



Election 2020 Update

Langdon/Maddox Forum

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October 15th, 2020

19 Days Until Election Day 2020

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Agenda

I. The Environment

- **Drivers**
- **Distractions**
- **Dynamics**
- **Data**

II. The Races

- **Presidential**
- **U.S. Senate**
- **U.S. House**
- **Governors and State Legislatures**

Drivers

- **Pandemic**
- **Recession**
- **Schools**
- **Racial Conflict/Riots**
- **Weather**

- Supreme Court Nomination
- Washington Gridlock

Distractions

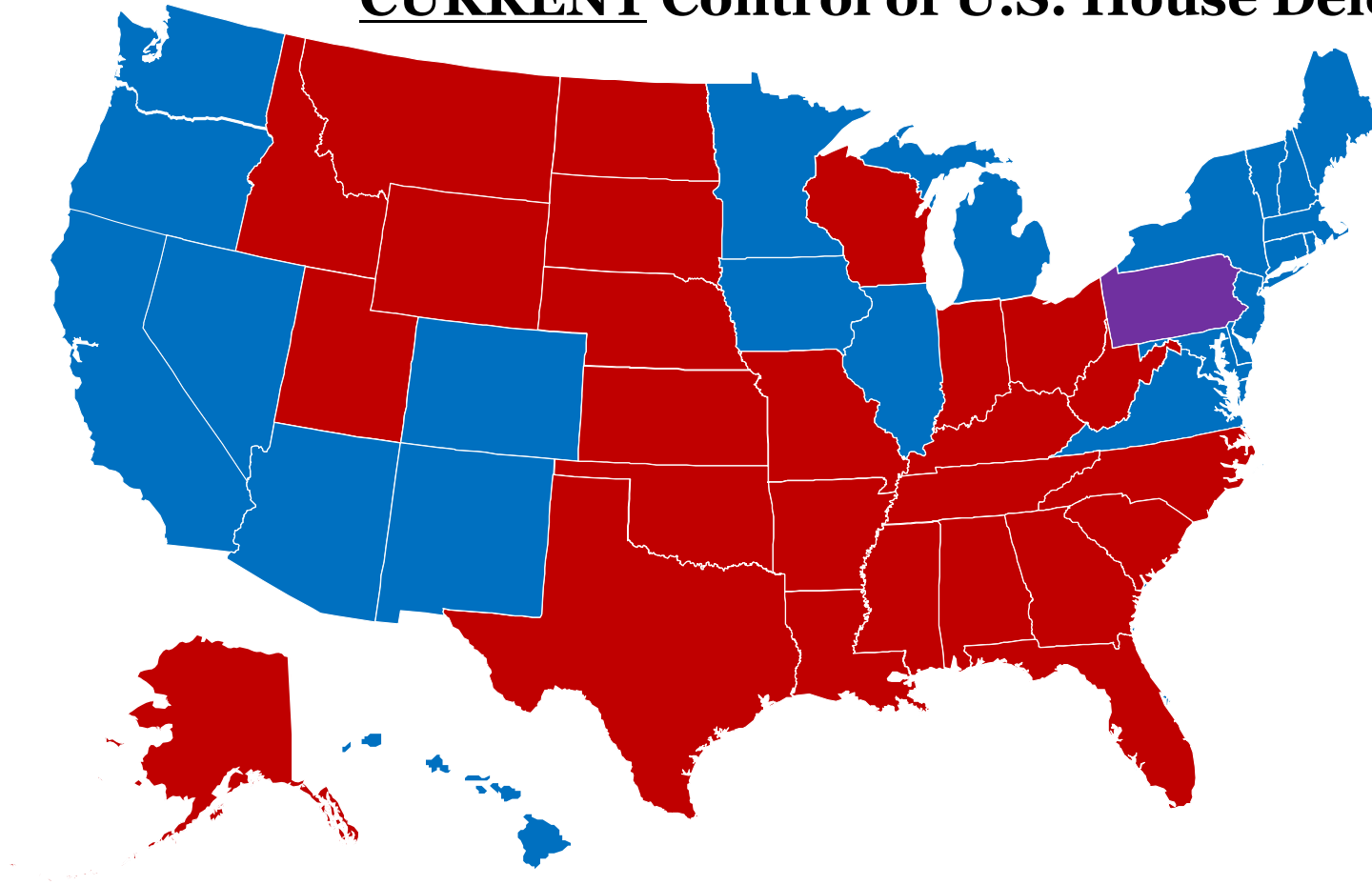
- **President's Taxes**
- **Presidential Debate**
- **President's Health**
- **GOP/Dem Funding**
- **Minority Support for Dems**
- **Religious Support for GOP**
- **Down-ballot Scandals**
- **President's Rallies**

Dynamics – “*Known Unknowns*”

- **COVID Results**
- **Schools/Football**
- **COVID Vaccine**
- **Voting Process/Sites/Weather/Count**
 - **Turnout**
 - **Early Voting**
 - **Straight Tickets**
- **Transfer of Power Concerns**
- **Deadlocked Electoral College**

Electoral Gridlock – Decided by NEW U.S. House

CURRENT Control of U.S. House Delegations



Republicans – 26
Democrats – 23
Split – 1

Data

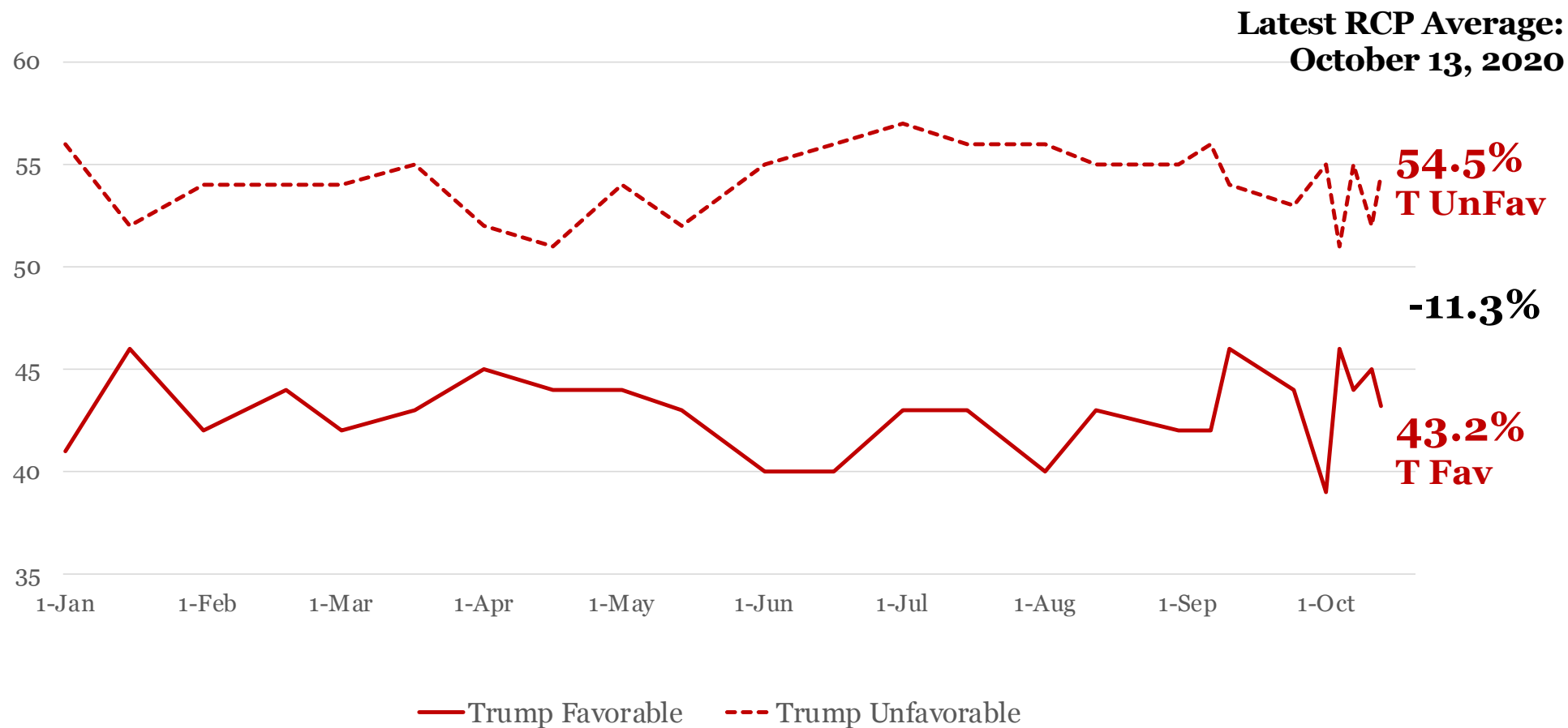
- **Presidential Favorability**
- **Presidential Job Approval**
- **Presidential Voter Preference**

- Money Raised
- Advertising Placements
- Campaign Activity
- Voter Registration/Early Voting
- Late/Outlier Polls



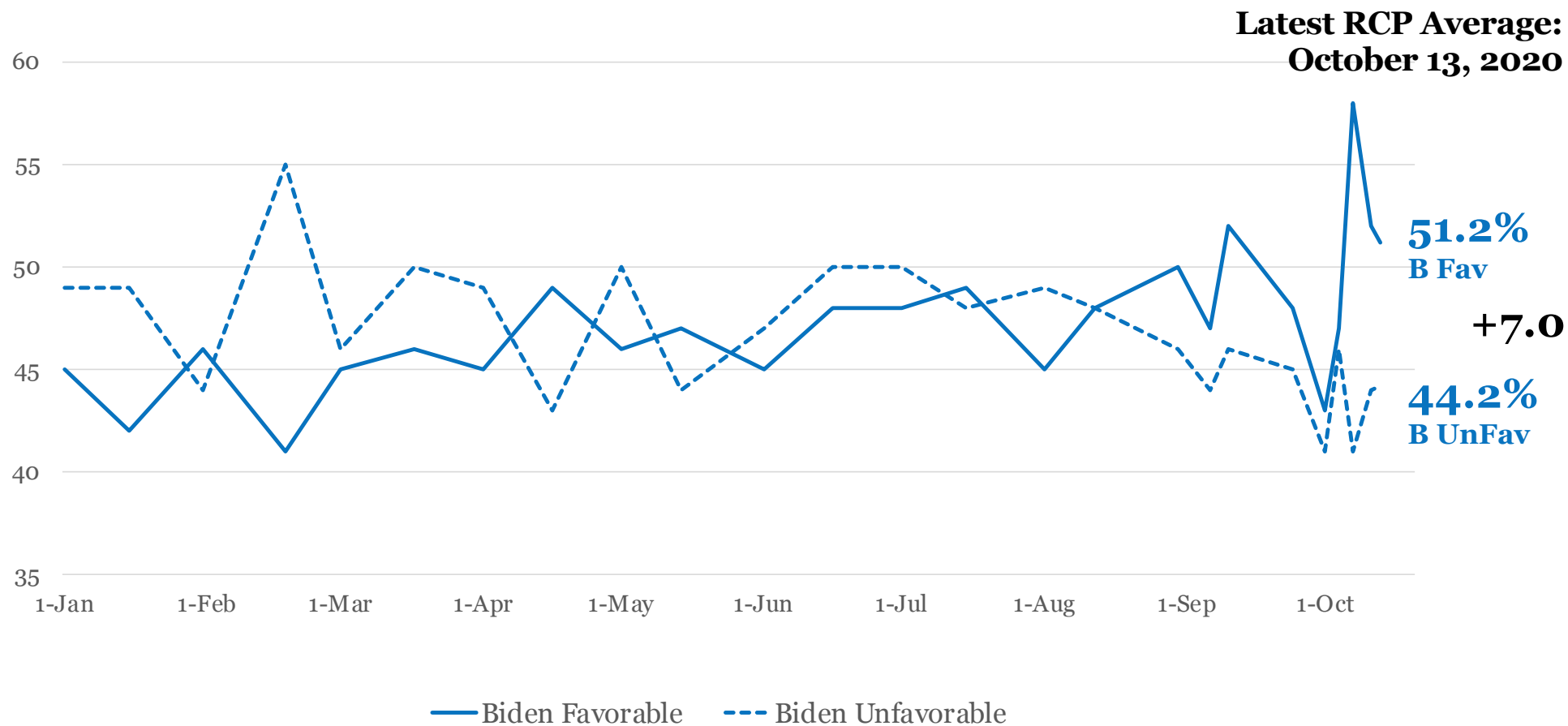
2020 Election Data

President Trump Favorable/Unfavorable



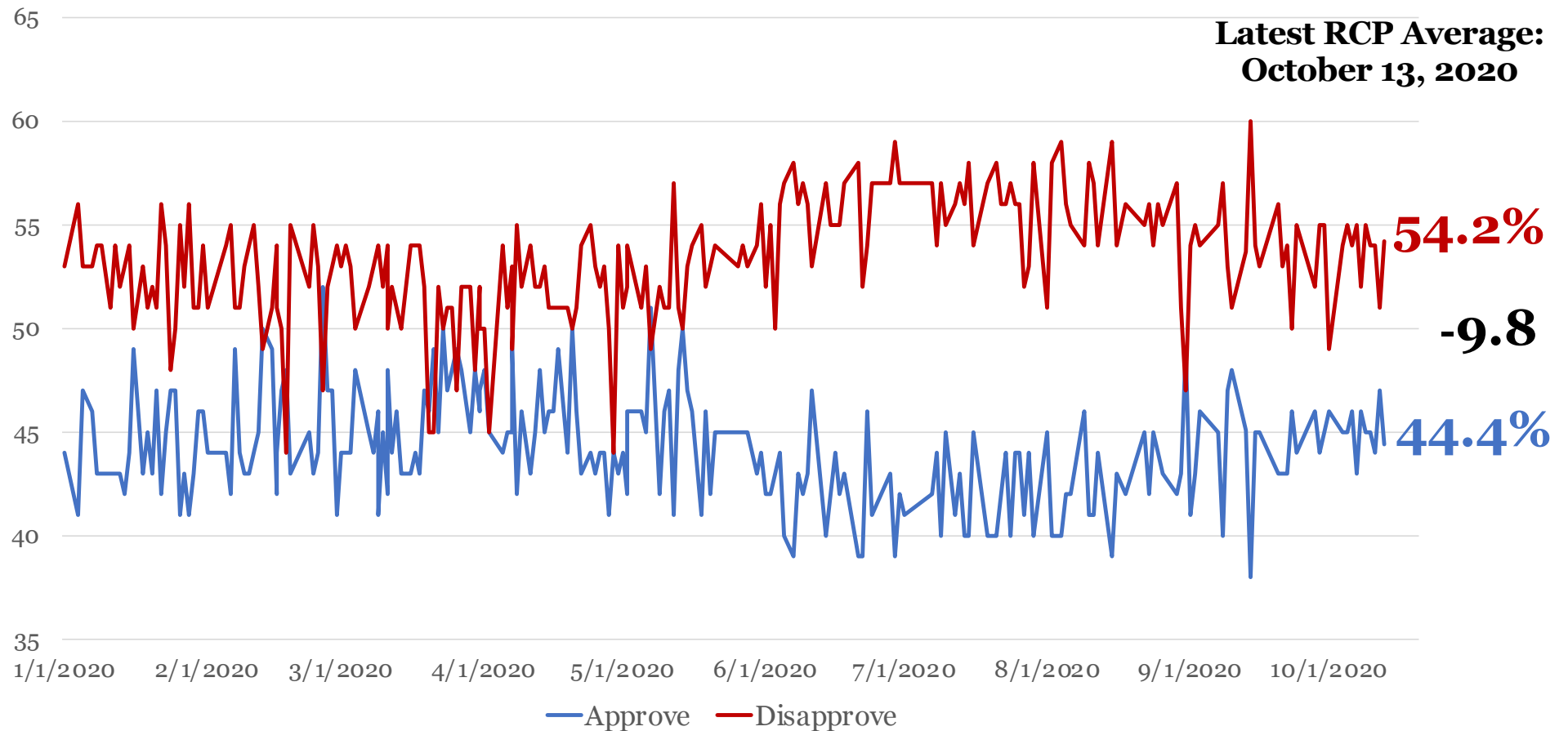
Source: Real Clear Politics

Vice-President Biden Favorable/Unfavorable



Source: Real Clear Politics

President Trump Job Approval in 2020



Source: Real Clear Politics

Comparative Presidential Job Approval

October Job Approval

- Clinton '96 – 57%
- Obama '12 – 52%
- W. Bush '08 – 50%
- **Trump '20 – 46%**
- Carter '80 – 37%
- H.W. Bush '92 – 33%

Current RCP Presidential Vote Intention

42.3%

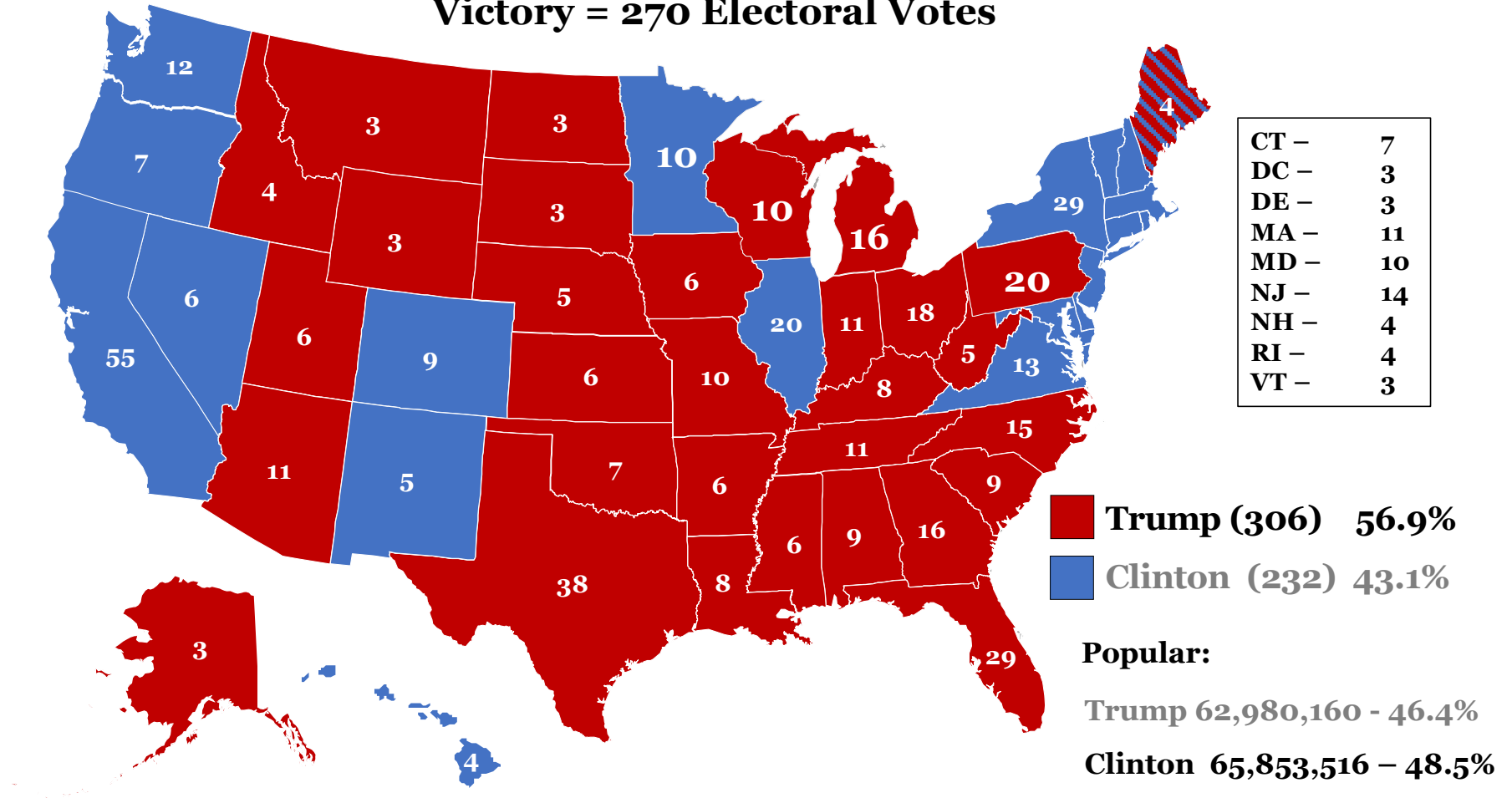


51.6%



State Electoral Vote 2016

Victory = 270 Electoral Votes



2020 Eight Tier One Battleground States

Iowa

Wisconsin

Michigan

Ohio

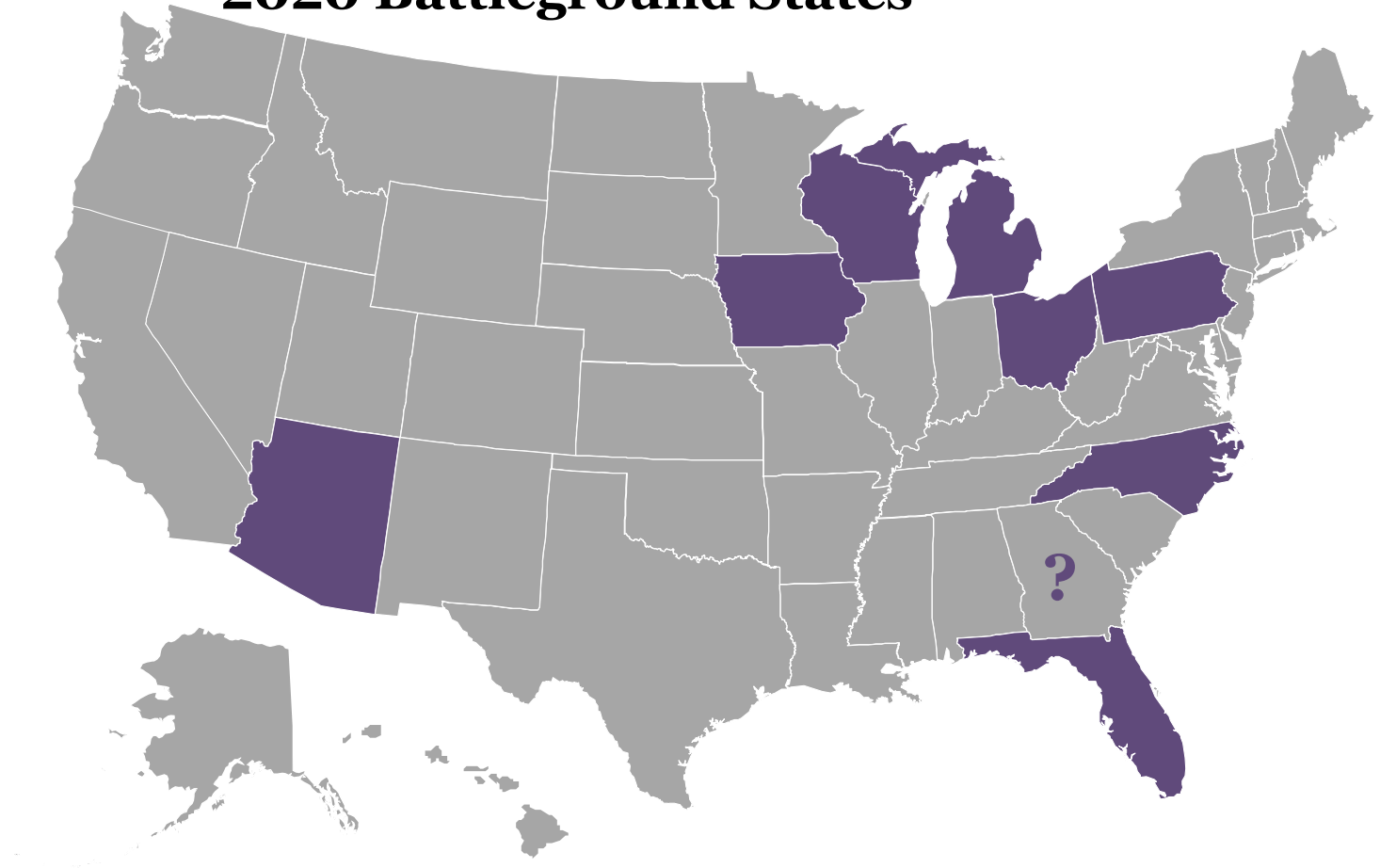
Pennsylvania

North Carolina

Arizona

Florida

2020 Battleground States

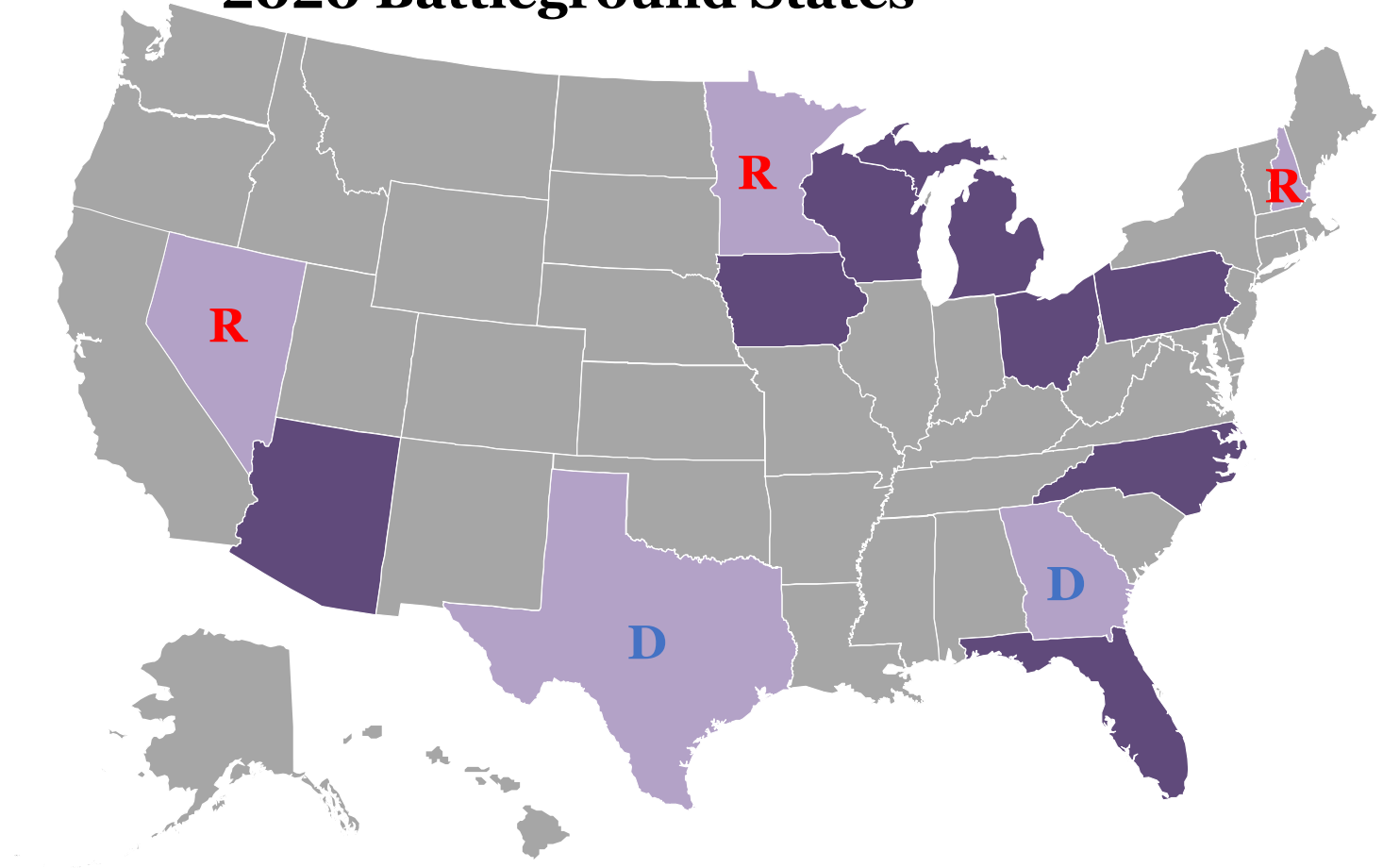


2020 Five Tier Two Battleground States

Wisconsin
Michigan
Ohio
Pennsylvania
North Carolina
Iowa
Arizona
Florida, plus . . .

Nevada
Minnesota
New Hampshire
Texas
Georgia

2020 Battleground States

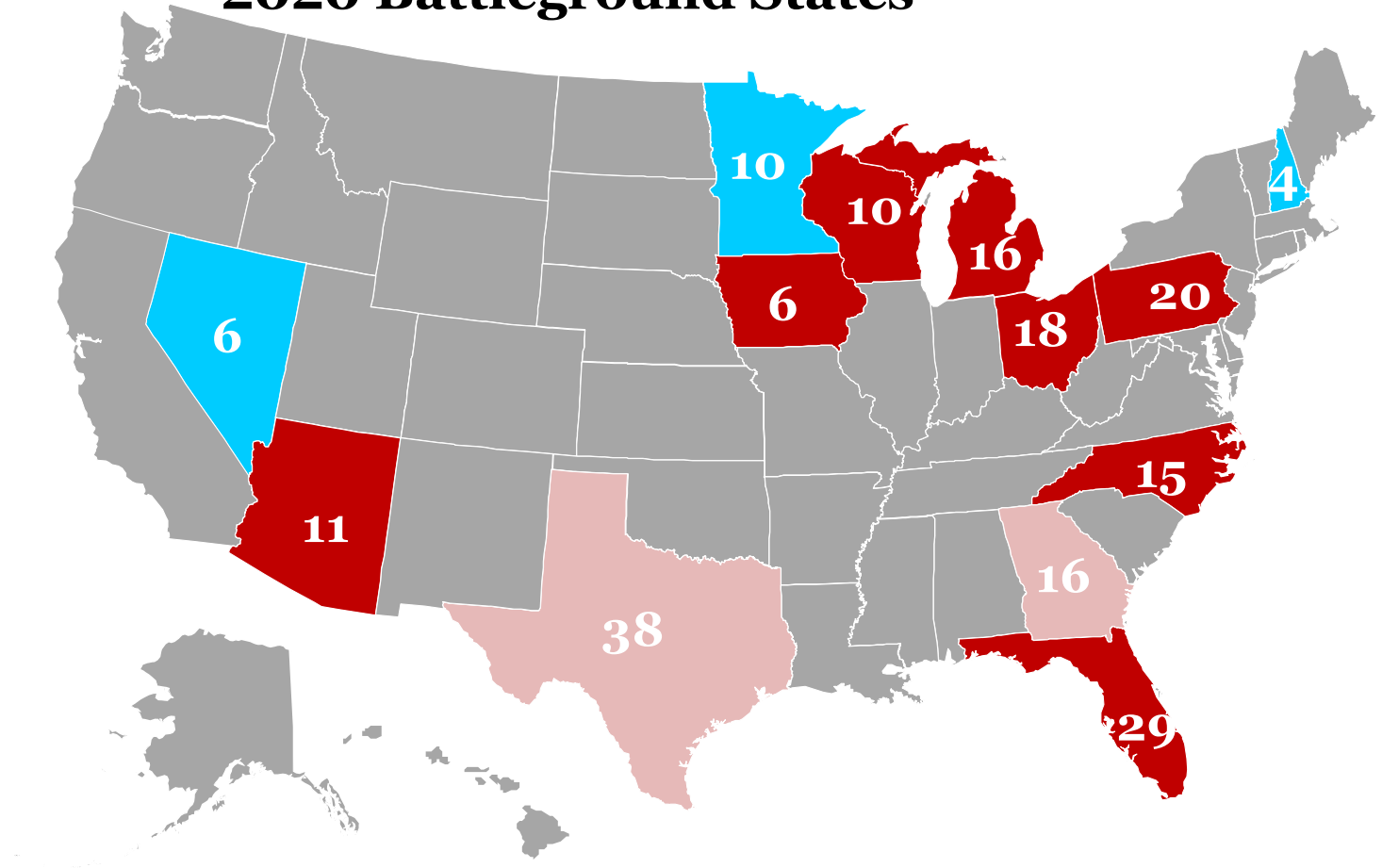


2020 13 Battleground States – 2016 Winners

Wisconsin
Michigan
Ohio
Pennsylvania
North Carolina
Iowa
Arizona
Florida, plus . . .

Nevada
Minnesota
New Hampshire
Texas
Georgia

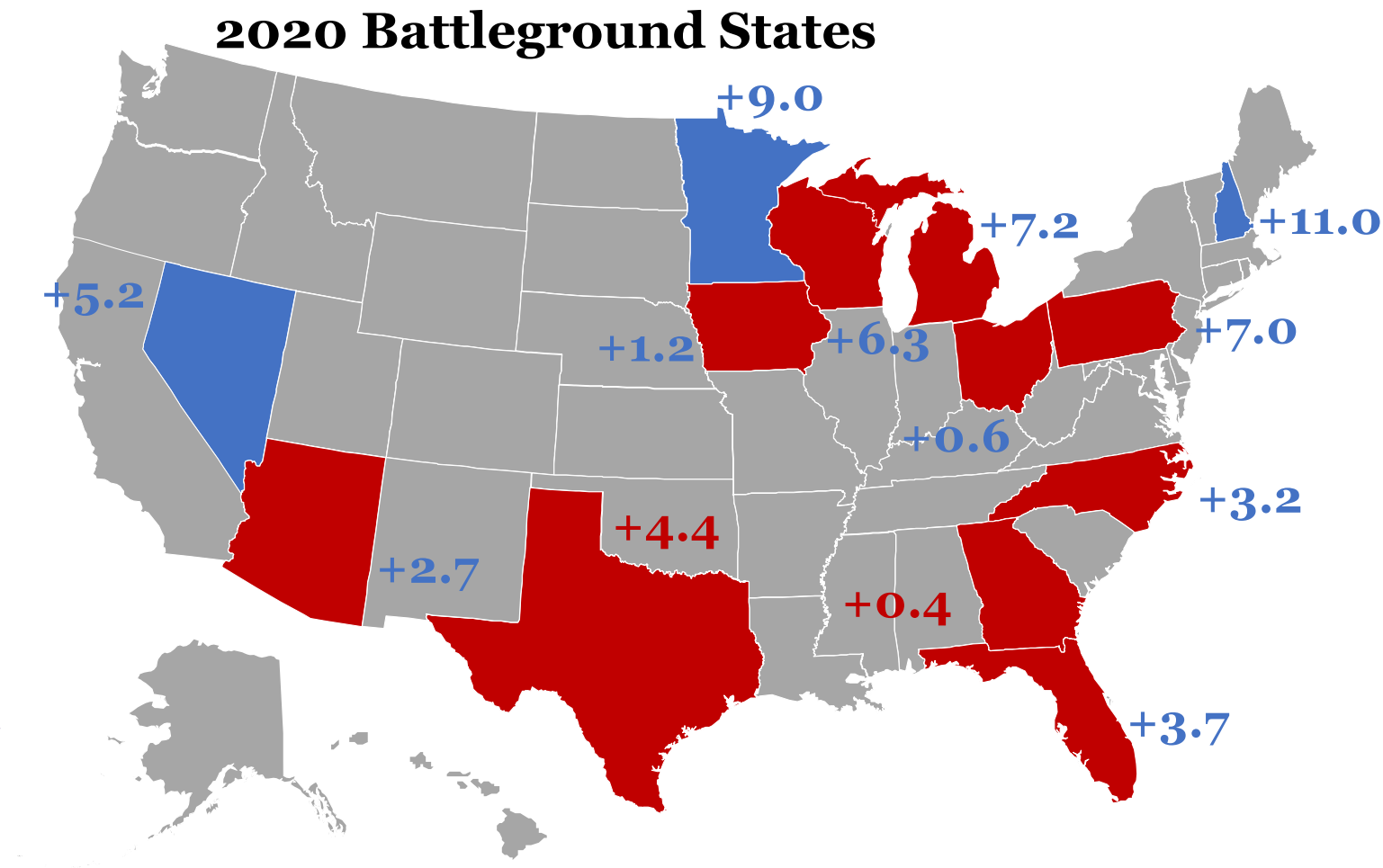
2020 Battleground States



2020 Battleground States Latest RCP Averages

Wisconsin
Michigan
Ohio
Pennsylvania
North Carolina
Iowa
Arizona
Florida, plus . . .

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New Hampshire
Texas
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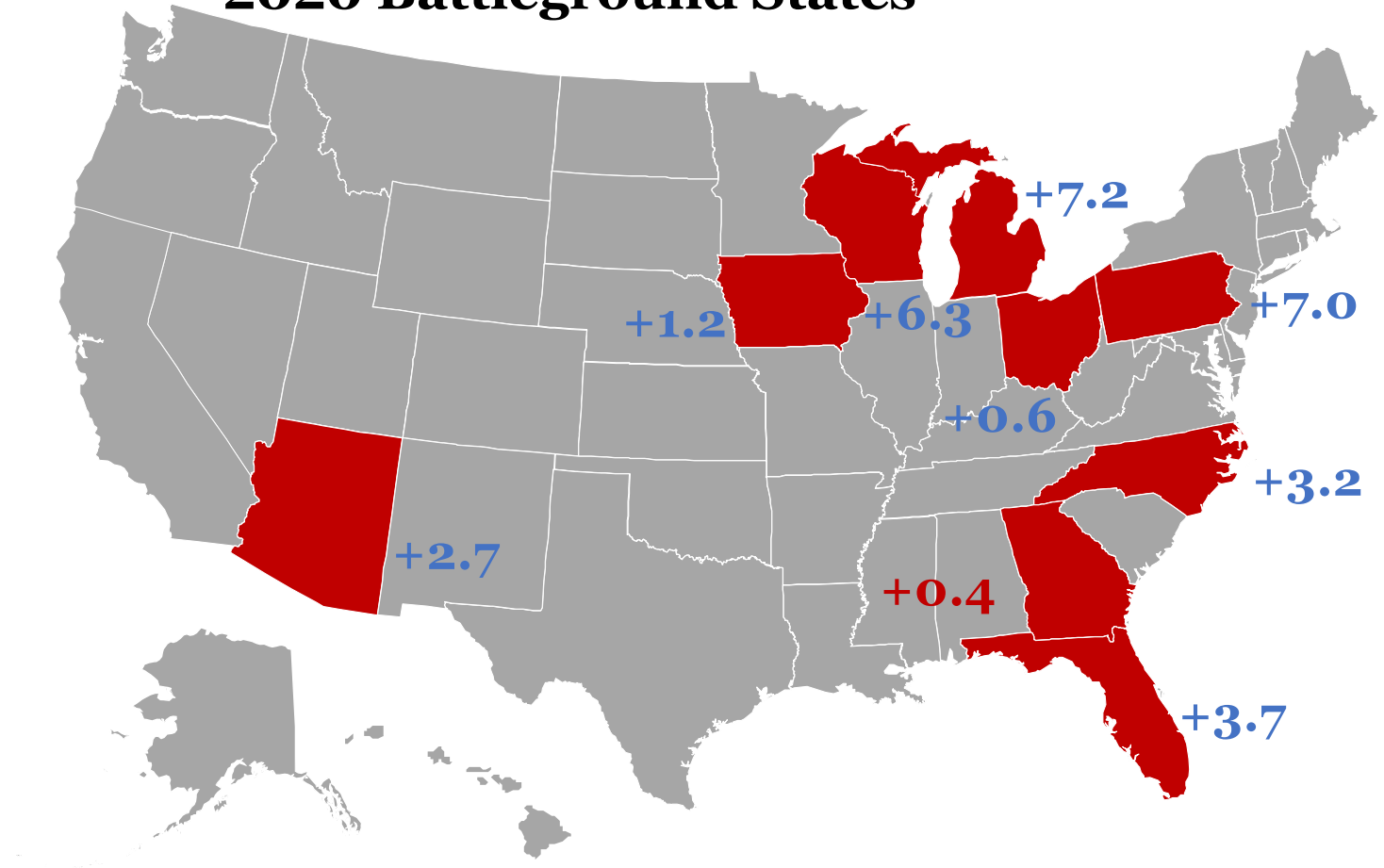


2020 Final Battleground States 10/12 Polling

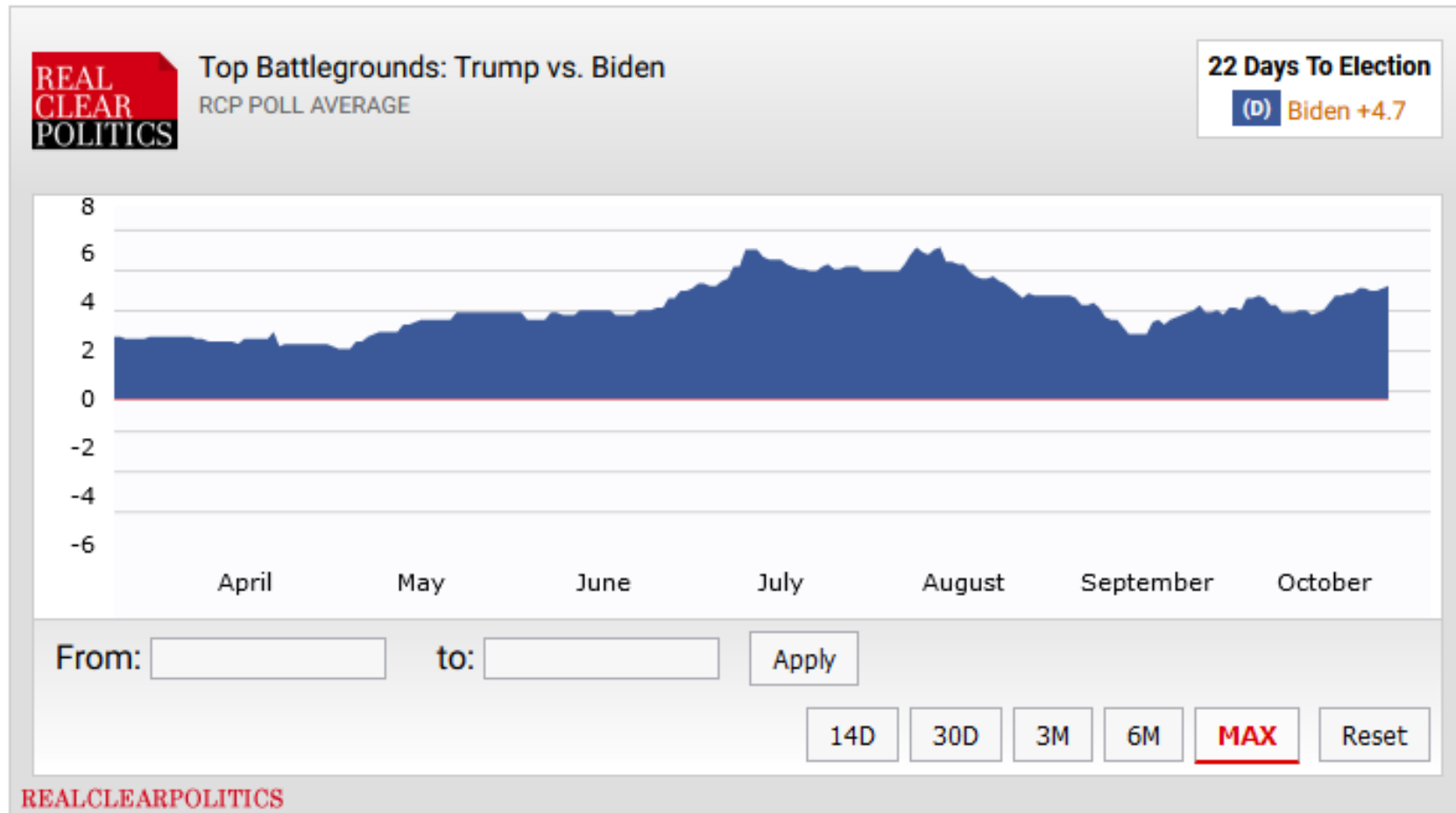
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2020 Battleground States



Biden Leads Trump in 2020 Battlegrounds



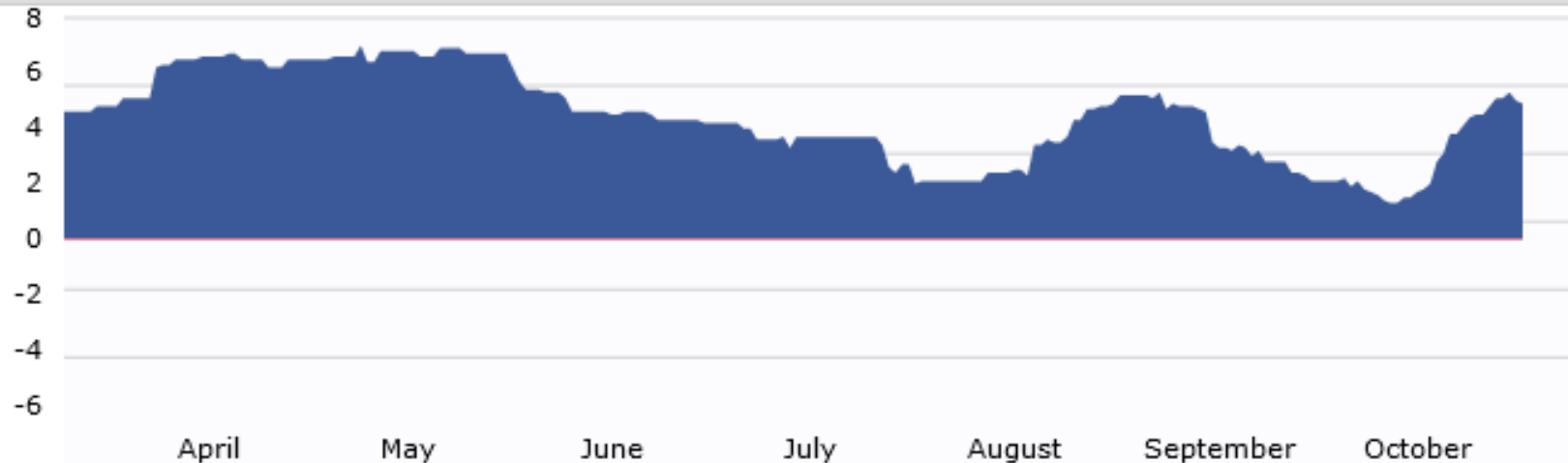
Clinton Led Trump in 2016 Battlegrounds



Top Battlegrounds: Trump vs. Clinton
RCP POLL AVERAGE

22 Days To Election

(D) Clinton +4.9



From:

to:

Apply

14D

30D

3M

6M

MAX

Reset

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Others' 2020 Current Presidential Predictions

Electoral College

- NPR – 290/85/163
- The Economist – 347/191
- Nate Silver – 346/192
- Stuart Rothenberg – 319/31/188
- Larry Sabato – 290/85/163
- Charlie Cook - 290/85/163

Polling (If Election Held Today)

- NBC/WSJ – 53/39
- IBD/TIPP– 51.9/43.4
- The Hill– 47/40
- CNBC– 54/41

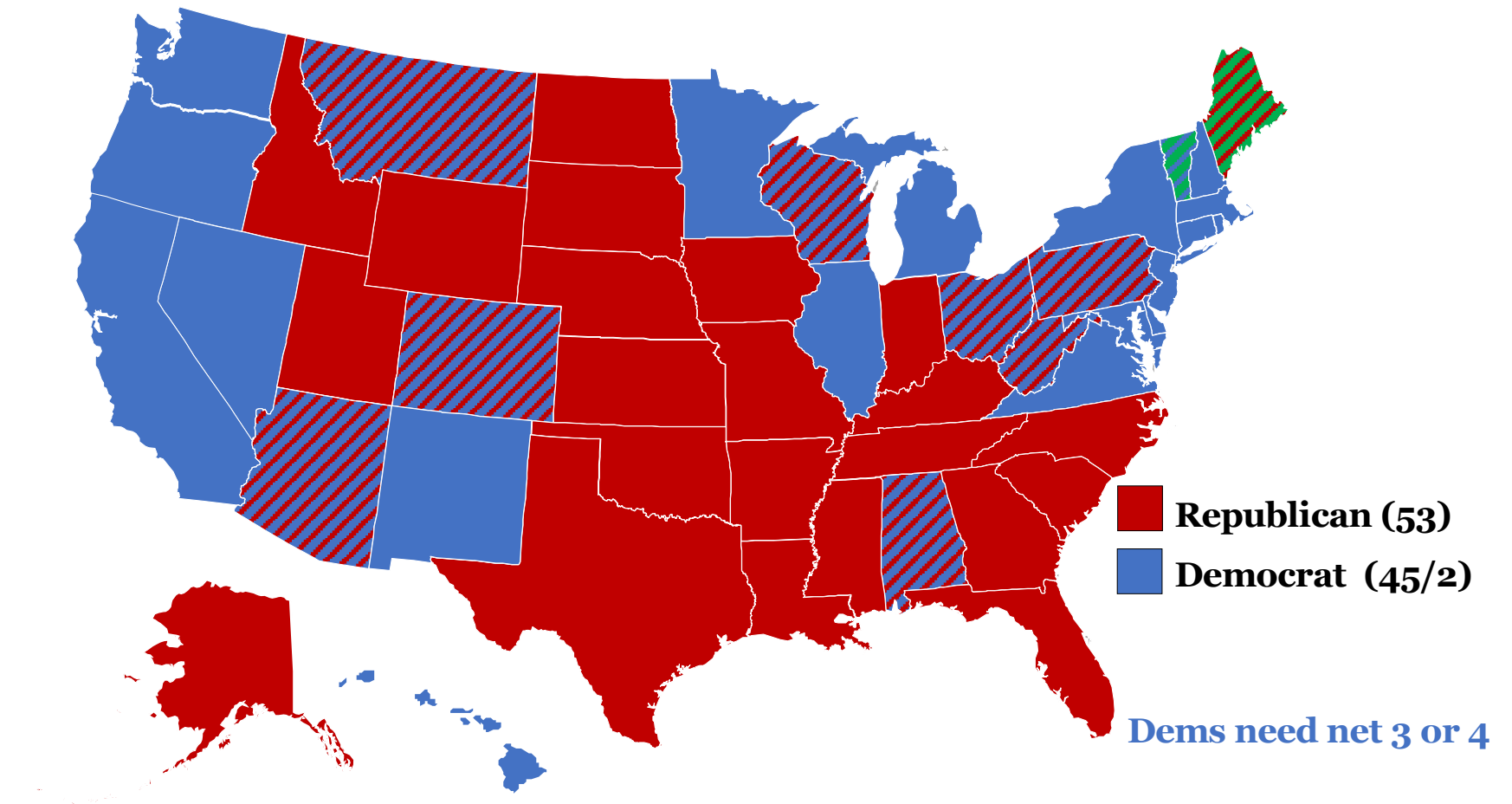
65-35 Chance Biden Wins

*(NOT that Biden will win 65% of the vote,
but today there is a 65-35 chance he will win the election)*

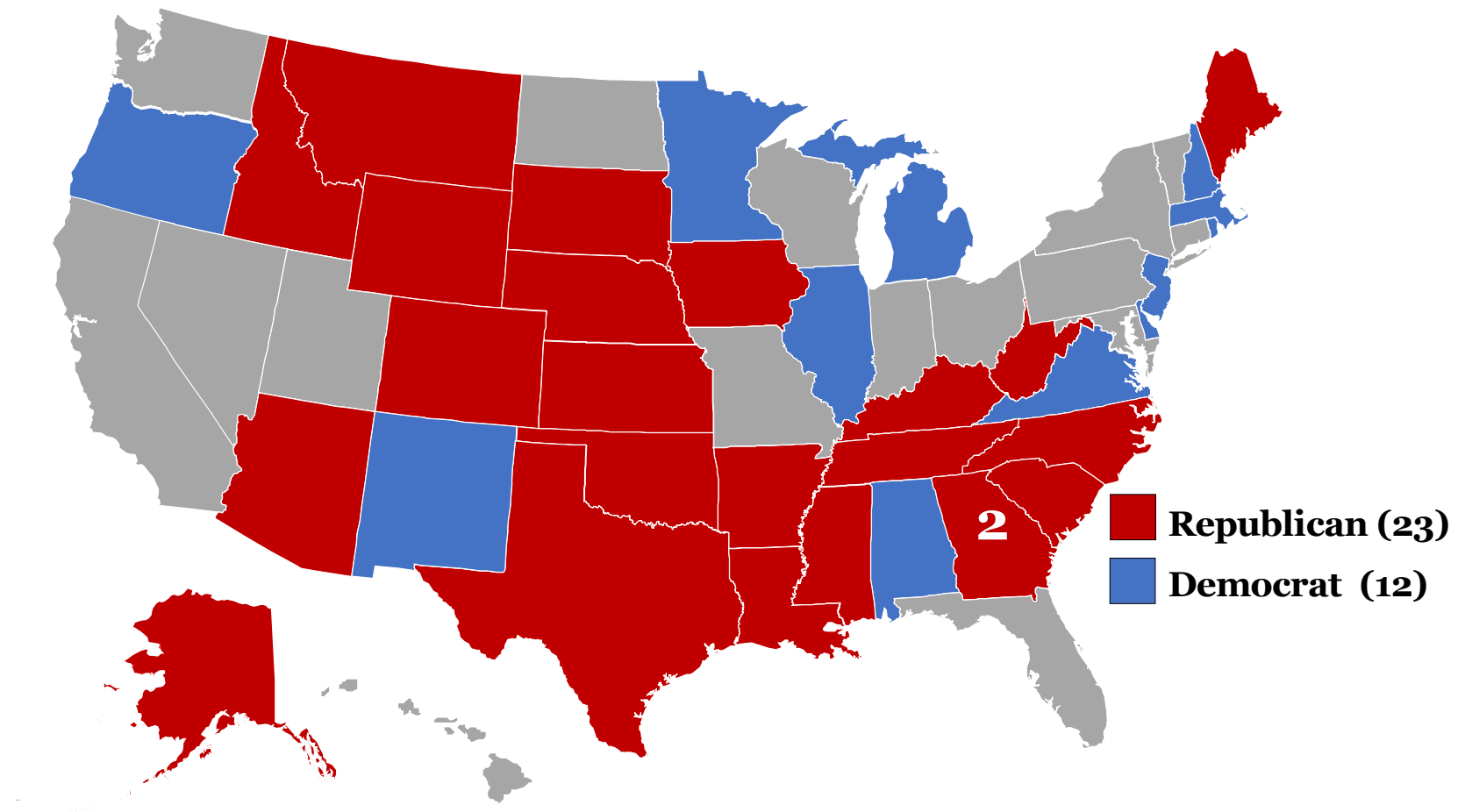


U.S. Senate

Current U.S. Senate



U.S. Senate 2020 Elections



Eleven Senate Seats Are Most at Risk of Changing Parties

AL – Jones

AZ – McSally

CO – Gardner

GA – Purdue (1)

GA – Loeffler (2)

IA – Ernst

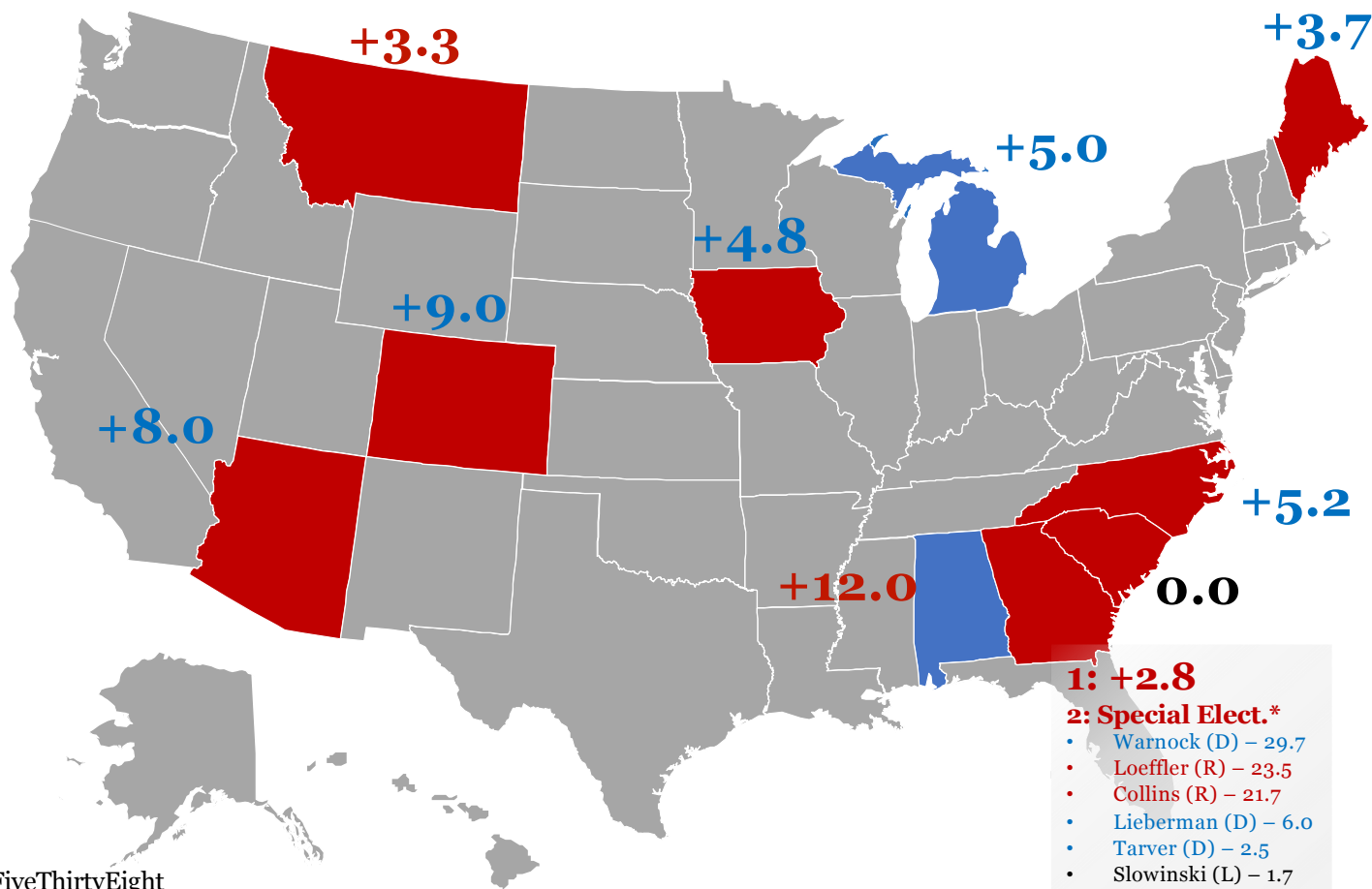
ME – Collins

MI – Peters

MT – Daines

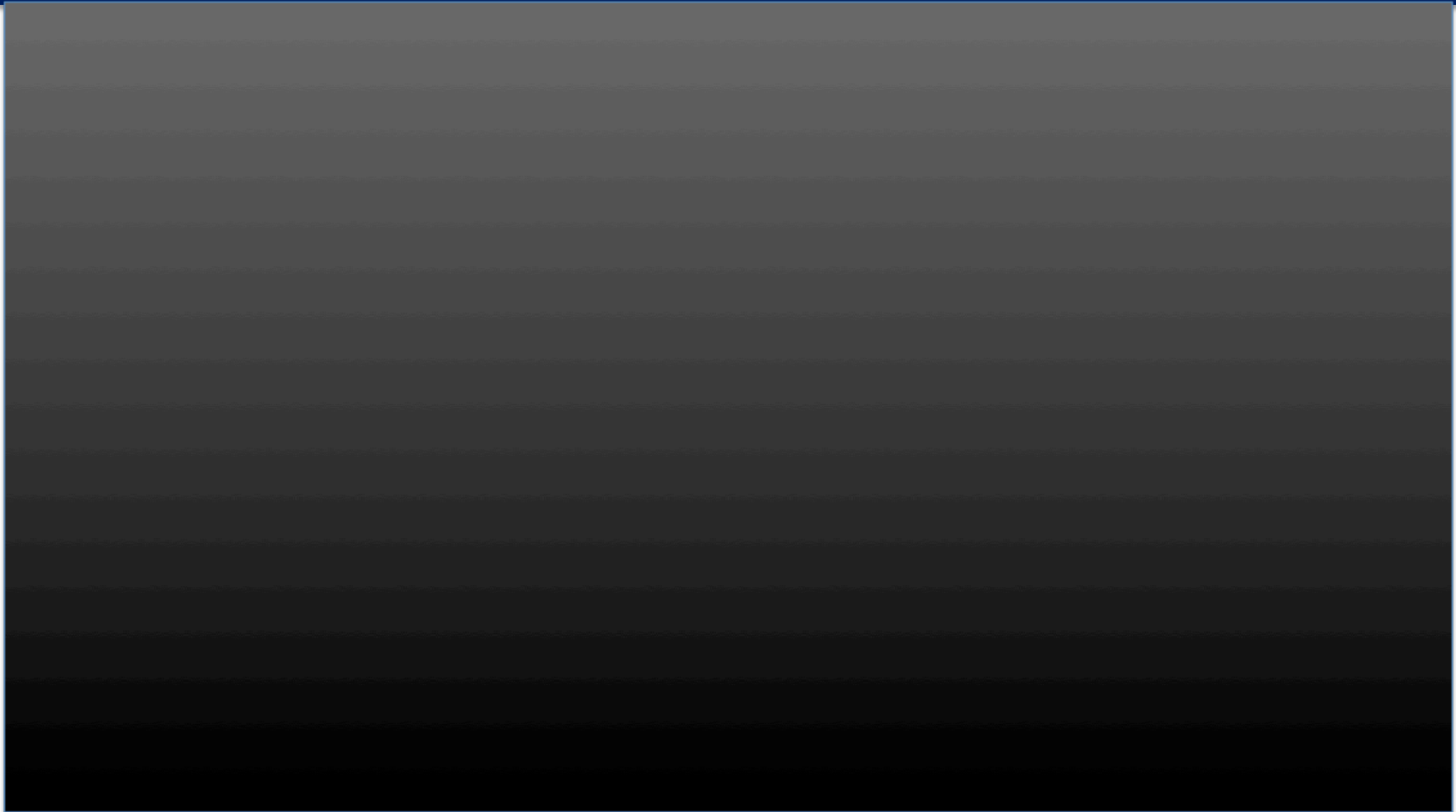
NC – Tillis

SC – Graham

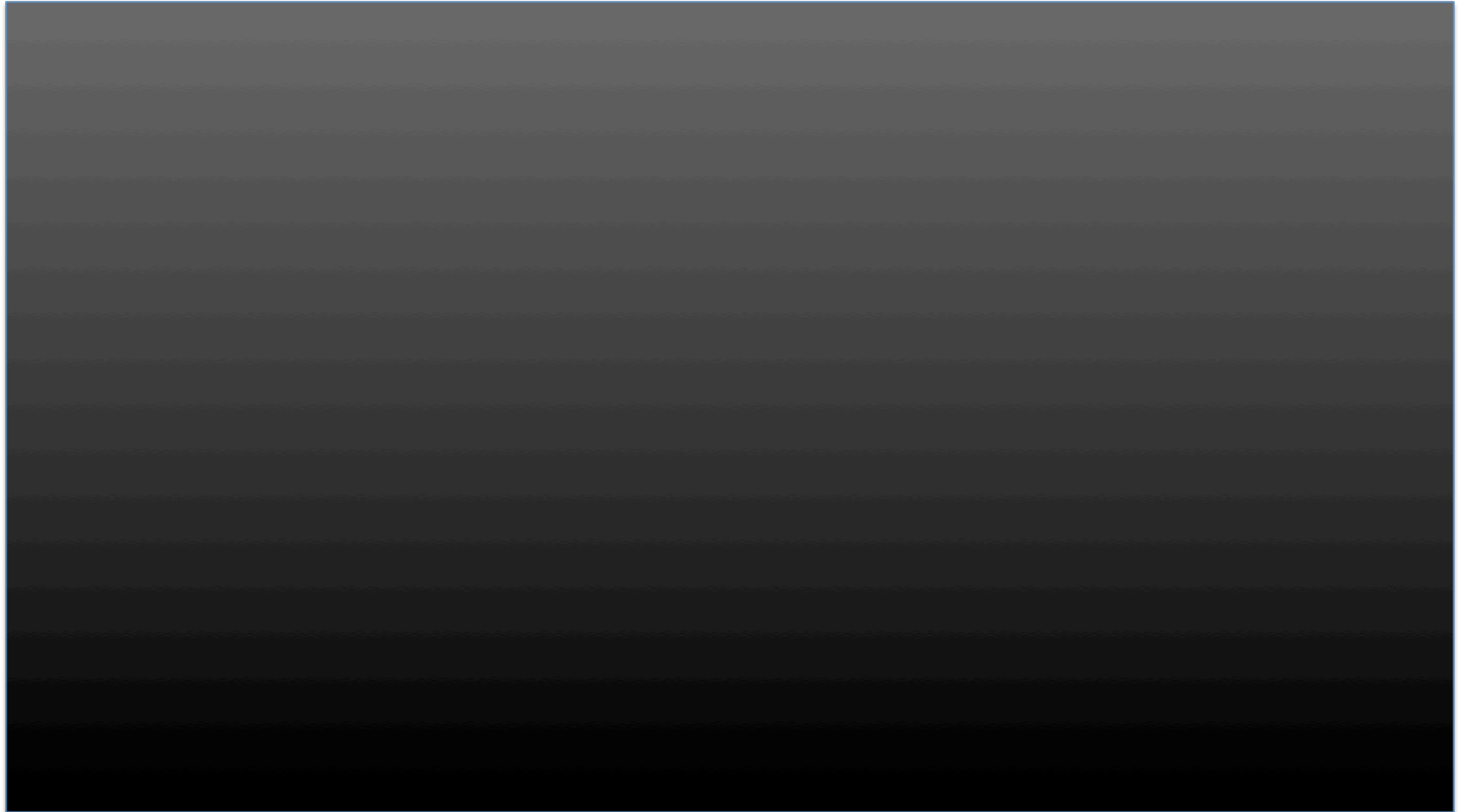


Sources: Newsweek, Real Clear Politics, FiveThirtyEight

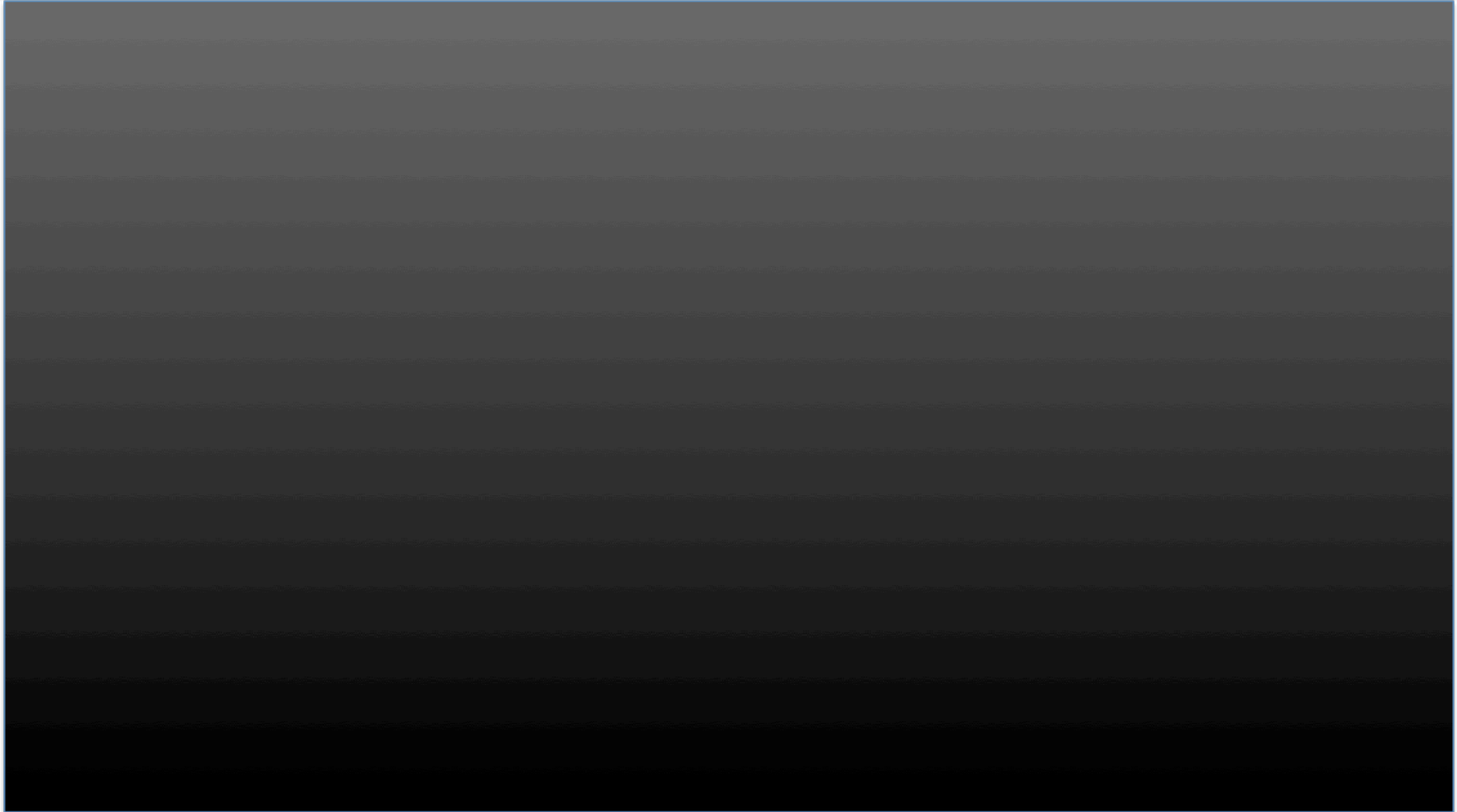
Anti-Collins (R) in Maine



Pro-Tillis (R) in North Carolina



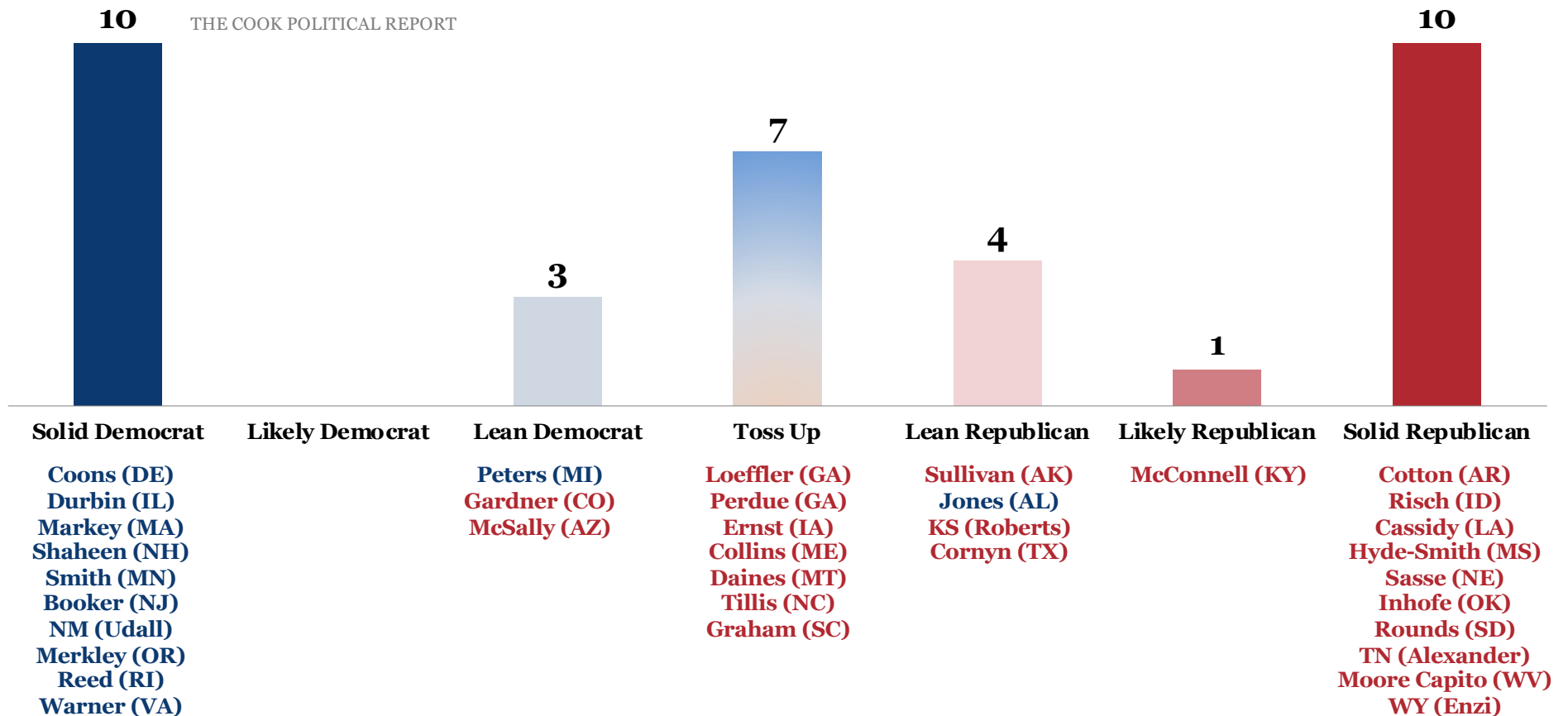
Anti-Graham (R) in South Carolina



Senate Races – Charlie Cook's View

Breakdown of 2020 Senate races

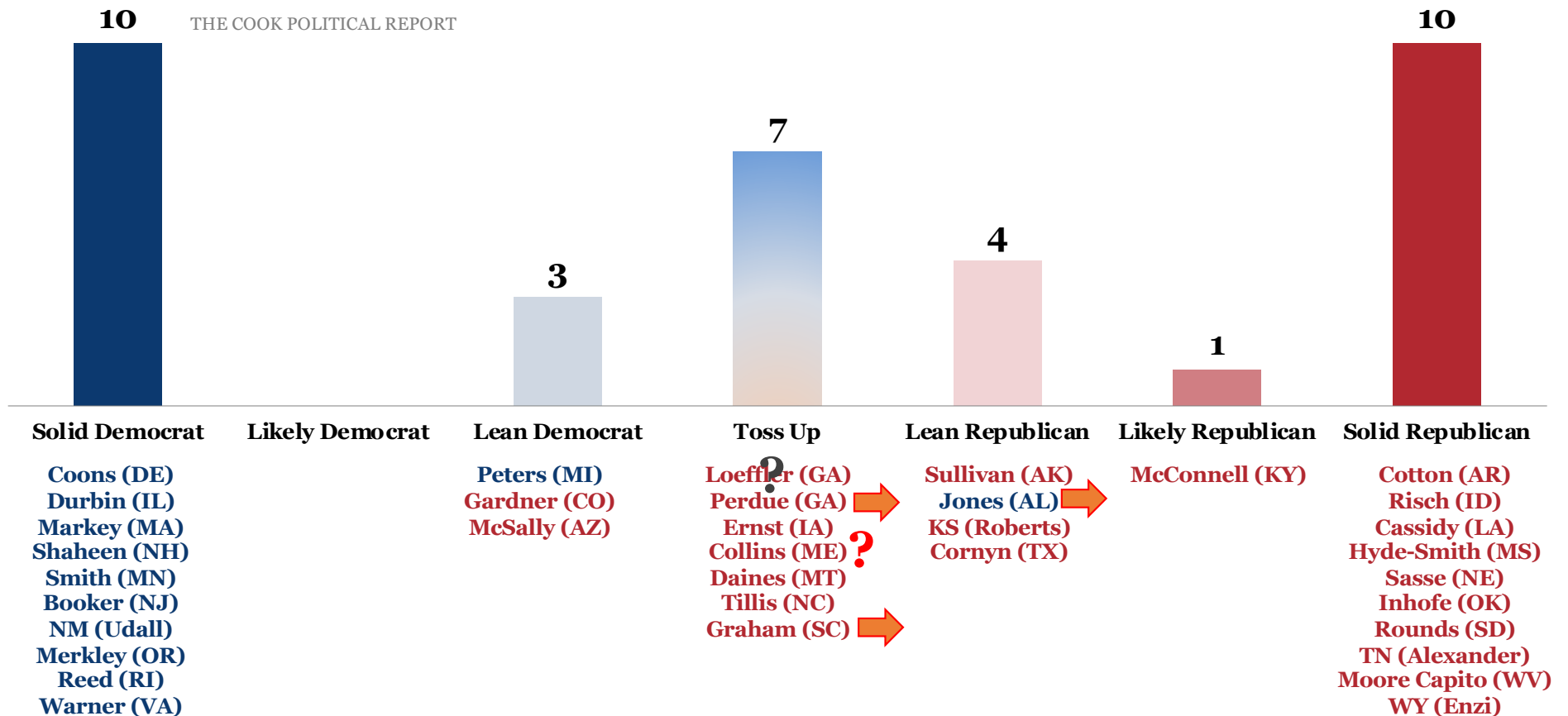
THE COOK POLITICAL REPORT



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Hawthorn Senate Prediction

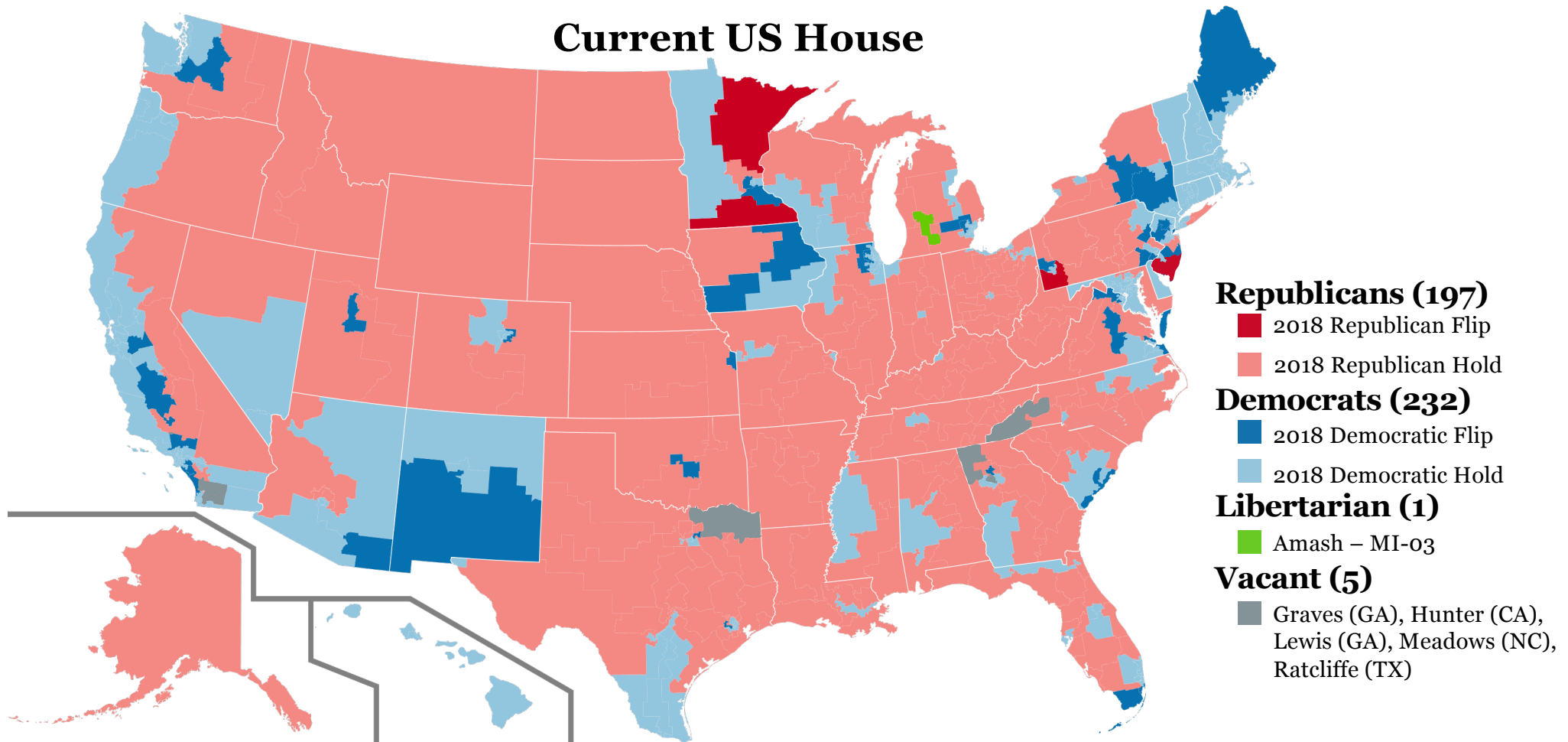
(Absent a Biden Landslide)

Republicans hold Senate by One Seat



U.S. House of Representatives

116th Congress – Current US House



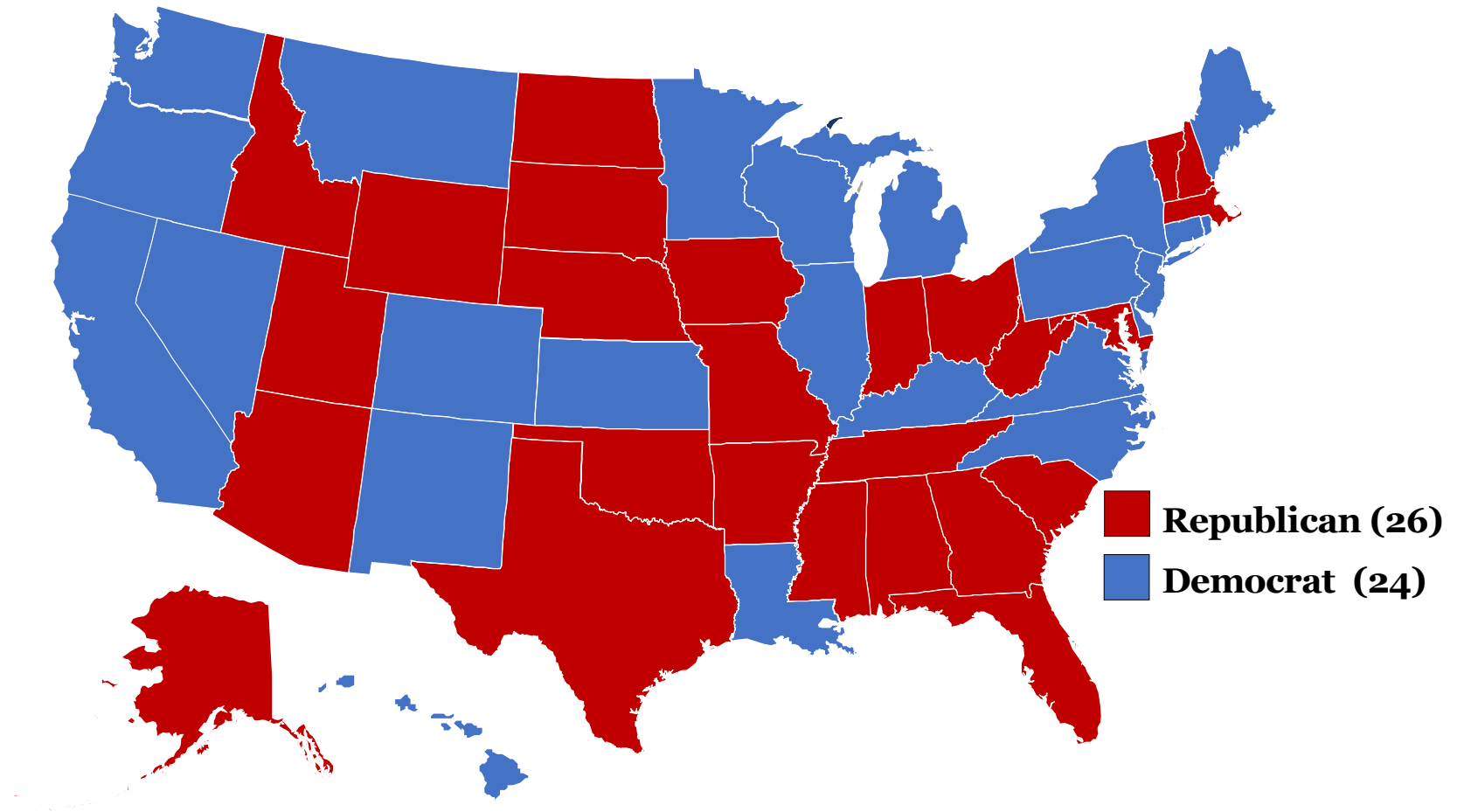
Hawthorn U.S. House Prediction

**Democrats Win Slightly Larger Majority
(+5 to +15 Seats)**

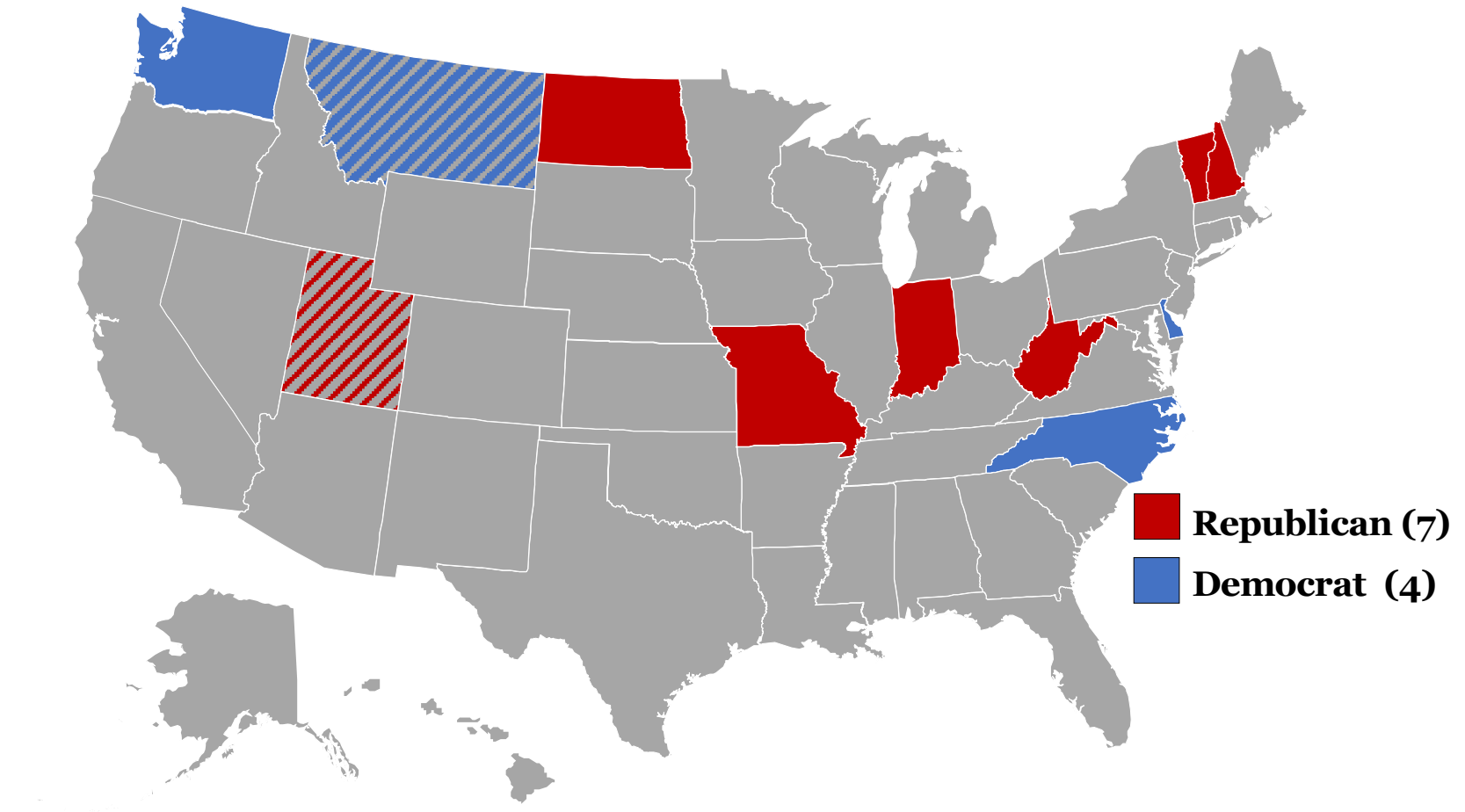


Governors and State Legislatures

Current Governors



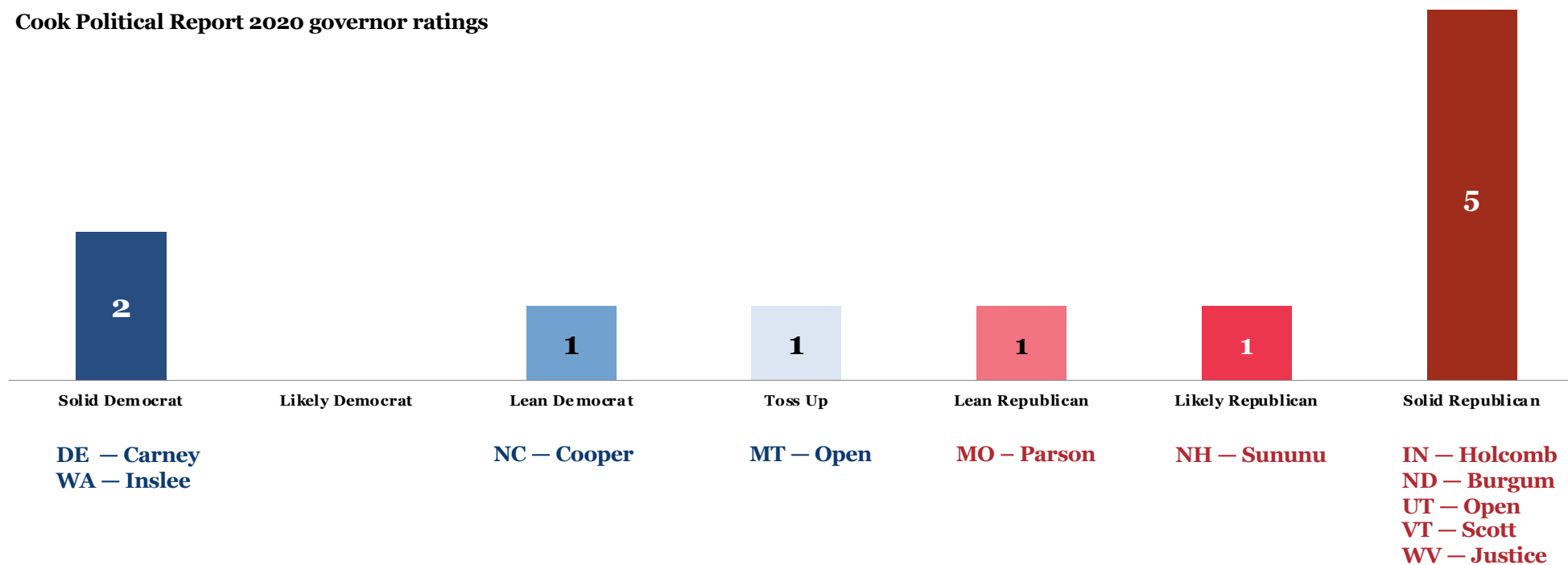
Governors Up in 2020



Cook Governor Predictions

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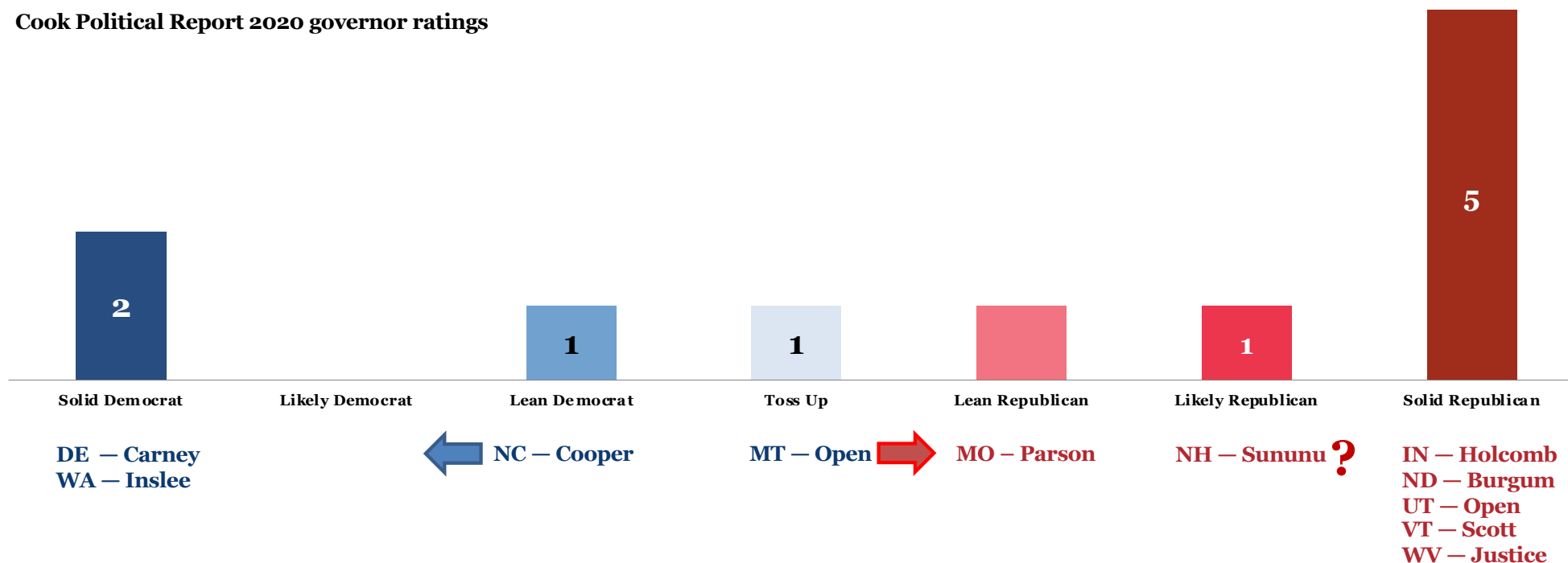
Cook Political Report 2020 governor ratings



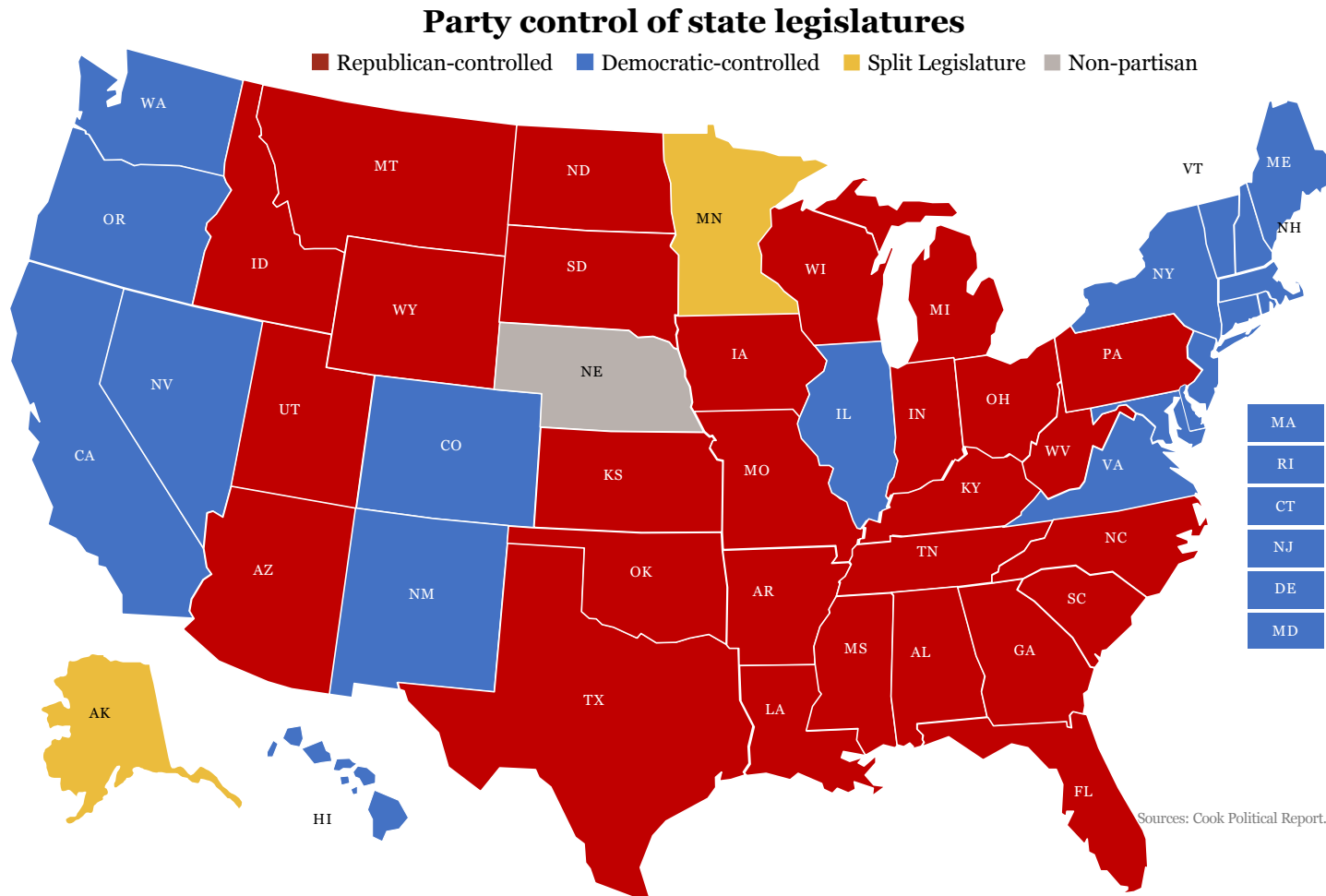
Cook Governor Predictions, With Hawthorn Comments

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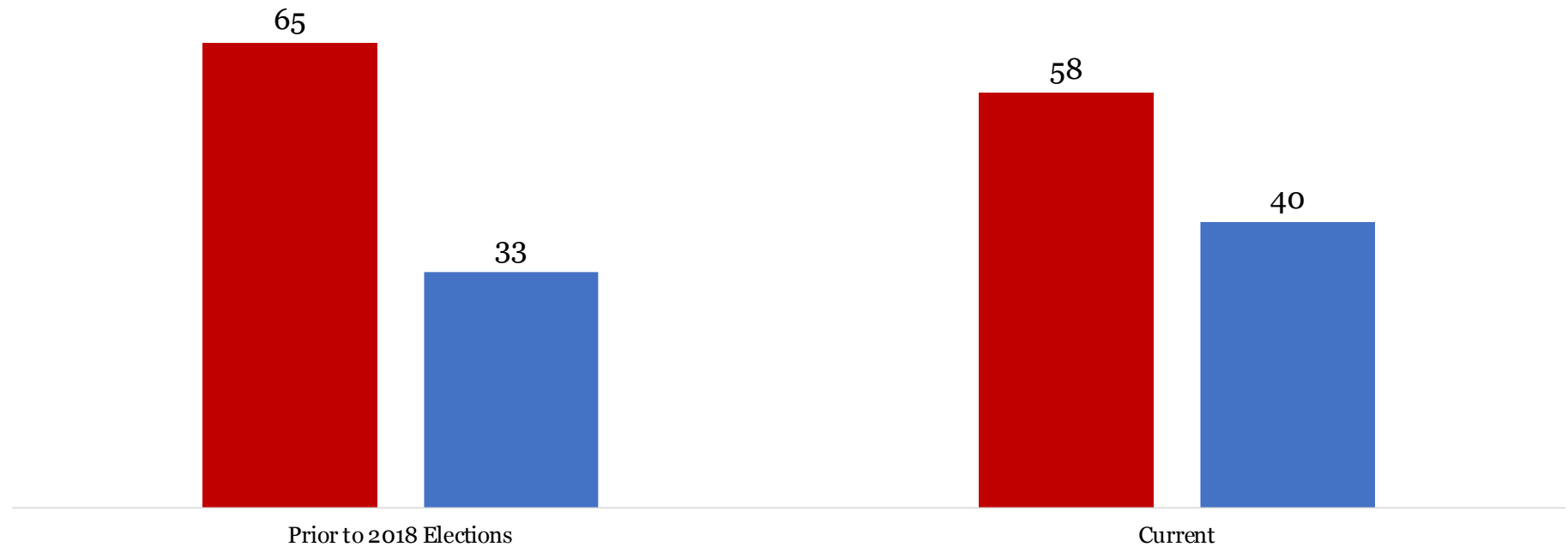
In 28 states, both legislative chambers are currently controlled by the GOP, 19 by Dems



Partisan breakdown of state legislative chambers

State legislative chambers, by party (pre-2018 and current)

■ Republican-held ■ Democratic-held



Source: Cook Political Report.

**Nebraska's unicameral legislature is not included in these tallies as it is considered non-partisan*

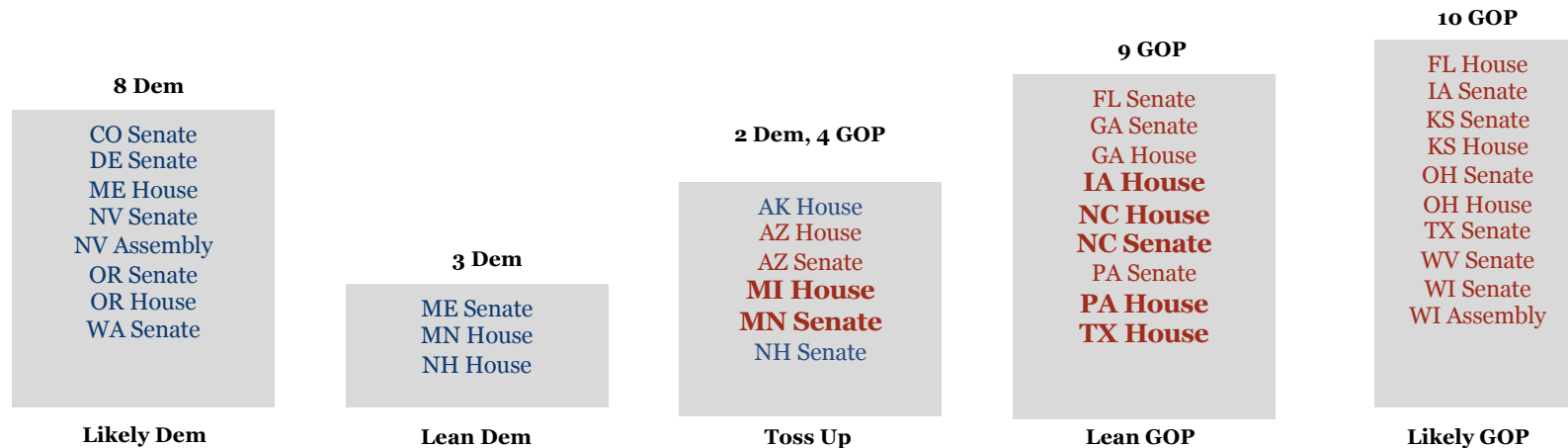
Four GOP chambers and two Democratic chambers are considered Toss Ups in 2020

Cook Political Report ratings of 2020 state legislative chambers

Democrat-held seat

Republican-held seat

- **Six states** (AL, LA, MD, MS, NJ, and VA) are not **holding elections** in either chamber in 2020
- MI is not holding an election in its upper chamber



Sources: Cook Political Report; Ballotpedia.

Ballot Issues

- **California**
 - **Com/Indus Property Taxes**
 - **App-Based Employees**
 - **Consumer Privacy Act**
 - **Florida – Minimum Wage to \$15 by 2026**
 - **Nevada – 50% Renewables by 2030**
 - **New Mexico – Appoint PRC**
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