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Policy and Politics: The 2020 Congressional and Election Outlook

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Some of the critical questions and issues we will be answering today

- With 2020 an Election year what are the outside factors that may have an impact on Congress?
- How will issues such as budget policy, trade policy, and healthcare policy be affected?
- Is there possibility to work in a bipartisan manner?
- How does Congress function in a non-election year versus an election year?



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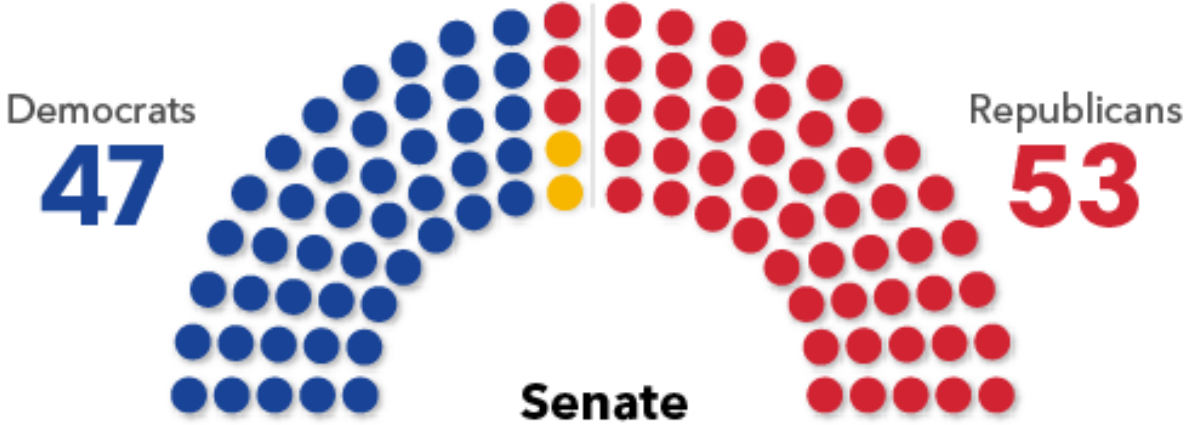
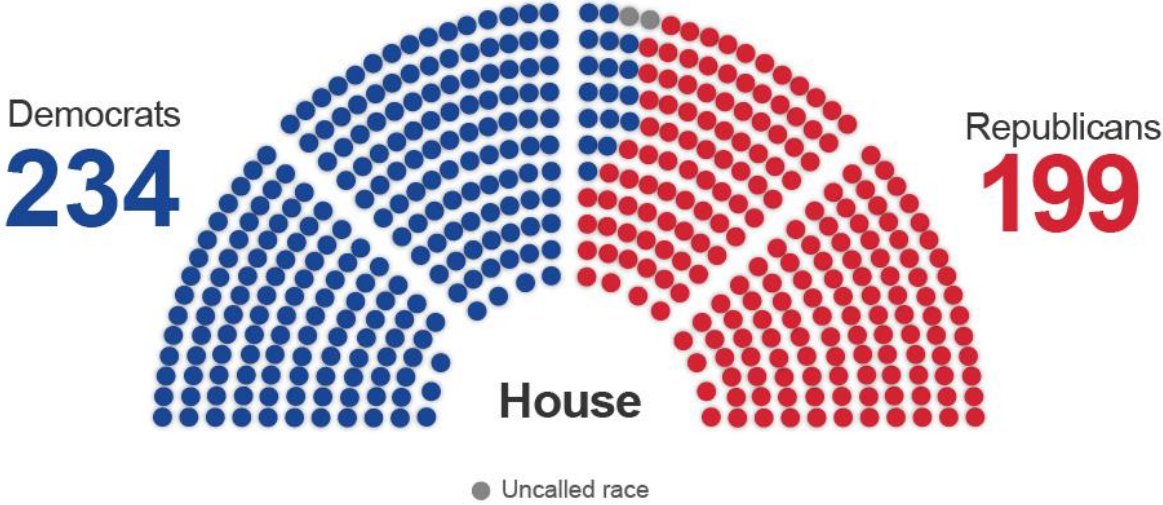
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2019-2020 House and Senate Composition



Big Picture on 2020 Senate Races

Up for election in 2020 are 34 of the 100 Senate seats

- » Republicans currently hold 22 of the seats, Democrats hold 12
- » President Trump won 20 of those States... 15 of them by 14 points or more. So there are not that many real targets for Democrats
- » If Democrats net four seats they would take control of the Senate; netting three seats would result in a tie and the majority would be decided by the vice president's party

Democrats have recruited many of the top candidates that they wanted to challenge incumbent Senators – Hickenlooper in Colorado, Gideon in Maine, Kelly in Arizona, and Cunningham in North Carolina. These are also States that are somewhat mixed between Democrats and Republicans – States like Colorado, Arizona, North Carolina and Maine have growing numbers of younger minority voters who lean Democratic.



Big Picture on 2020 House Races

An early and slight edge for Democrats to maintain control of the House

SOLID SEATS		LIKELY/LEAN SEATS		TOSS-UP OR WORSE							
D - 182		R - 159		D - 36		R - 33		D - 17		R - 6	
LIKELY DEMOCRATIC	LEAN DEMOCRATIC	DEMOCRATIC TOSS UP	REPUBLICAN TOSS UP	LEAN REPUBLICAN	LIKELY REPUBLICAN						
18 Dem • 0 Rep	18 Dem • 1 Rep	17 Dem • 0 Rep	0 Dem • 5 Rep	0 Dem • 13 Rep	0 Dem • 20 Rep						
<i>AZ-02 Kirkpatrick</i>	AZ-01 O'Halleran	<i>GA-06 McBath</i>	GA-07 Open	AZ-06 Schweikert	AK-AL Young						
CA-07 Bera	<i>CA-10 Harder</i>	<i>IA-01 Finkenauer</i>	MI-03 Amash (I)	CA-50 Hunter	CA-22 Nunes						
CA-25 Hill	CA-21 Cox	IA-02 Open	NC-09 Vacant	<i>FL-15 Spano</i>	FL-16 Buchanan						
CA-49 Levin	CA-39 Cisneros	IA-03 Axne	PA-10 Perry	IL-13 Davis	IA-04 King						
CO-06 Crow	CA-45 Porter	IL-14 Underwood	TX-22 Open	IN-05 Open	KS-02 Watkins						
FL-26 Mucarsel-Powell	CA-48 Rouda	ME-02 Golden	TX-24 Open	NC-02 Holding	KY-06 Barr						
FL-27 Shalala	IL-06 Casten	MI-08 Slotkin		NE-02 Bacon	MI-06 Upton						
IL-17 Bustos	KS-03 Davids	NJ-03 Kim		NY-27 Collins	MN-01 Hagedorn						
MN-03 Phillips	MI-11 Stevens	NM-02 Torres Small		OH-01 Chabot	MN-08 Stauber						
NJ-05 Gottheimer	MN-02 Craig	NY-11 Rose		PA-01 Fitzpatrick	MO-02 Wagner						
NJ-11 Sherrill	MN-07 Peterson	NY-19 Delgado		TX-10 McCaul	MT-AL Open						
NV-04 Horsford	NH-01 Pappas	NY-22 Brindisi		TX-21 Roy	NC-13 Budd						
NY-18 Maloney	NJ-02 Van Drew	OK-05 Horn		TX-31 Carter	NY-01 Zeldin						
PA-07 Wild	NJ-07 Malinowski	SC-01 Cunningham			NY-02 King						
PA-17 Lamb	NV-03 Lee	UT-04 McAdams			NY-24 Katko						
VA-10 Wexton	PA-08 Cartwright	VA-02 Luria			OH-12 Balderson						
WA-08 Schrier	TX-07 Fletcher	VA-07 Spanberger			PA-16 Kelly						
WI-03 Kind	TX-23 Open				TX-06 Wright						
	TX-32 Allred				VA-05 Riggleman						
					WA-03 Herrera Beutler						

Source: Race ratings from Cook Political Report; as of Aug. 2

Note: Italics denote freshmen lawmakers



Electoral College: Cook's 2020 Scenario

» Cook Political Report so far identifies five battleground states

SOLID DEMOCRATIC	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC	LEAN DEMOCRATIC	TOSS UP	LEAN REPUBLICAN	LIKELY REPUBLICAN	SOLID REPUBLICAN
TOTAL: 188	TOTAL: 22	TOTAL: 22	TOTAL: 86	TOTAL: 39	TOTAL: 56	TOTAL: 125
CA (55) CT (7) DE (3) DC (3) HI (4) IL (20) ME-01 (1) MD (10) MA (11) NJ (14) NM (5) NY (29) OR (7) RI (4) VT (3) WA (12)	CO (9) VA (13)	ME (2) MN (10) NH (4) NV (6)	AZ (11) FL (29) MI (16) PA (20) WI (10)	GA (16) IA (6) ME-02 (1) NE-02 (1) NC (15)	OH (18) TX (38)	AL (9) AK (3) AR (6) ID (4) IN (11) KS (6) KY (8) LA (8) MS (6) MO (10) MT (3) NE (2) NE-01 (1) NE-03 (1) ND (3) OK (7) SC (9) SD (3) TN (11) UT (6) WV (5) WY (3)

Source: Race ratings from Cook Political Report; as of Nov. 30



2020 Looking Forward

Several other deadlines and programs require congressional action

- ✓ USMCA implementation
- ✓ Defense authorization
- ✓ Tax extenders and technical corrections to 2017 tax overhaul law
- ✓ Health extenders
- ✓ TANF reauthorization
- ✓ Flood insurance
- ✓ Export-Import Bank

Other priorities Congress may try to tackle:

- ✓ Surprise billing, drug pricing
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ VAWA reauthorization
- ✓ Higher education reauthorization
- ✓ Child nutrition reauthorization

Notes: USMCA – United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement; TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; VAWA – Violence Against Women Act





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