

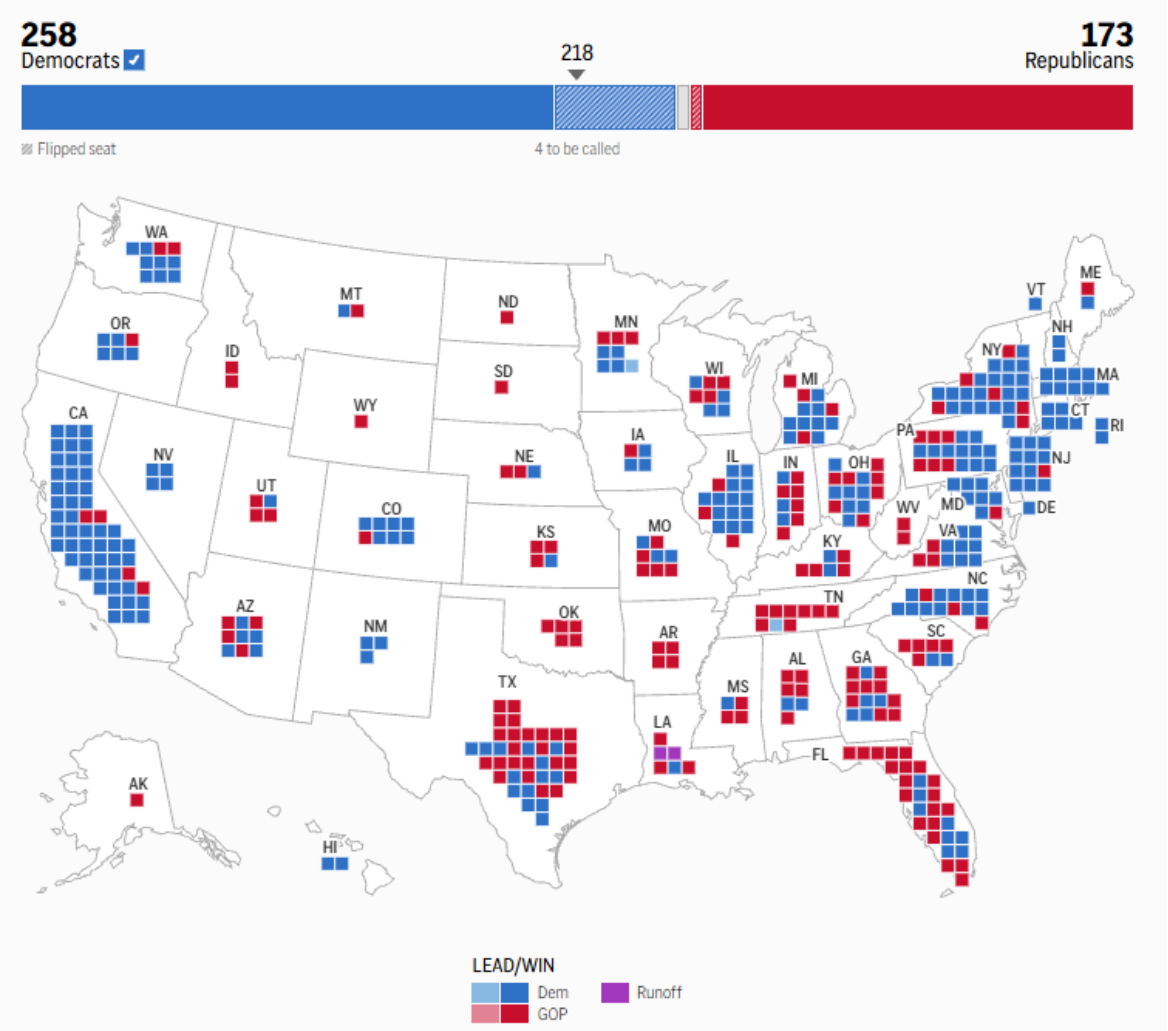
2026 Midterm Election Results & Analysis

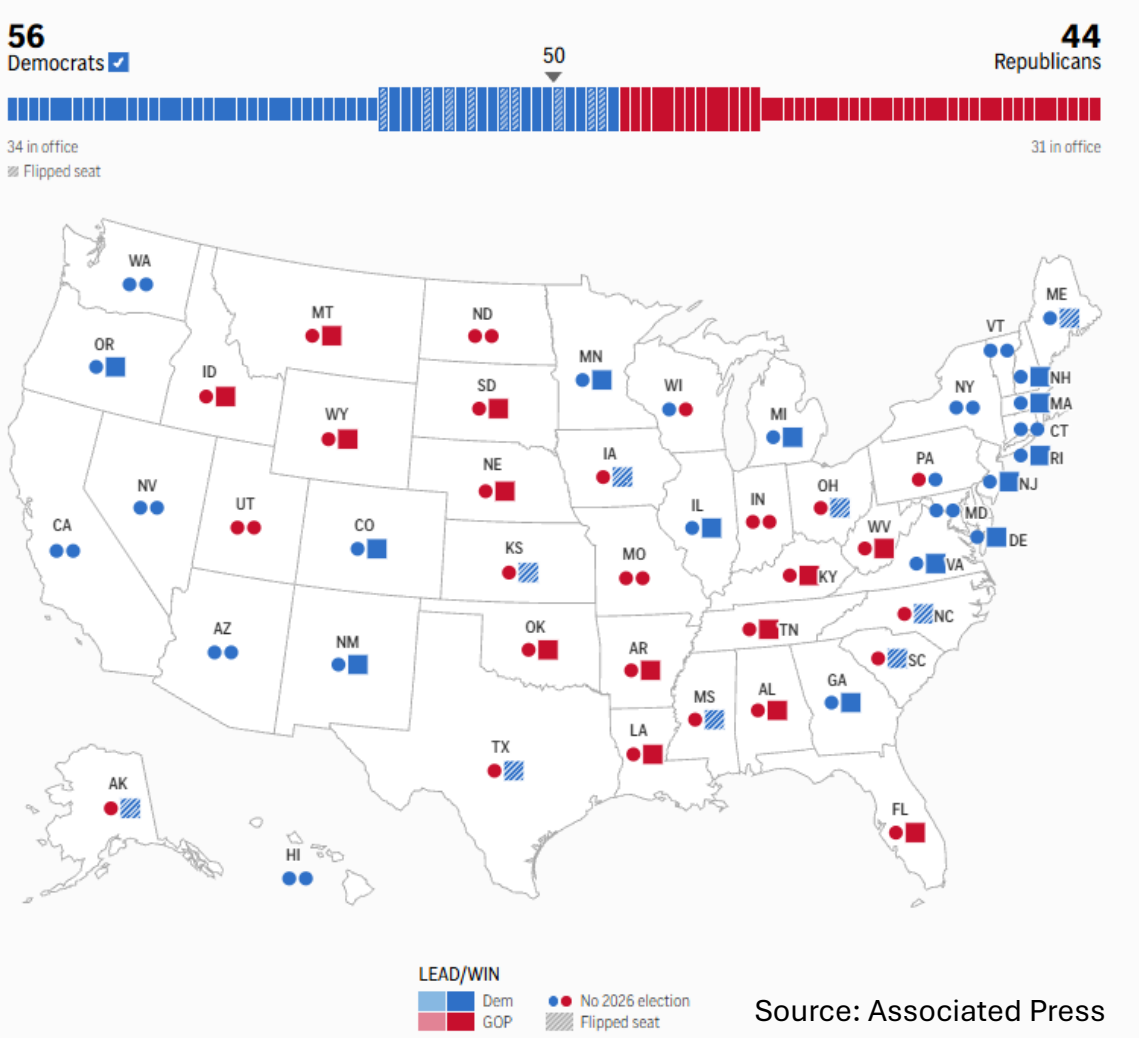
TRP's Instant Analysis of the 2026 Midterms and What It Means

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DEMOCRATS SWEEP CONTROL OF CONGRESS

Current House and Senate thresholds for the 120th Congress.





Source: Associated Press

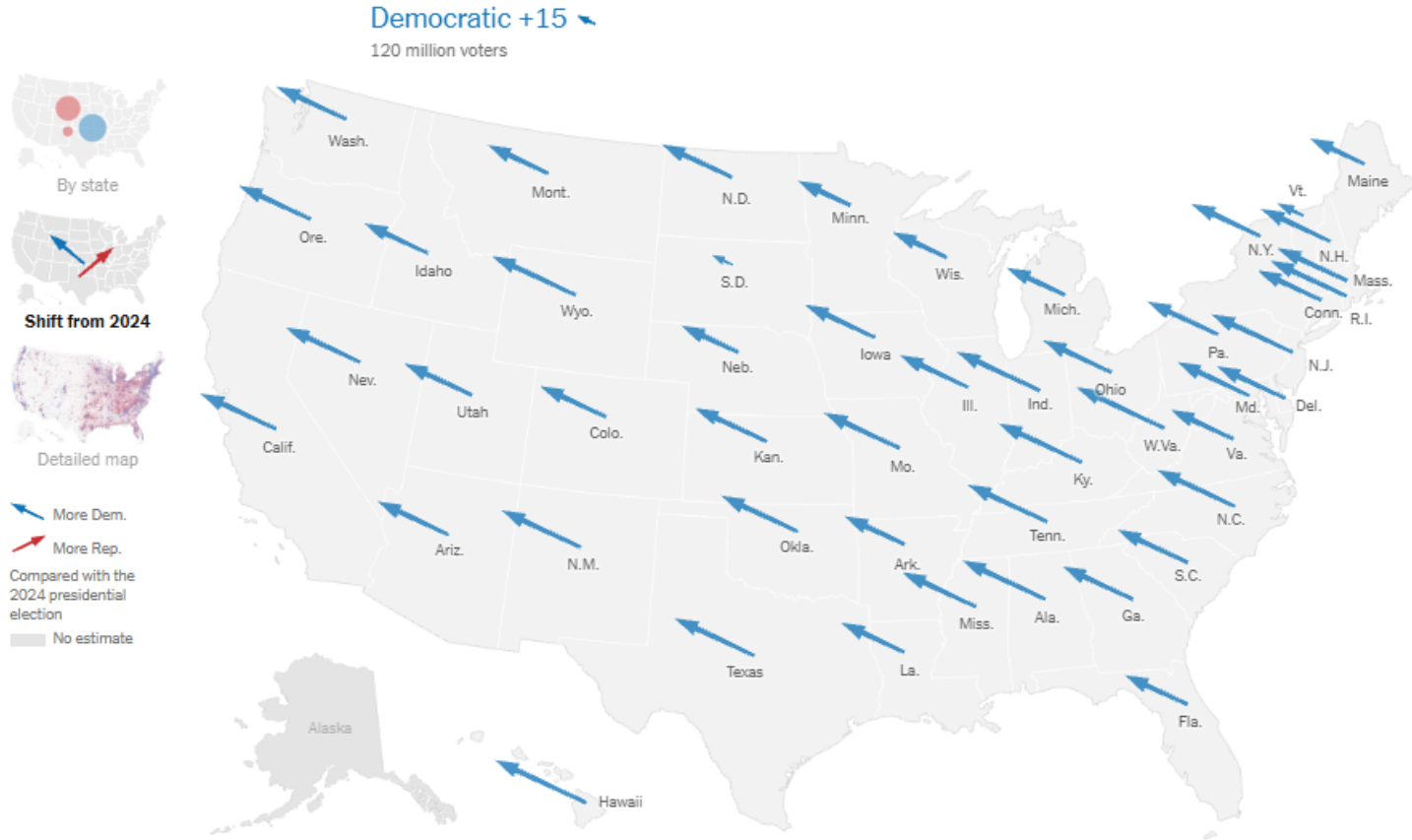
2026 DATAPOINTS

Results by age, gender, race and education

See Times Voter Trends estimates for the 2026 battleground Senate races.

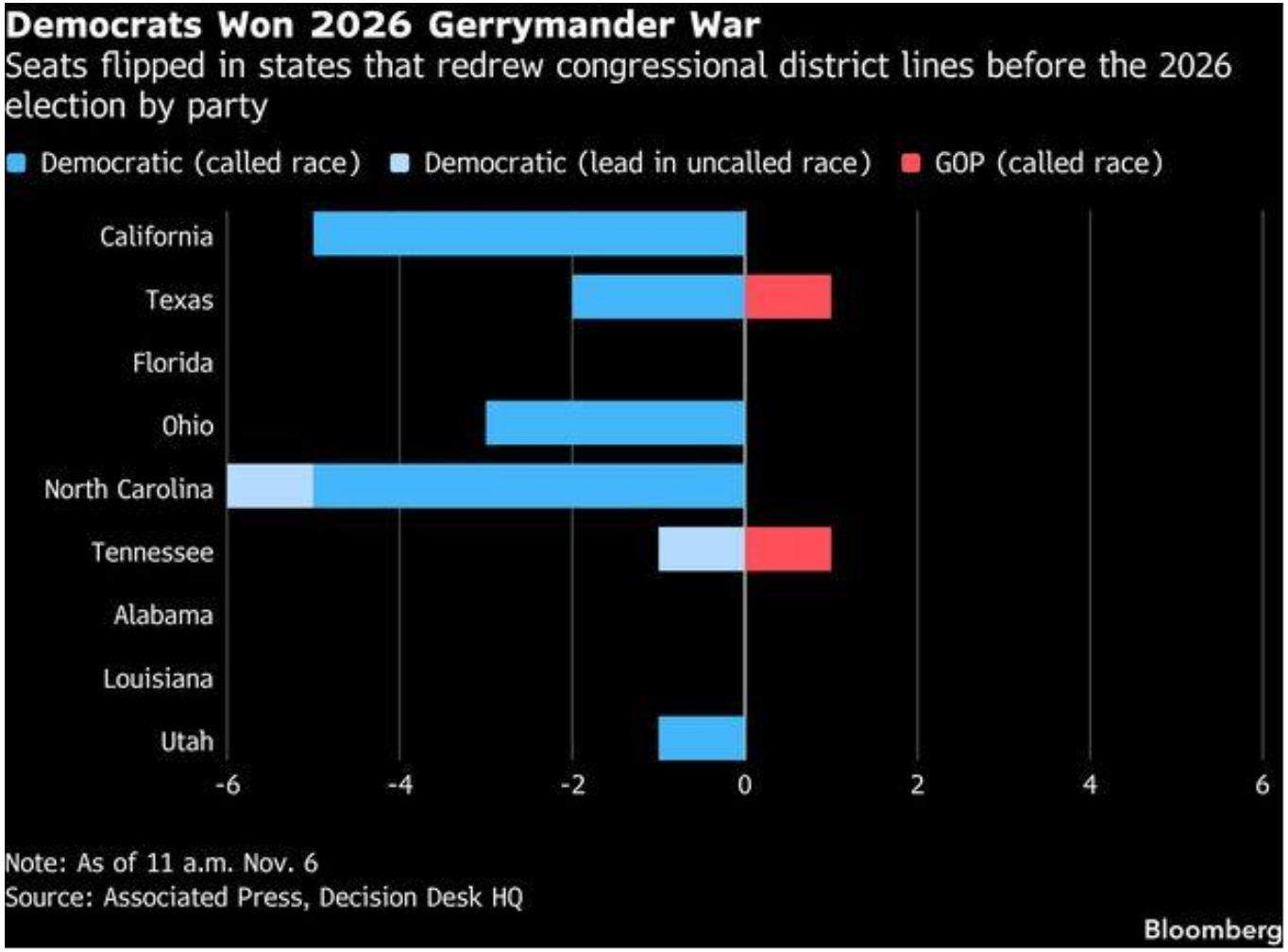
	Alaska	Iowa	Kan.	Maine	Mich.	Miss.	N.C.	Ohio	S.C.	Texas
Gender										
Male 46% of U.S. voters	R+8	R+8	R+5	R+6	R+4	R+11	D+8	R+6	R+9	R+1
Female 54%	D+16	D+15	D+14	D+15	D+17	D+11	D+30	D+14	D+15	D+23
Race										
White 71%	R+3	Even	R+3	D+4	R+7	R+48	R+3	R+6	R+25	R+21
Nonwhite 29%	D+28	D+43	D+53	D+24	D+62	D+73	D+72	D+61	D+73	D+52
Age										
18-29 11%	D+33	D+28	D+40	D+27	D+45	D+40	D+53	D+35	D+54	D+58
30-44 20%	D+19	D+9	D+21	D+18	D+21	D+20	D+37	D+16	D+30	D+30
45-64 34%	R+6	R+6	R+4	R+5	R+6	Even	D+13	R+5	R+1	D+2
65+ 35%	R+4	D+2	R+6	D+3	R+2	R+15	D+5	R+1	R+15	R+12
Education										
High school 28%	R+3	R+7	R+8	R+21	R+1	D+2	D+6	R+8	R+1	D+7
Some college 29%	R+2	R+1	R+4	R+8	D+3	R+1	D+10	D+2	D+2	D+9
College degree 25%	D+10	D+13	D+15	D+25	D+13	R+3	D+29	D+12	D+8	D+15
Postgraduate 18%	D+24	D+29	D+28	D+44	D+25	D+6	D+41	D+26	D+17	D+22

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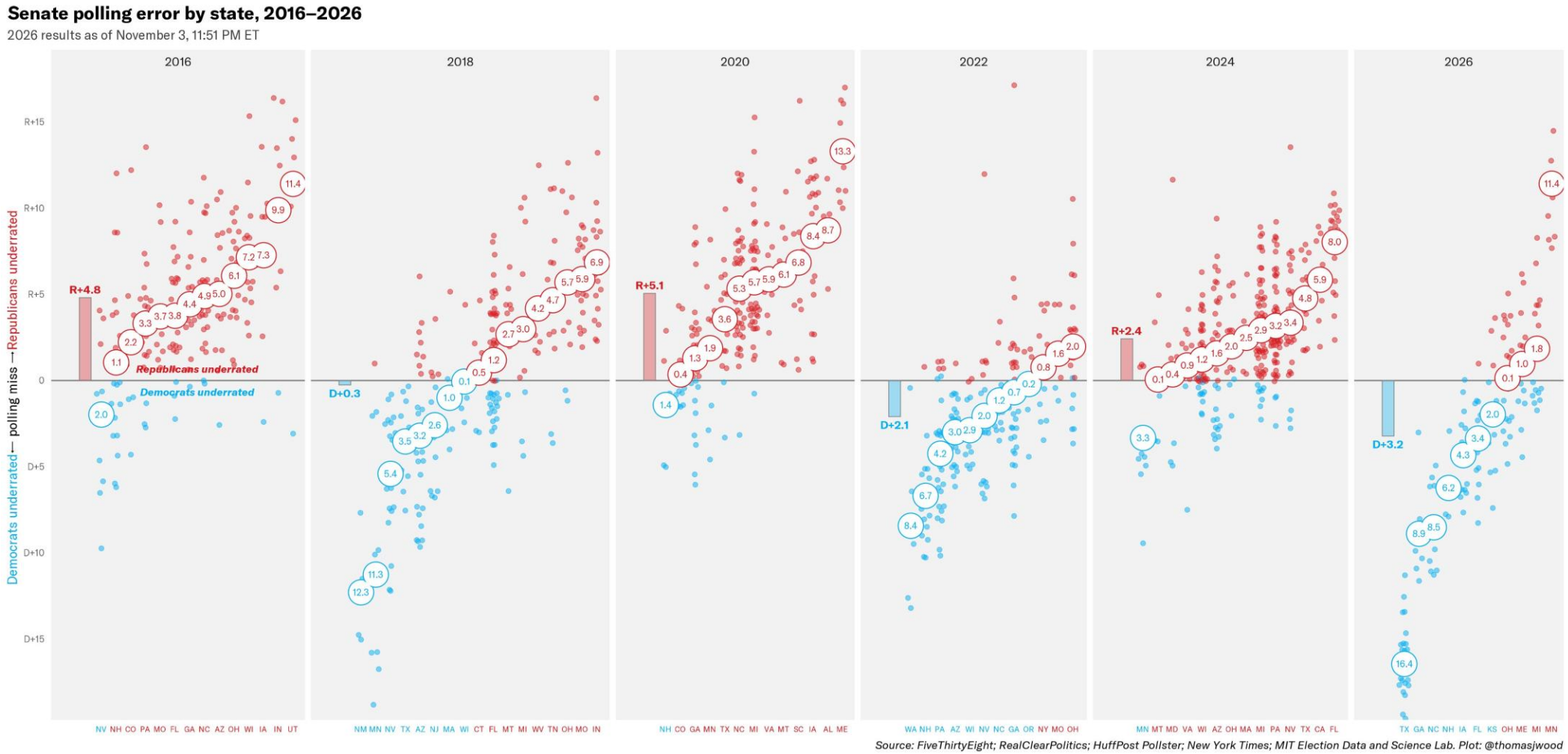
Source: The New York Times

RECAPPING MID-DECADE REDISTRICTING



HOW ACCURATE WAS 2026 MIDTERM POLLING?

Early data suggests that Democrats may have been underestimated in 2026 Senate midterm polling.



Source: FiveThirtyEight; RealClearPolitics; HuffPost Pollster; New York Times; MIT Election Data and Science Lab. Plot: @thomasjwood

NEW U.S. SENATORS



Barry Moore (AL)

Replaces Tommy Tuberville (R)



Kurt Alme (MT)

Replaces Steve Daines (R)



Kevin Hern (OK)

Replaces Alan Armstrong (R)



Andy Barr (KY)

Replaces Mitch McConnell (R)



Harriet Hageman (WY)

Replaces Cynthia Lummis (R)



Julia Letlow (LA)

Replaces Bill Cassidy (R)



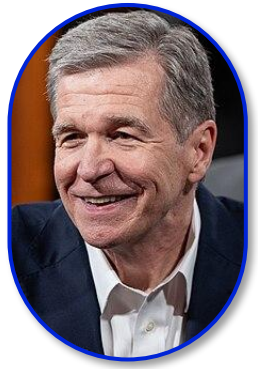
Julianna Stratton (IL)

Replaces Dick Durbin (D)



Chris Pappas (NH)

Replaces Jeanne Shaheen (D)



Roy Cooper (NC)

Replaces Thom Tillis (R)



Sherrod Brown (OH)

Defeated Jon Husted (R)



James Talarico (TX)

Replaces John Cornyn (R)



Josh Turek (IA)

Replaces Joni Ernst (R)



Adam Hamilton (KS)

Defeated Roger Marshall (R)



Annie Andrews (SC)

Defeated Darline Graham (R)



Troy Jackson (ME)

Defeated Susan Collins (R)



Peggy Flanagan (MN)

Replaces Amy Klobuchar (D)



Abdul El-Sayed (MI)

Replaces Gary Peters (D)



Scott Colom (MS)

Defeated Cindy Hyde Smith (R)

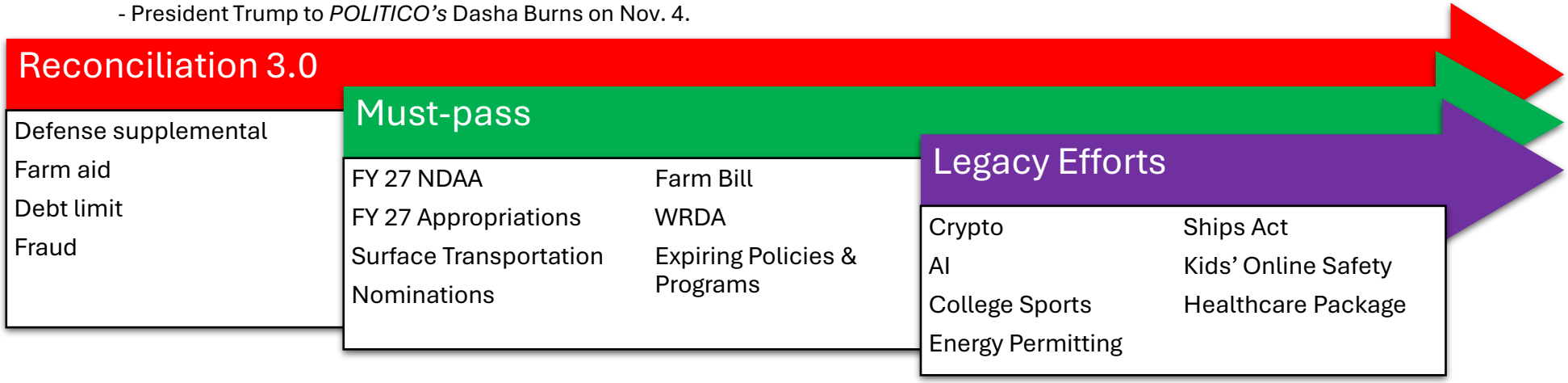
House Flips

District	Winning Candidate	Defeated Candidate	Unofficial Margin	District	Winning Candidate	Defeated Candidate	Unofficial Margin
AZ-01	Amish Shah	Jay Feely	D+7	NC-09	Richard Ojeda	*Richard Hudson*	D+2
AZ-06	JoAnna Mendoza	*Juan Ciscomani*	D+8	NC-11	Jamie Ager	Jennifer Capps Balkcom	D+16
CA-01	Mike McGuire	*James Gallagher*	D+11	NC-13	Paul Barringer	*Brad Knott*	D+2
CA-03	Richard Pan	*Kevin Kiley*	D+15	NC-14	Lakesha Womack	*Tim Moore*	D+10
CA-04	Eric Jones	*Mike Thompson*	D+8	NE-02	Denise Powell	Brinker Harding	D+15
CA-22	Randy Villegas	*David Valadao*	D+33	NV-02	Teresa Benitez-Thompson	David Flippo	D+7
CA-34	Angela Gonzales-Torres	*Jimmy Gomez*	D+28	NJ-02	Zack Mullock	*Jeff Van Drew*	D+10
CA-48	Marni von Wilpert	Jim Desmond	D+19	NJ-07	Rebecca Bennett	*Tom Kean Jr.*	D+16
CO-04	Eileen Laubacher	*Lauren Boebert*	D+1	NY-17	Cait Conley	*Mike Lawler*	D+4
CO-05	Jessica Killin	*Jeff Crank*	D+5	OH-07	Brian Poindexter	*Max Miller*	D+10
CO-08	Manny Rutinel	*Gabe Evans*	D+15	OH-10	Kristina Knickerbocker	*Mike Turner*	D+2
IA-01	Christina Bohannan	*Mariannette Miller-Meeks*	D+9	OH-15	Don Leonard	*Mike Carey*	D+7
IA-02	Lindsay James	Joe Mitchell	D+4	PA-01	Bob Harvie	*Brian Fitzpatrick*	D+5
IA-03	Sarah Trone Garriott	*Zach Nunn*	D+7	PA-07	Bob Brooks	*Ryan Mackenzie*	D+12
IN-05	J.D. Ford	*Victoria Spartz*	D+3	PA-08	Paige Cognetti	*Rob Bresnahan*	D+19
KY-06	Zach Dembo	Ralph Alvarado	D+9	PA-10	Janelle Stelson	*Scott Perry*	D+10
ME-02	Paul LePage	Matt Dunlap	R+1	TN-04	Victoria Broaderick	*Scott DesJarlais*	D+1
MI-04	Sean McCann	*Bill Huizenga*	D+2	TN-09	Brent Taylor	Justin Pearson	R+1
MI-07	Bill Lawrence	*Tom Barrett*	D+3	SC-01	Nancy Lacore	Jenny Honeycutt	D+1
MI-10	Christina Hines	Michael Bouchard	D+7	TX-15	Bobby Pulido	*Monica De La Cruz*	D+25
MN-01	Jake Johnson	*Brad Finstad*	D+1	TX-23	Katy Padilla Stout	Brandon Herrera	D+8
MO-02	Fred Wellman	*Ann Wagner*	D+10	TX-32	Jace Yarbrough	Dan Barrios	R+3
MT-01	Sam Forstag	Aaron Flint	D+4	VA-01	Shannon Taylor	*Rob Wittman*	D+2
NC-03	Raymond Smith	*Greg Murphy*	D+1	VA-02	Elaine Luria	*Jen Kiggans*	D+8
NC-06	Cyril Jefferson	*Addison McDowell*	D+2	WI-01	Mitch Berman	*Bryan Steil*	D+4
NC-05	Chuck Hubbard	*Virginia Foxx*	D+1	WI-03	Rebecca Cooke	*Derrick Van Orden*	D+7

IMPACT OF ELECTION ON LAME DUCK

- Congress returns next week with much unfinished business, headlined by the Dec. 11 government funding deadline & NDAA.
  - Policies and programs tied to the Dec. 11 deadline also expected to carry through via funding vehicle.
  - The scale of departures could make lawmakers more amenable to clinching a year-end funding package and clearing the decks for the 120th Congress.
  - Senate Republicans will also be looking to dedicate floor time to approve key nominations before the start of the 120th Congress.
- With the gavels set to change hands in both chambers, Republicans could be emboldened in their pursuit of another "last supper" reconciliation bill.
  - Addressing the debt ceiling and passing supplemental defense funding would be core GOP reconciliation priorities given the Democratic margins next year.
  - However, it remains to be seen if Republicans have enough attendance or political will to get another party-line bill done.
- Lawmakers will also look to bargain on other pending deals pertaining to energy permitting, healthcare, kids' online safety, & more.
  - Policy efforts that don't get addressed before the end of this year are likely to carry over into the 120th Congress.
- A collision course between the debt ceiling and the government funding deadline next year would create a "fiscal cliff" for the new Congress, presenting a key window of opportunity for policymaking in the early part of 2027, and beyond.
  - "I don't want to be just sitting there for two years vetoing everything…we'll work with the Democrats and make things work out well for the country."

    - President Trump to *POLITICO's* Dasha Burns on Nov. 4.



120th LEADERSHIP RACES

House

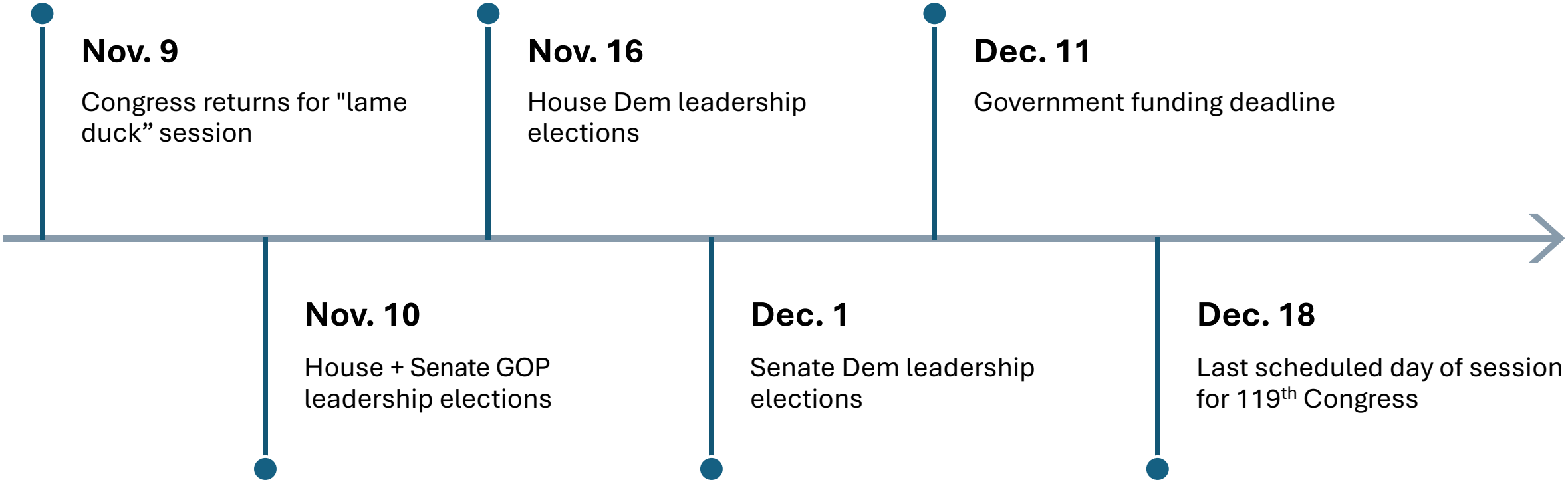
- Jim Jordan to be House Minority Leader.
  - GOP Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN) defeated Rep. August Pluger (R-TX)
  - GOP Conference Chair Lisa McClain (R-M) defeated Reps. Erin Houchin (R-IN) and Greg Steube (R-FL).
- Hakeem Jeffries expected to win the speakership with a strong Dem majority.
  - Reps. Katherine Clark (D-MA) and Pete Aguilar (D-CA) will be elevated to Majority Leader and Majority Whip, respectively.

Senate

- Chuck Schumer expected to lead Senate Democrats, though support may not be unanimous.
  - Democratic Sens-elect Adam Hamilton (D-KS), Peggy Flanagan (D-MN), and Abdul El-Sayed (D-MI) were noncommittal on voting for Schumer as leader during the 2026 campaign.
  - Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) has not committed to supporting Leader Schumer and may declare a challenge.
  - Durbin & Klobuchar retirements will elevate Sens. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Cory Booker (D-NJ), & Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) into Senate leadership.
- Senate Republican leadership will remain static.
  - Thune, Barrasso, & Cotton will retain their leadership posts for the next Congress.

House Dems	Hakeem Jeffries Katherine Clark Pete Aguilar
Senate Dems	Chuck Schumer OR Chris Van Hollen Brian Schatz OR Chris Murphy Elizabeth Warren OR Cory Booker
House GOP	Jim Jordan Tom Emmer Lisa McClain
Senate GOP	John Thune John Barrasso Tom Cotton

LAME DUCK DATES TO WATCH



KEY DEADLINES: 2026-2027

Dec. 11

- Government funding deadline.
- Federal surface transportation programs are set to expire.
- Certain Veterans' Affairs health care extenders expire.
- Farm Bill provisions expire.
- SNAP authorization expires, but payments can be made for an extra 30 days.

Dec. 31

- Export-Import Bank authorization expires.
- Target deadline to pass Water Resources Development Act.
- Target deadline to pass NDAA.
- Health extenders expire:
  - Medicare physician payment increase, Community Health Centers, National Health Service Corps, Special Diabetes Program (Type 1) / for Indians, Medicare hospice surveys funding, National health security / PAHPA authorities, delay of Medicare clinical laboratory payment changes, Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) incentive payment.

2027

- **Early-Mid 2027:** Debt ceiling “X date.”
- **Jan 1:** Medicaid work requirements begin. IRA negotiated prices for 15 Part D drugs take effect.
- **July 1:** $800 de minimis customs exception for Commercial Shipments sunsets.
- **Sept. 30:** Statutory government funding deadline. SNAP state cost-sharing kicks in. FDA User Fee programs expire. Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting program authorization expires.
- **Dec. 31:** Additional IRA clean energy tax credits on hydrogen, wind and solar expire. Medicare telehealth flexibilities expire.
- **Dec. 31:** Terrorism Risk Insurance program expires.