

## OVERVIEW

**Senate** - Democrats 50/50 – need a +2 / 0

**House** - Democrats 220/Republicans 212/Vacant 3 – **Republicans effectively need 4 seats**

- IN-2 Jackie Walorski (R) died – R hold
- FL-22 Ted Deutch (D) resigned – D hold
- FL-13 Charlie Crist (D) resigned – R pickup?

This is a redrawn district that modeling looks to show as R+7

[https://ballotpedia.org/Florida's\\_13th\\_Congressional\\_District\\_election,\\_2022](https://ballotpedia.org/Florida's_13th_Congressional_District_election,_2022)

Eric Lynn (D) vs. Anna Paulina Luna, who's a goddamn lunatic (R), she lost the last race in a far more D-friendly district vs. a better D opponent (Charlie Crist)

BUT the last two polls have been tied: Oct. 26 St. Petersburg Polls shows it 46-45, and an Oct. 4-6 David Binder Research shows it 47-47.

<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2022-election-forecast/house/florida/13/>

So it's 221 – 214, and that means D-3 at the worst. That would let Henry Cuellar (TX-28) play Joe Manchin.

IF the numbers are correct, Ds will expand in the Senate, lose the House, pick up Governorships  
That's not great, but that's not a disaster.

That means dealing with some early bad news

- Warnock/Walker going to a runoff
- Budd beating Beasley
- Vance beating Eli's favorite Tim Ryan

**We don't know what the polls mean in a non-Trump election.**

Could be much better than we thought?

## **TIMING**

<https://www.270towin.com/poll-closing-times>

6pm: half of KY and almost all of IN – **WE WILL LEARN NOTHING, DON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE**  
-no governors races, 2 solid R senate races, thanks to gerrymandering no close House races

7pm: GA, SC, VA, VT

SC has **NOTHING** – R Gov, R Sen (Tim Scott), 6-1 R in Congress

VT has **NOTHING** - a moderate anti-Trump R governor in Phil Scott, he's crushing in the polls, he supported the impeachment of Trump and publicly announced he voted for Biden in 2020. Nothing to read into anything here if you're scared that some R rando is winning in Bernie Sanders country.

GA – It's all Warnock/Walker – won't know

- Gov: Incumbent Brian Kemp (R) is going to beat Stacey Abrams (D) – it's sad, the polls show a consistent 7-to-9 point lead
- Sen: Warnock vs. Herschel Walker (R) race – a bunch of garbage polls came out that showed a Walker lead, I can't believe that. Warnock is sub-50, Siena/NYT has it a 3-point Warnock lead, that feels like another runoff at worst
- House: 9-5 R in Congress

Governor - Stacey Abrams going down

- Has led in zero polls in October, consistent gap
- Kemp over 50%

<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2022-election-forecast/governor/georgia/>

Through the first days of early voting, a record 1.017 million people cast ballots in the state, according to a [press release from Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger](#). SB-202 made it harder to vote.

VA – no gov, no Senate but **the most important early Congressional race**

7-4 Democrats and it's a good night

- VA-2, Elaine Luria (D) v. Jennifer Kiggans (R)

[https://ballotpedia.org/Virginia%27s\\_2nd\\_Congressional\\_District\\_election,\\_2022](https://ballotpedia.org/Virginia%27s_2nd_Congressional_District_election,_2022)

-redrawn district estimated to be R+2, but narrowly

-Luria raised \$10MM to Kiggans \$3MM

-45/45 in latest poll

-Luria is a moderate, so this will be scrutinized if she loses

If it's a bad night, Luria goes down AND incumbent Abigail Spanberger loses in VA-7 (she's +5)

**By 7:29 most likely outcome is Warnock/Walker too close to call, VA-2 Luria/Kiggans too close to call AND THAT'S FINE – we know nothing at this point**

7:30: NC, OH, WV

WV – no races

OH – **BEST WAY TO CALIBRATE THE NIGHT SO FAR**

- Gov: DeWine (R) cruising to re-election –
- Sen: Tim Ryan v. JD Vance – **pickup opportunity**
- Vance has an average 2-point lead in the polls – no nonpartisan poll has shown Ryan with a lead
- Vance is a garbage candidate
  
- House – gerrymandered – should be 12-3 Republican
- Dems are likely to lose Tim Ryan’s (D) seat here (OH-13)  
Emilia Sykes likely trails Madison Gesiotto Gilbert; pundits have this as a tossup, 538 says the underlying dynamics favor the Republicans
  
- OH-1 – longstanding Ohio rep Steve Chabot (R-inc.) trails Greg Landsman (D) in polls rather consistently - Dem **pickup opportunity**
  
- **IF DEMOCRATS ARE HAVING A BAD NIGHT**, OH-9 (Marcy Kaptur, D-inc.) could lose to J.R. Majewski; she’s led by an average of 5 points in a district that was gerrymandered from D+20 to R+3.

NC – no Gov – **INTERESTING IF THE DEMS ARE HAVING A GOOD (NOT NECESSARILY GREAT) NIGHT**

- Sen: Tedd Budd has a slight lead over Cheri Beasley in most polls (2.6% adjusted average); Beasley has never led. Budd under 50%  
538 has Budd as a 3:1 favorite  
Hoh could be a spoiler – no runoff
  
- House – **DEMS HAVE 1 PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**
- NC-13 (R+2): Wiley Nickel (D) v. Bo Hines (R) in Ted Budd’s (R) sort-of old district; it was completely redrawn. **Still a pickup opportunity.**
- Both have raised about \$3MM, slight edge to Nickel
- Hines is a former NC State football player, 26, never run for office before, you know the drill, “MAGA Warrior”

By 7:59 you have a very early sense of how the night is going.

- More data on Warnock/Walker and VA-2
- Are D’s competitive in Ohio and NC = **THIS COULD BE A GOOD NIGHT**
- **Too close to call in OH-13, OH-1 = STILL GOING TO BE A NAILBITER**
- Are R’s competitive in OH-9? Did NC-13 get called early = **THIS COULD BE A BAD NIGHT?**

**\*\*\* YOU MAY NOT YET PANIC \*\*\***

**8:00 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE ALLOWED TO PANIC**

AL, CT, DE, DC, FL, IL, ME, MD, MA, MS, MO, NH, NJ, OK, PA, RI, TN

AL, DE, DC, MA, MS, MO, OK, TN – no competitive races

**RI – D'S DEFENDING ONE HOUSE SEAT - ??? – I truly have no idea**

- Seth Magaziner v. Allan Fung
- RI-2, D+4, retiring Dem
- Magaziner \$3.4MM vs. Fung \$2MM
- Pundits and 538 have this a Dem hold; Fung has led in independent polling

**NH – ONE TRULY TOSSUP RACE – D's DEFENDING**

- Gov – Sununu (R) has a 20-point lead
- Sen – Hassan (D) has had a consistent lead all race that's tightened
  - **IF SHE LOSES, IT'S A TERRIBLE NIGHT, D'S COULD LOSE THE SENATE**
  - **Might be close, though**
- House – NH-2 Chris Pappas (D-inc.) vs. Karoline Leavitt – Trumper
  - Pappas \$4.7MM vs. Leavitt \$3.1MM
  - RVI EVEN

**NJ – ONE TOSSUP RACE – D'S DEFENDING**

- NJ-7 Tom Malinowski (D-inc.) v. Tom Kean Jr. (R)
  - Kean is a strong candidate
  - RVI of R+1
  - Outside R groups have spent millions; Malinowski \$8.4MM to Kean \$4MM
  - Polling, D-sponsored poll shows tie

**CT – D'S DEFENDING ONE HOUSE SEAT**

CT-5 – Jahana Hayes (D-inc.) v. George Logan (R)

- D+3 district
- Slight polling advantage to Hayes

**ME – D's DEFENDING ONE HOUSE SEAT**

ME-2 – Jared Golden (D-inc.) v. Bruce Poliquin (R) and Tiffany Bond (I)

- Golden \$5.6MM / Poliquin \$3.5MM
- Golden has a 7-to-11-point lead: 47/36/8
- R+6 district, went for Trump in 2020
- **Not good if D's lose this seat**

**MD – D's DEFENDING ONE HOUSE SEAT**

MD-6 – David Trone (D-inc.) v. Neil C. Parrott

- I know this district and seat
- D+2, made more competitive in the revised redistricting
- **Not good if D's lose this seat**

**IL – D’s DEFENDING THREE HOUSE SEATS, CAN PICK UP 1 – any other result is bad**

- IL-13 – Nikki Budzinski (D) leads Regan Deering (R) in a R-held district
  - Redistricted D+3
  - Leads in lightly polled
  - D outraised 2-1 (\$3.6MM to \$1.9MM)
  - **Not good if D’s don’t pick this up**
- IL-6 – Sean Casten v. Keith Pekau, D+3 district, lightly polled
  - Casten outraised Pekau 5-1 (\$5MM to \$1MM)
- IL-17 – Eric Sorensen (D) v. Esther Joy King (R), retiring D incumbent, D+2 district
  - Redistricted to be more D
  - Sorenson polling well (+9)
  - R has outraised D 2:1 (\$5MM to \$2.5MM)
- IL-14 if **Dems are getting destroyed** – Lauren Underwood (D-inc.) v. Scott Gryder
  - Outraised Gryder over 10:1 (\$6.5MM to \$575,000)

**FL – ONLY INTERESTING IF THE DEMOCRATS ARE HAVING A BLUE WAVE NIGHT**

- Don’t be discouraged
- Gov: DeSantis (R) is destroying Charlie Crist (D) by double digits.
- Sen: Rubio (R) has a 6-7 point lead over Val Demings (D) and has cleared 50% lately. **DO NOT GET YOUR HOPES UP.**
- House: **NO TOSSUP RACES**
  - FL-13 (Crist seat) – should be a R pickup, if it isn’t, big D night
  - FL-27: Annette Taddeo (D) vs. Maria Elvira Salazar (R, incumbent)
    - Redistricted to be more conservative in 2020, Taddeo is a way better candidate
    - Significant Cuban population
    - Salazar raised \$5MM to Taddeo’s \$2MM plus \$2MM R National spend

**PA – EVERYONE IS WATCHING HERE, DEMS DEFENDING 3 SEATS**

- **Be discouraged**
- Gov, Senate should be blowouts early even though polls have shown races tightening
- That’s a +1 pickup for Dems in the Senate
- House:
  - PA-7: Susan Wild (D-inc.) vs. Lisa Scheller (R), R+2, Wild has slightly outraised Scheller by \$1.5MM, true tossup
  - PA-8: Matt Cartwright (D-inc.) v. Jim Bognet (R), R+4, Cartwright leads in polling
  - PA-17: Chris DeLuzio (D) +6 over Jeremy Shaffer (R), RVI 0, Conor Lamb (D)’s old district

**By 8:59, we’ll know**

- How many close/tossup defending House seats have Dems lost?
- Any D Sen pickup opportunities – PA >>> NC > OH
- **WE STILL WON’T KNOW THE MAJORITY OF INFORMATION**  
– ARIZONA COULD BE GOOD (OR VERY VERY BAD) NEWS

**9:00** – AZ, CO, IA, KS, LA, MI, MN, NE, NM, NY, ND, SD, TX, WI, WY

LA, NM, ND, SD, WY – NO RACES

**KS – DEMS FAVORED IN CLOSE GOV RACE**

- Laura Kelly (D) vs. Derek Schmidt (R)

**WI – DISAPPOINTMENT - DEMS DEFENDING ONE SEAT – THIS LOOKS LIKE A LOSS**

Gov: Tony Evers (D-inc.) v. Tim Michels (R) – slight Evers lead

Senate: Mandela Barnes (D) v. Ron Johnson (R-inc.) -  **Dems squandered pickup opportunity**

- Johnson has single-digit leads (2-5 points) in latest polls
- Broken late for Johnson, he's cleared 50% in some polls
- \$35MM Barnes, \$32MM Johnson

House: WI-3 – Brad Pfaff (D) v. Derrick Van Orden (R)

- R+4 RVI
- Would make Wisconsin 6-2 Republican
- Van Orden \$6MM >> Pfaff \$1.6MM
- Van Orden led in August polls
- Rated lean to likely Republican

**NE – ONE DEM PICKUP OPPORTUNITY – TRUE BELLWETHER**

- NE-2, Omaha, Biden won in 2020 – Tony Vargas (D) v. Don Bacon (R-inc.)
  - EVEN RVI district
  - Rated tossup
  - essentially even in fundraising
  - basically no good polling, last one showed Bacon +1

**MN- DEMS DEFENDING ONE SEAT**

House: MN-2

- Angie Craig (D-inc.) vs. Tyler Kistner (R)
- D+1 district
- Craig over 2:1, \$7MM

**IA – DEMS DEFENDING ONE SEAT**

- IA-3: Cindy Axne (D-inc.) v. Zach Nunn
  - R+3
  - Nunn +2 in latest late Oct. poll (B/C rated on 538, "Moore Information")
  - Axne outraised Nunn almost 3:1 (\$6.6MM > \$2.3MM)
  - incumbent

**AZ – \*\*\* REPUBLICANS FAVORED (?) IN TOSSUP GOV RACE, DEMS HOLD SENATE, HOUSE 3 DEF, 1 OFF THIS IS THE LAST POINT IN THE NIGHT TO RESHAPE THE DIRECTION OF THE NIGHT**

Gov: Katie Hobbs (D) vs. Kari Lake (R) – tossup

- Lake has had some really good polling but she's fuck nuts

Sen: Mark Kelly (D-inc.) favored over Blake Masters (R)

House: **DEMS DEFENDING 3 SEATS, 1 PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**

- **AZ-1: DEM DEFENDING – WE DON'T KNOW**  
Jevin Hodge (D) v. David Schweikert (R)  
-R+2  
-tossup polling; rated tossup to lean except at 538 thinks it's a slam dunk R  
-Hodge (D) slightly outraised Schweikert
- **AZ-2: DEM DEFENDING – TOSSUP**  
Tom O'Halleran (D-inc. in 1st) v. Eli Crane (R)  
-R+6 – toughest district but quasi-incumbent  
-O'Halleran is a Blue Dog, ex-Republican but seriously he's voted for everything you would want  
-**unopposed in primary** so you know, get out there  
-Crane is a Trumper, lunatic, never held office, etc.  
-O'Halleran slightly outraised Crane but Crane spent a bunch in the primary  
-sparse polls tied
- **AZ-4: DEM DEFENDING – FEELS LIKE A SOLID HOLD**  
Greg Stanton (D-inc.) v. Kelly Cooper (R)  
-D+2  
-rated likely Dem everywhere  
-Stanton outraised Cooper 2:1 \$4MM to \$2MM  
-Stanton had a sizeable (+7) lead in August polling, FWIW
- **AZ-6 – DEM PICKUP OPP – Schweikert's seat**  
-Kirsten Engel (D) v. Juan Ciscomani  
-R+3  
- $\$3\text{MM} > \$2.2\text{MM}$  slight fundraising edge to Ciscomani  
-lean Republican rated  
-last poll in August had Engel up +2, 49-47

**CO – DEMS DEFENDING 1 SEAT, ON OFFENSE IN 1 SEAT – NEW DISTRICTa**

No Gov, Senate

House

- **CO-7: Brittany Pettersen (D) v. Erik Aadland (R), DEMS DEFENDING**  
-RVI D+4  
-Pettersen narrow leads in polls  
-2:1 outfundraised
- **CO-8: NEW DISTRICT – Yadira Caraveo (D) v. Barbara Kirkmeyer (R)**  
-RVI 0  
-Kirkmeyer narrow polling lead  
-Caraveo  $\$3.1\text{MM} >> \$1.3\text{MM}$

## MI – DEMS DEFENDING 2 SEATS, 2 PICKUP OPPORTUNITIES

Gov – Whitmer cruising

House

- MI-7 – Elissa Slotkin (D-inc.) v. Tom Barrett (R) - **defending**  
-Liz Cheney campaigned for Slotkin, she leads in the polls, has outraised 4:1  
-R+2 district
- MI-8 - Dan Kildee (D-inc.) v. Paul Junge (R) – **defending**  
-redistricted, more conservative, now R+1 district  
-lightly polled, tossup  
-Kildee \$5MM, Junge \$3MM
- MI-3 – **Dem Pickup opportunity** – Hillary Scholten (D) v. John Gibbs (R)  
-Scholten leads polls (+9); outraised 3:1  
-D+1
- MI-10 – **DEM PICKUP OPPORTUNITY** – Carl Marlinga (D) vs. John James (R), R retiring  
-R+3 district  
-James hasn't cleared 50 in any polls  
-James (R) has WAY outraised Marlinga (D) – over \$6MM to under \$1MM  
-feels like Marlinga is going to come up short

## NY – DEMS DEFENDING 4 SEATS, CAN PICKUP 2

No Gov, No Senate

House

- NY-1 – Bridget Fleming (D) v. Nicholas LaLota (R), – **DEM PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**  
-RVI R+3  
-rated Lean Republican  
-Fleming \$2.4MM outraised LaLota 2:1  
-no polling
- NY-22 – Francis Conole (D) v. Brandon Williams (R), – **DEM PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**  
-D+1 district, incumbent R running in NY-24 due to redistricting  
-Conole outraised Williams \$2.6M to \$750K  
-Conole +2 latest polls
- NY-3 – **DEM DEFENDING** – Robert Zimmerman (D) v. George Devolder-Santos (R)  
-RVI D+2  
-fundraising even  
-polls even
- NY-19 – **DEM DEFENDING** – Josh Riley (D) v. Marc Molinaro (R), Dem running elsewhere  
-RVI even  
-Riley \$3.6MM > Molinaro \$2.2MM  
-Riley +5 latest polls



- NY-18 – **DEM DEFENDING** – Pat Ryan (D-inc. 19<sup>th</sup>) v. Colin Schmitt (R)
  - D+1 RVI
  - Ryan \$4MM > Schmitt \$2MM
  - no polls
- NY-17 – **DEM DEFENDING** – Sean Patrick Maloney (D-inc. 18<sup>th</sup>) v. Michael Lawler (R)
  - D+3 RVI
  - lean to tossup
  - Maloney outraised Lawler 5:1
  - R polls with no reliability show a consistent Lawler lead

**TX: DEMS DEFENDING 2 SEATS, 1 PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**

Gov: Abbott > O'Rourke

House

- TX-28 – Henry Cuellar (D-inc.) v. Cassy Garcia (R) – **DEM DEFENDING**
  - she's a former Ted Cruz staffer and a loon
  - D+3 RVI
  - Cuellar is the most conservative Dem in the country
- TX-15 – Michelle Vallejo (D) v. Monica de la Cruz (R) – **DEM DEFENDING**
  - R+1 district
  - polling even
  - De la Cruz (R) leads in fundraising 2:1
  - rated lean to likely Republican
- TX-34 – Vincente Gonzalez (D) v. Mayra Flores (R-inc., SPECIAL ELECTION 2022)
  - DEM PICKUP OPPORTUNITY**
  - D+9 district
  - Flores (R) outraised Gonzalez (D) \$4MM > \$3MM
  - Gonzalez led in very old polling

By 10-10:30 it'll basically be over

10:00 Nevada close

Sen: Catherine Cortez-Masto (D) v. Adam Laxalt (R)

-Dems defending 2 more House seats (NV-1, NV-3)

**REALLY THE LAST CHANCE EITHER WAY**

One more stupid story

11:00 California and Oregon

-3<sup>rd</sup> party voters might help elect Oregon's first Republican Gov in 40 years; Biden won 57-40. Dems crush in statewide races. Six candidates are running in the Oregon gubernatorial election on November 8, 2022. Incumbent Governor Kate Brown (D) is term-limited and cannot run for re-election.

Tina Kotek (D), Christine Drazan (R), and Betsy Johnson (I), have led the field in fundraising and media coverage.[1] Kyle Kondik of Sabato's Crystal Ball wrote, "the state is hosting an unusual 3-way race among a trio of women who are all recent members of the state legislature. [...] The race sets up an unusual situation where the winner may not need to crack even 40%

.  
Kotek as the accomplished progressive, Johnson as the centrist unifier, and Drazan as the change agent for a state that has [...] one-party control." Kotek endorsed by Bernie Sanders.

RCV would of course solve this

- 39 / 39 / 14
- Absolute tossup
- Johnson (I) was in the high-20s, almost tied with the Republican in August but since then has absolutely bled support to the Republican – the only supporters left are Democrats who think Kotek is too liberal
- Would say to her the same thing we said to Matthew Hoh