill Leiner (\$2,000), and UPS driver Laura Quick. This district could get more Democratic with the new map. Lean R.

16th District (Lloyd Smucker, R, elected 54%). Trump 51%.

Christina Hartman, the 2016 Democratic nominee, overperformed initial expectations and is running again. Smucker had a mediocre \$200,000 in his campaign account on Dec. 31, while Hartman, who raised and spent over \$1.1 million in 2016, had \$219,000 in the bank. Community activist Jess King (\$146,000) is running in the Democratic primary as the populist candidate. Republicans might need to bail out Smucker here. Lean R.

17th District (Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 54%). Trump 53%. GOP strategists are excited about venture capitalist John Chrin, even though he recently moved from the New York City suburbs. He had \$915,000 on hand at the end of December, including \$877,000 of his money. Cartwright had nearly \$1.5 million. The new map will likely impact this seat. Likely D.

18th District (VACANT; Tim Murphy, R, resigned). Trump 58%.

March 13 special election. Former assistant U.S. attorney Conor Lamb is the Democratic nominee against GOP state Rep. Rick Saccone in the next congressional special election. Republicans are dumping millions into the race to avoid an embarrassing loss in a Trump district. Democrats aren't trying to match the GOP air war. With less than a month to go, the race looks to have settled in the mid-single digits. Lean R.

South Dakota. March 28 filing deadline. June 5 primary.

At-Large District (Open; Kristi Noem, R, running for governor).

Trump 62%. South Dakota Secretary of State Shantel Krebs (\$362,000) and former Gov. Dennis Daugaard's chief of staff Dusty Johnson (\$424,000) are the top contenders for the the GOP nomination. State Sen. Neal Tapio, who ran Trump's South Dakota campaign, is running as well. Former circuit court judge Tim Bjorkman (\$116,000) is running on the Democratic side. Solid R.

Tennessee. April 5 deadline. Aug. 2 primary.

2nd District (Open; John "Jimmy" Duncan, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 65%. Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett was in the east

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Tennessee race before Duncan's retirement yet he posted just \$207,000 on Dec. 31. Tire store owner/state Rep. Jimmy Matlock (\$220,000) and Young Republicans National Chairman Jason Emert (\$116,000) are running as well. Solid R.

6th District (Open; Diane Black, R, running for governor). Trump 73%. The fight will be in the GOP primary. Former police officer/state Rep. Judd Matheny announced soon after Black and finished December with \$35,000. Former state agriculture commissioner/former software executive John Rose had \$694,000, including \$500,000 of his own money, and retired chancery court judge Bob Corlew is running as well. Black won her initial primary in 2010 with 30 percent of the vote. Solid R.

7th District (Open; Marsha Blackburn, R, running for Senate). Trump 68%. This should be another battle on the Republican side. State Sen. Mark Green (\$581,000) looks like the initial frontrunner, and country music songwriter Lee Thomas Miller, who's been nominated for three Grammy's and has a long list of country artists, including Brad Paisley, dropped out. Democrat Justin Kanew (\$104,000), a producer who is a former contestant on "The Amazing Race," had already announced his candidacy when Blackburn announced her decision. Solid R.

Texas. March 6 primary. May 22 runoff.

2nd District (Open; Ted Poe, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 52%. A large field of GOP candidates includes donor/activist Kathaleen Wall (\$2.3 million, including mostly personal money), state Rep. Kevin Roberts (\$445,000), former hospital CEO David Balat (\$83,000), and military veterans Dan Crenshaw (\$74,000) and Jonny Havens (\$95,000). A GOP runoff is likely. Democratic nonprofit executive Todd Litton already had \$285,000 but would start the general election as an underdog. Solid R.

3rd District (Open; Sam Johnson, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 55%. GOP state Sen. Van Taylor (\$901,000, including \$1 million of his own money), who lost a challenge to Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards in 2006, is considered the congressman-elect. He represents 94 percent of the congressional district in the Legislature and has nominal Democratic opposition. Solid R.

5th District (Open; Jeb Hensarling, R, not seeking re-election).

Trump 63%. The main event is the GOP primary, which will likely go to a runoff. The wide Republican field includes former Hensarling campaign manager Bunni Pounds (\$197,000), former state Rep. Kenneth Sheets (\$82,000), state Rep. Lance Gooden (\$83,000), and former Ted Cruz regional aide Jason Wright (\$94,000). Solid R.

6th District (Open; Joe Barton, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 54%. The Republican field includes retired Navy pilot Jake Ellzey (\$66,000), Shannon Dubberly (\$39,000) and Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector Ron Wright (\$22,000). Democrats don't necessarily see this

seat as competitive, but if the political winds blow in the right direction, they're particularly excited about journalist/consultant Jana Sanchez (\$43,000) as a potential general election candidate, though 2016 nominee Ruby Woolridge's (\$37,000) name ID may give her an advantage in the primary. Solid R.

7th District (John Culberson, R, re-elected 56%). Clinton 49%. Local non-profit director Alex Triantaphyllis (\$634,000) and attorney Lizzie Pannill Fletcher (\$437,000) are leading the field of Democratic candidates, followed by "The Resistance" activist Laura Moser (\$329,000). After a slow start, Culberson (\$596,000) is preparing for a tough fight, according to GOP strategists, in a district Clinton carried. Tilt R.

16th District (Open; Beto O'Rourke, D, running for Senate). Clinton 68%. Democratic strategists believe El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar (\$402,000) will win the primary, which will be the main event in a Democratic district. Former El Paso School Board President Dori Fenenbock (\$451,000) is also running, but Democratic operatives believe the district is more likely to vote for a Hispanic candidate than Fenenbock, who who has previously donated to the GOP. Solid D.

21st District (Open; Lamar Smith, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 53%. This is another race that will likely get sorted out in a GOP primary runoff. The field includes State Rep. Jason Isaac (\$104,000), former Ted Cruz chief of staff Chip Roy (\$195,000), former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison aide William Negley (\$218,000, including \$100,000 in personal money), former congressman Quico Canseco (\$132,000), communications consultant Jennifer Sarver (\$84,000), 2014/2016 Smith primary challenger Matt McCall (\$105,000 including \$110,000 in personal money), Robert Stovall (\$44,000), and former San Marcos mayor Susan Narvaiz. Democrats, meanwhile, believe Joseph Kopser (\$337,000) could wage a serious campaign. Solid R.

23rd District (Will Hurd, R, re-elected 48%). Clinton 49.8%. Attorney Jay Hulings (\$281,000) and Iraq War veteran/former USTR official Gina Ortiz Jones (\$169,000) are considered the top candidates for the Democratic nomination, but Judy Canales (\$7,000) shouldn't be ignored. Hurd (\$1.1 million) will be prepared for a tough fight. This is the type of race Democrats need to win for a majority. Toss-Up.

27th District (Open; Blake Farenthold, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 60%. Bech Bruun (\$119,000) stepped down from his position on the Texas Water Development Board to run for the open seat, and will face business owner Michael Cloud (\$33,000) in the GOP primary. This is not a priority for Democrats. Solid R.

29th District (Open; Gene Green, D, not seeking re-election). Clinton 71%. There are three candidates with the last name Garcia running for Green's seat, but unless voters get extremely confused at the voting booth, former Harris County commissioner Sylvia Garcia (\$210,000) is likely the next congresswoman to represent the 29th District. Tahir Javed (\$553,000, including \$400,000 personal money) is also running and on TV with a significant ad buy. Solid D.

31st District (John Carter, R, re-elected with 58%). Trump 54%. Republicans are unlikely to lose this Austin-area district but Democrat MJ Hegar has an interesting profile as an Air Force veteran who received the Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor Device and wrote a memoir that might turn into a movie starring Angelina Jolie. Solid R.

32nd District (Pete Sessions, R, re-elected 71%). Clinton 49%.



Van Taylor

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House Overview: Utah-Wisconsin

Democrats didn't even field a candidate in 2016, but they're targeting the Dallas-area district this year. Former Clinton campaign staffer Ed Meier (\$500,000) is running along with businesswoman Lillian Salerno (\$157,000) in the top tier of Democratic contenders, but Dallas TV reporter Brett Shipp (\$26,000) and civil rights attorney Colin Allred (\$128,000) are running too. Sessions had \$1.3 million. The Democratic primary will likely go to a run-off. Likely R.

Utah. March 15 filing deadline. June 26 primary.

4th District (Mia Love, R, re-elected 54%). Trump 39%. It's rare for a Democrat to have a shot at a Utah congressional seat, but Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams (\$460,000) has the kind of profile that could make this race competitive, considering he already represents 85 percent of the district. Love (\$576,000) is no stranger to close races and could benefit from Mitt Romney's Senate bid at the top of the ticket. Republicans are ready to highlight McAdams' record as mayor. Lean R.



Mia Love

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Virginia. March 29 filing deadline.

2nd District (Scott Taylor, R, elected 61%). Trump 49%. Democrats already had their eye on this Virginia Beach seat before Ralph Northam carried it 51-47 percent over Ed Gillespie in the 2017 gubernatorial race. Businessman Dave Belote dropped out of the race to care for his mom, but spoke at Navy veteran Elaine Luria's announcement event. She appears to be the Democratic frontrunner but teacher Karen Mallard is running as well. Taylor had \$585,000 at the end of December. Likely R.

5th District (Tom Garrett, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 53%. The racially charged protests in Charlottesville put this district in the national spotlight and Garrett received attention for meeting with one of the white nationalist organizers before the clash. Iraq/Afghanistan War veteran Roger Dean Huffstetler (\$474,000) and journalist Leslie Cockburn (\$383,000) will face off in a primary convention, which should benefit the more liberal Cockburn. Garrett had just \$108,000, but it's still a difficult race in a seat Clinton lost by 10 points. Despite getting crushed statewide, Gillespie won the district 54-45 percent, according to Decision Desk HQ. Likely R.

6th District (Open; Bob Goodlatte, R, not seeking re-election). Trump 60%. Nearing the end of his chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee, the congressman is not seeking another term. Based on Trump's performance and Gillespie winning it 60-39 percent in the gubernatorial race, the seat should stay in GOP hands. Local Republicans will nominate a candidate at a May 19 convention. State Del. Ben Cline (\$78,000) and a host of others are running. Solid R.

7th District (Dave Brat, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 51%. Brat (\$470,000) is best known for knocking off Eric Cantor in a GOP primary, but the congressman could have a tough race of his own this year. CIA

operative Abigail Spanberger (\$289,000) and airline pilot Dan Ward (\$415,000) are running for the Democratic nomination. But even though Gillespie lost statewide, including heavy losses in the Richmond suburbs, Gillespie still won this district 51-47 percent. Likely R.

10th District (Barbara Comstock, R, re-elected 53%). Clinton 52%. Comstock (\$1.2 million) overperformed Trump in 2016, but the President might be digging himself a deeper hole. Northam won the Northern Virginia district 56-43 percent in 2017. Former State Department official Alison Friedman is leading the Democratic field in fundraising (\$687,000), but state Sen. Jennifer Wexton (\$474,000) is running with existing name recognition. Lindsey Davis Stover (\$414,000), who worked in the Obama administration, veteran Dan Helmer (\$483,000) and a handful of other Democrats are running as well. Toss-Up.

Washington. May 18 filing deadline. Aug. 7 primary.

5th District (Cathy McMorris Rodgers, re-elected 60%). Trump 52%. Former state Senate majority leader Lisa Brown (\$451,000), a former chancellor at Washington State University, is challenging McMorris Rodgers (\$1.1 million), the most senior woman in Republican congressional leadership. Democrats believe this could be a sleeper race and Speaker Paul Ryan's Congressional Leadership Fund has set up a field office in the eastern Washington district. Move from Solid R to Likely R.

8th District (Open; Dave Reichert, R, not seeking re-election). Clinton 48%. The congressman's retirement opens up a seat Democrats have been eyeing for a decade, but top-tier Democrats have not been jumping at the opportunity. Pediatrician Kim Schrier (who had \$446,000 and was just endorsed by EMILY's List), attorney Jason Rittreiser (\$277,000) and others are running for a spot in the top-two primary. Reichert is irreplaceable but state Sen. Dino Rossi (\$1.1 million) gives Republicans the best chance to hold the seat. He lost races for governor in 2004 and 2008 and a U.S. Senate run in 2010, but jumped out to a big fundraising lead and has some name I.D. in the district. Shift from Tilt D to Toss-Up.

West Virginia. May 8 primary.

2nd District (Alex Mooney, R, re-elected 58%). Trump 66%. Democrats believe there's a scenario to win because the incumbent (\$1.1 million) is from Maryland. But it doesn't look like State Department official Talley Sergeant (\$134,000) or non-profit group executive Aaron Scheinberg (\$163,000) can do it. Solid R.

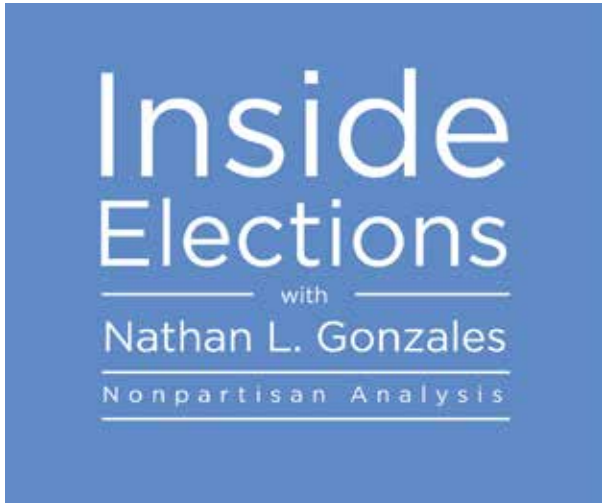
3rd District (Open; Evan Jenkins, R, running for Senate). Trump 73%. State House Majority Whip Carol Miller (\$258,000), former state party chairman Conrad Lucas (\$136,000), former state Rep. Rick Snuffer (who lost to Democratic Rep. Nick Rahall 54-46 percent in 2012), state Del. Rupie Phillips (\$60,000) and others are vying for the GOP nomination. Some Democrats were intrigued with Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, but he dropped out. State Sen. Richard Ojeda has an interesting story but had less than \$10,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Solid R.

Wisconsin. June 1 filing deadline. August 14 primary.

3rd District (Ron Kind, D, re-elected unopposed.). Trump 49%.

Kind (\$3 million) represents a Trump district, but Republican retired Army Col. Steve Toft (\$53,000) hasn't raised enough money yet to be credible. Move from Likely D to Solid D.

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