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## 2020 House Overview: The Bernie Factor

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The House majority wasn't regarded as in play, unless Democrats were to nominate Bernie Sanders for president. Now that the Vermont senator is a legitimate frontrunner, his impact from the top of the ticket on Democratic control of the House should be taken seriously.

The conventional wisdom is that Sanders' socialist policies will make re-election far more difficult for the 30 Democrats sitting in districts Donald Trump won in 2016. But a district by district analysis reveals a more complicated situation.

Sanders' path to victory is to recreate the 'Blue Wall' that crumbled in 2016, winning back Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, where his strident economic populism could resonate. The senator is more of a threat to Trump's re-election than Republicans want to admit.

With Sanders at the top of the ticket, Republicans may be hard-pressed to win back House seats they lost in the Rust Belt, especially given their candidate recruitment problems. Without winning handfuls of seats in those three states and Minnesota, the path to the House majority narrows toward improbability.

That's not to say Sanders won't be a liability for Democrats elsewhere. He might remind suburbanites who voted Democratic in 2018 why they voted Republican for a generation previously, or hurt candidates in Southern and rural districts. But the Democratic incumbents who feel squeezed the most by a Sanders nomination are the toughest to dislodge. While they will have to deal with a daily drumbeat of questions about the senator's policies, they can use their financial advantage to demonstrate independence and help dictate the terms of the debate.

In 2016, Republican candidates were barraged with questions about Trump and he was regarded as a liability, yet Democrats picked up just six House seats. This cycle, Republicans technically need a net gain of 18 seats in order to reclaim the majority, even though that number is higher when accounting for losses in North Carolina and Texas.

With less than nine months to go, Republicans losing a few more House seats seems more likely than retaking the majority.

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## 2020 House Ratings

### Toss-Up (2R, 7D)

GA 7 (Open; Woodall, R)	NY 11 (Rose, D)
IA 3 (Axne, D)	NY 22 (Brindisi, D)
IL 13 (Davis, R)	OK 5 (Horn, D)
IL 14 (Underwood, D)	SC 1 (Cunningham, D)
	UT 4 (McAdams, D)

### Tilt Democratic (9D)

CA 21 (Cox, D)
GA 6 (McBath, D)
IA 1 (Finkenauer, D)
IA 2 (Open; Loeb sack, D)
ME 2 (Golden, D)
MN 7 (Peterson, DFL)
NJ 3 (Kim, D)
NM 2 (Torres Small, D)
VA 7 (Spanberger, D)

### Tilt Republican (7R, 1I)

IA 4 (King, R)
MI 3 (Amash, I)#
MN 1 (Hagedorn, R)
NJ 2 (Van Drew, R)
PA 1 (Fitzpatrick, R)
PA 10 (Perry, R)
TX 22 (Open; Olson, R)
TX 24 (Open; Marchant, R)

	GOP	DEM
116th Congress	200	234
Currently Solid	170	199
Competitive	30	35
Needed for majority	218	

### Lean Democratic (7D, 1R)

CA 48 (Rouda, D)
KS 3 (Davids, D)
NJ 7 (Malinowski, D)
NV 3 (Lee, D)
TX 7 (Fletcher, D)
TX 23 (Open; Hurd, R)
TX 32 (Allred, D)
VA 2 (Luria, D)

### Lean Republican (5R)

MO 2 (Wagner, R)
NE 2 (Bacon, R)
NY 2 (Open; King, R)
NY 24 (Katko, R)
OH 1 (Chabot, R)

### Likely Democratic (12D, 2R)

AZ 1 (O'Halleran, D)	PA 17 (Lamb, D)
CA 10 (Harder, D)	
CA 25 (Vacant, D)*	
CA 39 (Cisneros, D)	
CA 45 (Porter, D)	
FL 26 (Mucarsel-Powell, D)*	
NH 1 (Pappas, D)	
MI 8 (Slotkin, D)#	
MI 11 (Stevens, D)	
NC 2 (Open; Holding, R)	
NC 6 (Open; Walker, R)	
NY 19 (Delgado, D)#	
PA 8 (Cartwright, D)	

### Likely Republican (13R)

AZ 6 (Schweikert, R)
FL 15 (Spano, R)#
IN 5 (Open; Brooks, R)
MI 6 (Upton, R)
NC 8 (Hudson, R)
NC 9 (Bishop, R)*
NY 1 (Zeldin, R)
OH 12 (Balderson, R)
TX2 (Crenshaw, R)
TX 10 (McCaul, R)
TX 21 (Roy, R)
TX 31 (Carter, R)*
WA 3 (Herrera-Beutler, R)

# moved benefiting Democrats, \* moved benefiting Republicans Takeovers in Italics

# Maine Senate: Is Susan Collins Already Behind?

By Stuart Rothenberg

A February 10-13 SocialSphere survey for Colby College (my alma mater) about the Maine Senate race certainly generated plenty of buzz on Tuesday. My own reaction was less than enthusiastic.

I tweeted that “The ballot test is not consistent with other (unreleased) numbers, and it conveys a misimpression of where the race stands. [Susan] Collins has lost support over the last couple of years, and she is vulnerable now. But [Sara] Gideon has a lot of work to do.”

Having written about polls for the past 40 years, I know that survey results spread faster than the Coronavirus, and the Colby/SocialSphere poll was no exception. It didn’t take long for others to tweet the numbers – just the numbers, no context or warnings – showing that Gideon, the speaker of the Maine House, is ahead in the race.

While at this point my handicapping is more avocation than career, I continue to watch what is happening in races and to speak with campaign insiders about both individual contests and the national landscape. In other words, I still do reporting, but I leave the serious handicapping to the rest of the team at *Inside Elections*.

So, I was a bit surprised when John Della Volpe of SocialSphere complained that my “dismissing a rigorous poll and citing unreported data is not helpful to anyone.”

First, I didn’t dismiss the poll. I wrote that I wouldn’t give it “much weight,” not that I would ignore it. Second, I’ve spent the past four decades using non-public polling from consultants, campaign committees and anyone else who would share it to inform me about individual races and overall election cycles. That’s what the handful of handicappers and army of political reporters do. We don’t simply rely on public polling.

Anyway, unless the entire Maine Senate race changed in the last two weeks, Collins is not running even with (or trailing) Gideon, as the Colby/SocialSphere survey suggests. Veteran party insiders on both sides of the aisle generally agree that Collins is ahead by at least the mid-single digits (some think more), and they both agree that she has a real fight on her hands.

That conclusion preceded the Colby/SocialSphere poll. I’ve been writing for months that Maine is a crucial contest, and *Inside Elections* has had the Maine Senate race as “Tilting” Republican for months. The folks at the *Cook Political Report* call the race a Toss-up.

Could the Maine race have changed so much recently that Colby/SocialSphere picked up the movement? It’s possible. I certainly can’t

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## 2020 Senate Ratings

Toss-Up		
Gardner (R-Colo.)		Tillis (R-N.C.)
McSally (R-Ariz.)		
Tilt Democratic		Tilt Republican
		Collins (R-Maine)
Lean Democratic		Lean Republican
Peters (D-Mich.)		KS Open (Roberts, R)
		Ernst (R-Iowa)
		<i>Jones (D-Ala.)</i>
Likely Democratic		Likely Republican
Shaheen (D-N.H.)		Cornyn (R-Texas)
		Loeffler (R-Ga.)
		Perdue (R-Ga.)
Solid Democratic		Solid Republican
NM Open (Udall, D)		TN Open (Alexander, R)
Booker (D-N.J.)		WY Open (Enzi, R)
Coons (D-Del.)		Cassidy (R-La.)
Durbin (D-Ill.)		Capito (R-W.Va.)
Markey (D-Mass.)		Cotton (R-Ark.)
Merkley (D-Ore.)		Daines (R-Mont.)
Reed (D-R.I.)		Graham (R-S.C.)
Smith (D-Minn.)		Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.)
Warner (D-Va.)		Inhofe (R-Okla.)
		McConnell (R-Ky.)
		Risch (R-Idaho)
		Rounds (R-S.D.)
		Sasse (R-Neb.)
		Sullivan (R-Alaska)
	<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>
116th Congress	53	47
Not up this cycle	30	35
Currently Solid	14	9
Competitive	9	3

*Takeovers in Italics, # moved benefiting Democrats, \* moved benefiting Republicans*



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**Arizona. 1st District (Northeastern Arizona) Tom O'Halleran, D, re-elected 54%. Trump 48%.** Republican attorney Tiffany Shedd, who lost in the 2018 primary, is running again and was expected to be a better candidate. But she had just \$112,000 in campaign funds on Dec. 31. Former state Sen. Barbara McGuire (\$0) and former Flagstaff city council member Eva Putzova (\$15,222) are challenging O'Halleran (\$919,000) in the Democratic primary, but the congressman doesn't look particularly vulnerable in either race at this point. The rural nature is the only thing keeping this race on the board. Likely D.

**2nd District (Southeastern Arizona, eastern Tucson area) Ann Kirkpatrick, D, re-elected 55%. Clinton 49.6%.** The congresswoman has been on leave for rehabilitation for alcohol dependence. But Kirkpatrick (\$621,000 on Dec. 31) is expected back soon and is not in danger of losing re-election. Move from Likely D to Solid D.

**6th District (Scottsdale and North Phoenix) Dave Schweikert, R, re-elected 55%. Trump 52%.** The congressman is still under investigation by the House

Ethics Committee on allegations of violating campaign finance laws, putting his re-election in doubt. Schweikert had just \$278,000 in his campaign account on Dec. 31, compared to \$912,000 for the top Democrat,



Hiral Tipirneni

cancer research advocate Hiral Tipirneni. Other Democrats include 2018 candidate Anita Malik (\$46,000) and businesswoman Stephanie Rimmer (\$67,000). Tipirneni, who lost in the 8th district by 11 points last cycle, looks like a credible alternative if Schweikert slips further. Likely R.

**California. 10th District (Modesto area) Josh Harder, D, elected 52%. Clinton 49%.** Veterinarian Ted Howze, who finished third with 15 percent in the 2018 all-party primary, looks like the GOP frontrunner. He had \$588,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, personal money, and an endorsement from former Rep. Jeff Denham, who lost to Harder in 2018. Republican Bob Elliott (\$186,838), who served 30 years in the Army before working for GE and Westinghouse, is also running. Either of them will have a tough time in the general election against Harder (\$2.6 million), who is one of House Democrats' most prolific fundraisers and gets to run in a district President Trump will probably lose again. Likely D.

**21st District (Southern Central Valley and part of Bakersfield) TJ Cox, D, elected 50%. Clinton 55%.** Republican David Valadao is back for a rematch after losing re-election to Cox in 2018. Republicans have been confident in their opposition research, which includes recent stories about unpaid taxes by the congressman. Cox had \$887,054 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$1 million for Valadao. Valadao has transcended the district's partisan leaning in the past, but now that its House member is aligned with the district's politics, it will be tough for the GOP to get back in this environment. Tilt D.

**25th District (Northern Los Angeles County suburbs) Vacant, D. Clinton 50%. Special Election: March 3 primary, May 12 general, if necessary.** Democratic Rep. Katie Hill's resignation set up these races. On March 3, the district will hold the presidential primary, the special election primary, and the regular primary. If no one receives more than 50 percent

of the vote on the special election ballot, the top two contenders move to a May 12 election.

The Democratic frontrunner is Assemblywoman Christy Smith (\$592,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), but other Democratic candidates include Young Turks founder Cenk Uygur (\$652,000). Former Rep. Steve Knight (\$112,000), whom Hill defeated by 7 points in 2018, and Raytheon executive Mike Garcia (\$313,000) are the top Republican candidates. Even though Republicans haven't taken over a Democratic seat in California in years and Republicans are unlikely to invest the money necessary to win a special election in a district covered by the expensive Los Angeles media market, some Democratic strategists are concerned that the May electorate will be more conservative than anything they've seen in a competitive district in the last three years. Move from Solid D to Likely D.

**39th District (San Gabriel Valley and northern Orange County) Gil Cisneros, D, elected 52%. Clinton 52%.** Republicans still believe in former Assemblywoman Young Kim, who lost by 3 points in 2018. And with \$889,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, she's been one of Republicans' top fundraisers anywhere in the country. Cisneros' cash position (\$850,000) has been modest for a Democratic freshman but, as a lottery winner, he is personally wealthy. There's little evidence the political environment will be much better in a suburban Clinton district with a majority-minority population. But the race could develop. Likely D.

**45th District (Irvine area of Orange County) Katie Porter, D, elected 52%. Clinton 49.8%.** With \$2.7 million in the bank on Dec. 31, Porter has pushed this once-GOP seat nearly off the list of competitive races, even if her ideology is to the left of the district. A handful of Republicans including Laguna Hills Mayor Don Sedgwick (\$521,000), Yorba Linda City Councilor Peggy Huang (\$54,000), Orange County Board of Education Member Lisa Sparks (\$206,000), and Mission Viejo City Councilman Greg Raths (\$165,000) are trying to make the top two in the primary. Porter could lose if the top of the Democratic ticket collapses. Likely D.

**48th District (Coastal Orange County) Harley Rouda, D, elected 54%. Clinton 48%.** Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel had more



Michelle Steel

than \$1.3 million in the bank on Dec. 31 and is one of Republicans' top challengers anywhere in the country running in the most winnable Orange County district. But she's also running against Rouda (\$1.7 million), who is

harder to demonize. This is a place where Bernie Sanders at the top of the ticket could be problematic for Democrats. But Republicans haven't taken over a Democratic seat anywhere in California in more than 20 years. Lean D.

**50th District (Inland San Diego County) Vacant, R. Trump 55%.** Duncan Hunter's resignation makes this district easier to hold for the GOP. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom decided not to call for a special election, so the top contenders are battling for the top two spots in the March 3 primary. Ammar Campa-Najjar (\$959,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) was the 2018 Democratic nominee and is likely to make the general

election this cycle. Former San Diego city councilman/2014 52nd District nominee Carl DeMaio (\$1.7 million) and wealthy former 49th District Rep. Darrell Issa (\$1.6 million) are jockeying for the other spot. The district clearly wants to vote Republican, particularly one not under indictment. Lean R.

**Florida. 15th District (Lakeland and exurbs of Tampa and Orlando) Ross Spano, R, elected 53%. Trump 53%.** The House Ethics Committee deferred its investigation of Spano's potentially improper loans for his 2018 campaign to the Justice Department. And the congressman had just \$125,000 in his campaign account on Dec. 31. The district leans Republican, but Democrats might take advantage of Spano's problems with Navy veteran/state Rep. Adam Hattersley (\$171,000) or former journalist Alan Cohn (\$85,000). Move from Solid R to Likely R.

**26th District (Southwestern Miami area and Florida Keys) Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, D, elected 51%. Clinton 57%.** Republicans are



**Debbie Mucarsel-Powell**

very excited about former Miami Fire Chief/Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez's entry into the race even though it has been a Democratic-leaning district. The congresswoman had \$1.6 million in her campaign account on

Dec. 31 but even some Democrats agree that this could be a headache to hold. Move from Solid D to Likely D.

**27th District (Southern Miami area and Coral Gables) Donna Shalala, D, elected 52%. Clinton 59%.** Former news anchor/2018 GOP nominee Maria Elvira Salazar trailed the congresswoman \$1.2 million to \$717,000 in campaign cash on Dec. 31. But this is a specific district where Sanders could be a liability, considering the senator's refusal to call Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro a dictator and the district's Venezuelan immigrant population. Solid D.

**Georgia. 6th District (Northern Atlanta suburbs) Lucy McBath, D, elected 51%. Trump 48.3%.** Former Rep. Karen Handel (\$829,000 on Dec. 31) is the presumptive GOP nominee after her last remaining opponent, businesswoman Marjorie Greene, dropped out in December to run in the 14th District. She'll face a rematch with McBath (\$2 million), who won a close race in 2018. Tilt D.

**7th District (Northeastern Atlanta suburbs) Open; Rob Woodall, R, not seeking re-election.** Trump 51%. Former state Senate budget director Carolyn Bourdeaux (\$863,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), who lost to Woodall in the country's closest race last cycle, is the Democratic frontrunner. But Air Force veteran/state Sen. Zahra Karinshak (\$422,000) could push the primary race to a runoff. There's also a crowded GOP field including Lynne Homrich (\$399,000), a former vice president for human resources at Home Depot, state Sen. Renee Unterman (\$765,000) and physician Richard McCormick, who put \$500,000 of his own money into the race. Toss-up.

**Illinois. 3rd District (Southwestern Chicago area) Dan Lipinski, D, re-elected 73%. Clinton 55%.** After a 2-point primary victory in 2018,

the congressman (\$868,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) faces Marie Newman (\$628,000) once again. But multiple challengers, including Rush Darwish (\$371,000), could help Lipinski win without a majority. Lipinski is one of the last Democrats in Congress to consider themselves pro-life. Either way, the seat should remain in Democratic hands. Solid D.

**6th District (Western Chicago suburbs) Sean Casten, D, elected 54%. Clinton 50%.** Republicans are poised to nominate polarizing former state Rep. Jeanne Ives (\$313,000 on Dec. 31) in a suburban district against Casten (\$1.9 million). With the Chicago media market, this would be an expensive fight that Republicans aren't likely to take on. Move from Likely D to Solid D.

**13th District (Central Illinois) Rodney Davis, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 49.7%.** Businesswoman Betsy Dirksen Londrigan (\$1.1 million in the bank on Dec. 31) lost to the congressman by less than 1 point in 2018 and is back for a rematch. Democrats are expecting help from the presidential race, including turnout on eight college campuses. Davis (\$1 million) has his work cut out for him. Toss-up.

**14th District (Western Chicago exurbs) Lauren Underwood, D, elected 53%. Trump 49%.** Republicans will never consider Underwood



**Jim Oberweis**

a legitimate member of Congress, but their field of challengers to replace her is a bit of a mess. State Sen. Jim Oberweis, who ran for the House twice in 2008, three times for Senate (2002, 2004 and 2014) and governor in 2006, looks like the frontrunner

with personal money and more than \$1 million in the bank on Dec. 31. Businessman/former Notre Dame field goal kicker Ted Gradel (\$649,000), state Sen. Sue Rezin (\$329,000) and others are running as well. Some GOP strategists aren't convinced Oberweis is their best candidate and Underwood had \$1.6 million on Dec. 31. This is an expensive GOP target covered by the Chicago media market, and Republicans might find a better use for their money elsewhere. Toss-up.

**Indiana. 5th District (Northern Indianapolis suburbs) Open; Susan Brooks, R, not seeking re-election.** Trump 53%. State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell (\$96,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), physician Chuck Dietzen (\$192,000), and health case management company owner Beth Henderson (\$139,000) lead a field of 15 candidates without a clear frontrunner. Former state Rep./former LG nominee Christina Hale (\$419,000) is the likely Democratic nominee in an open seat opportunity if Republicans stumble. Likely R.

**Iowa. 1st District (Northeastern Iowa) Abby Finkenauer, D, elected 51%. Trump 49%.** State Rep. Ashley Hinson, a former local TV news anchor, continues to be one of Republicans' top challengers anywhere in the country. She had \$735,000 in her campaign account on Dec. 31 compared to Finkenauer's \$1.4 million. This looks like a bellwether for GOP prospects in November. Tilt D.

**2nd District (Southeastern Iowa) Open; Dave Loebsack, D, not seeking re-election.** Trump 49%. Republicans are pinning their hopes on state Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (\$215,000 on Dec. 31), who has lost

three races for Congress and entered the race in early October. Former Illinois GOP Rep. Bobby Schilling (\$50,000) is also running. Former state senator/2018 Lt. Gov. nominee Rita Hart (\$648,000) is the likely Democratic nominee. Tilt D.

**3rd District (Des Moines and southwestern Iowa) Cindy Axne, elected 49%. Trump 49%.** Former GOP Rep. David Young lost re-election by 2 points in 2018 and is back for a rematch. He had \$751,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$1.7 million for Axne. Republicans believe Young already has the advantage, but the president's standing could determine this outcome. Toss-up.

**4th District (Northwestern Iowa) Steve King, R, re-elected 50%.** Trump 61%. King had just \$32,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 but looks poised to win renomination against a crowded field. State Sen. Randy Feenstra (\$489,000) is King's best-funded GOP opponent. After a 3-point loss in 2018, paralegal/former professional baseball pitcher J.D. Scholten (\$540,000) is running again. This looks like a GOP headache again. Tilt R.

**Kansas. 2nd District (Topeka, Lawrence, eastern rural Kansas) Steve Watkins, R, elected 48%. Trump 56%.** Watkins ethical problems made this race closer than it should have been in 2018 and it could be a GOP problem once again. State Treasurer Jake LaTurner had \$591,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 but raised just \$102,000 in the fourth quarter. Topeka Mayor Michelle De La Isla is hoping to finish the job for Democrats if Watkins (\$401,000) wins the primary. Solid R.

**3rd District (Suburban Kansas City area) Sharice Davids, D, elected 54%. Clinton 47%.** The congresswoman was sitting on \$1.5 million on Dec. 31 while Republicans sort through a primary between National Down Syndrome Society president Sara Hart Weir (\$278,000) and Amanda Adkins (\$383,000), a vice president at Cerner Corporation. Kansas is red, but this district is trending blue. Lean D.



Sharice Davids

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**Kentucky. 6th District (Greater Lexington area) Andy Barr, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 55%.** Former police officer/Marine Corps veteran/2018 state Rep. nominee Josh Hicks (\$242,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) should be a better candidate than 2018 nominee Amy McGrath, but he'll have nowhere near the same money. And with Trump and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell at the top of the ticket, it's unclear how Hicks is going to get the crossover voters necessary to defeat Barr (\$1.4 million). Move from Likely R to Solid R.

**Maine. 2nd District (Northern Maine) Jared Golden, D, elected 51%.** Trump 51%. With \$1.3 million in the bank on Dec. 31, Golden won't be easy to defeat. But this is a rural district where the Trump campaign will make a play for an electoral vote. Republicans don't have a clear frontrunner in a field that includes 2018 GOP Senate nominee Eric Brakey (\$252,000), former state Rep. Dale Crafts (\$134,000), who has an endorsement from former Gov. Paul LePage, and former LePage press secretary Adrienne Bennett (\$37,000). Tilt D.

**Michigan. 3rd District (Grand Rapids area) Justin Amash, I, re-elected as a Republican 54%. Trump 52%.** A complicated got race got



Peter Meijer

more interesting with Amash's end of the year fundraising. The congressman finished the year with \$722,000 in his campaign account. Veteran Peter Meijer (\$557,000), who comes from a wealthy family and Midwest grocery store chain, is the GOP

frontrunner but state Rep. Lynn Afendoulis (\$199,000) and businessman Joel Langlois, who contributed \$400,000 of his own money, are running as well. Attorney Hillary Scholten (\$207,000), who worked for the Department of Justice in the Obama Administration, and attorney Nick Colvin (\$60,000), who was Obama's personal aide, are running for the Democratic nomination. Neither will likely need a majority in November to win. Move from Lean R to Tilt R.

**6th District (Southwestern Michigan) Fred Upton, R, re-elected 50%. Trump 51%.** Until the April 21 filing deadline, the congressman will be on retirement watch, particularly considering his good friend, Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, isn't running for re-election. But Upton had \$834,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$247,000 for Democratic state Rep. Jon Hoadley. Democrats probably need an open seat to win. Likely R.

**8th District (Lansing and northwestern Detroit exurbs) Elissa Slotkin, D, elected 51%. Trump 51%.** With former Trump administration immigration official Paul Junge (\$235,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) and state board of education member Nikki Snyder (\$0), this looks like a missed opportunity for the GOP. It's also hard to recruit when Slotkin had \$2.8 million at the end of the year. Move from Lean D to Likely D.

**11th District (Northwestern Detroit suburbs) Haley Stevens, D, elected 52%. Trump 49.7%.** Attorney Eric Eshaki got into the race late but Republicans are still hopeful he'll mount a credible challenge. He had \$164,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$2 million for Stevens. Republicans believe the congresswoman wasn't tested last cycle and won't perform well under pressure. But we'll see if this race really heats up. Likely D.

**Minnesota. 1st District (Southern Minnesota), Jim Hagedorn, R, elected 50%. Trump 53%.** The congressman announced this week that he is receiving treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. The news comes as he was already facing a competitive re-election race against 2018 DFL nominee Dan Feehan (\$642,000 in the bank on Dec. 31). Hagedorn (\$655,000) defeated Feehan, an Army veteran and teacher, by less than one half of 1 percent last time. Even though the district contains significant rural territory, Olmsted County (including Rochester) is keeping the seat competitive. Tilt R.

**2nd District (Southern Twin Cities suburbs) Angie Craig, D, elected 53%. Trump 47%.** Former Michigan state Rep. Rick Olson had \$72,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 and is the top GOP fundraiser in the race. USMC Office Tyler Kistner entered the race in January. Craig had \$1.5 million. Move from Likely D to Solid D.

**7th District (Western Minnesota) Collin Peterson, DFL, re-elected 52%. Trump 62%.** Former Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach is supposed to

give the congressman his first real race in years but she finished the year with just \$204,000 in the bank. Peterson, who is chairman of the Agriculture Committee, isn't raising much money either, but had \$1 million in the bank stockpiled from previous uncompetitive races. Republicans are holding out hope Peterson decides to retire before the June 2 filing deadline. Tilt D.



**Michelle Fischbach**

**8th District (Iron Range) Pete Stauber, R, elected 51%. Trump 54%. Democrats held the seat just a few years ago and now can't find a credible challenger. Stauber had \$722,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 while Democrats didn't have anyone with more than \$79,000. Move from Likely R to Solid R.**

**Missouri. 2nd District (Suburban St. Louis) Ann Wagner, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 53%. Democrats have found their candidate in state Sen. Jill Schupp, who entered the race in early December and amassed more than \$450,000 by the end of the month. Wagner had \$2.5 million and won't be caught off-guard. Lean R.**

**Montana. At-Large District. Open, Greg Gianforte, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 56%. Gianforte is leaving Congress after one and a half terms to run for governor again. 2018 Democratic candidate Kathleen Williams (\$811,000), who lost by 4 points in 2018, is running again. On the GOP side, Montana State Auditor Matt Rosendale (\$821,000), who narrowly lost to Democratic Sen. Jon Tester in 2018, is competing with state Attorney General Corey Stapleton (\$61,000) for the Republican nomination. This could develop into a Democratic opportunity. Solid R.**

**Nebraska. 2nd District (Greater Omaha area) Don Bacon, R, re-elected 51%. Trump 48%. Non-profit executive Kara Eastman (\$93,000 on Dec. 31), who lost by 2 points last cycle, looks like the Democratic frontrunner against restaurant owner Gladys Harrison (\$17,000) and attorney Ann Ashford (\$68,000), who's married to former Rep. Brad Ashford. With no outside help, Eastman nearly won last time, and she'd have help this year. The area could also be flooded with presidential ads for the district's single electoral vote. The district looks poised to host another competitive race and Bacon (\$687,000) will be ready. Lean R.**

**Nevada. 3rd District (Southern Las Vegas suburbs) Susie Lee, D, elected 52%. Trump 48%. Retired pro wrestler Dan Rodimer (\$295,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), who also played Arena football with the Tampa Bay Barracudas, is running for the GOP nomination along with former state Treasurer Dan Schwartz (\$447,000) and others. Lee (\$1.5 million) can't take the race for granted but has the advantage. Lean D.**

**4th District (Northern Las Vegas suburbs and rural central Nevada) Steven Horsford, D, elected 52%. Clinton 49.5%. The crowded GOP field includes former Miss Nevada USA Lisa Song Sutton (\$187,000 on hand on Dec. 31), veteran Samuel Peters (\$206,000) and former state**

Assemblyman Jim Marchant (\$209,000). Horsford (\$1 million) lost re-election in 2014 and was elected again in 2018. Republicans have to prove they will seriously compete in Clinton districts such as this one. Solid D.

**New Hampshire. 1st District (Eastern New Hampshire)**

**Chris Pappas, D, elected 54%. Trump 48%. Unless former Trump administration official/former state party executive director Matt Mowers can quickly put together a couple million dollars, this doesn't look like a race. It's a good example of the GOP's struggle to win back the House when they've been slow to find a credible challenger to Pappas (\$988,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) in a Trump district. Likely D.**

**New Jersey. 2nd District (Southern New Jersey coast) Jeff Van Drew, R, elected (as a Democrat) 53%. Trump 51%. Republicans were giddy when Van Drew (\$1 million in the bank on Dec. 31), who flipped this longtime GOP seat in 2018, defected from the Democratic Party over impeachment in December. It looks like Van Drew has a clear path in the primary now that wealthy businessman David Richter was convinced to shift to the 3rd District. On the Democratic side, Montclair State professor Brigid Callahan Harrison jumped in the race following Van Drew's switch, and raised \$46,000 in the final two weeks of the year. Teacher Amy Kennedy, wife of former Rhode Island Rep. Patrick Kennedy is running as well. It's still unclear what kind of damage the party switch inflicted on the congressman's image. Tilt R.**

**3rd District (Philadelphia suburbs and Central Jersey shore) Andy Kim, D, elected 50%. Trump 51%. Clearing the primary path for Van Drew complicated this race because wealthy former construction company owner David Richter is probably the GOP frontrunner with his personal money, even though he doesn't have clear connections to the district. Former Burlington County Freeholder Kate Gibbs (\$138,000) is the favored candidate of the Republican establishment. A recent local story highlighted a shoplifting conviction and multiple marijuana charges dating back to 2008. Waiting in the wings is freshman Kim (\$2.2 million), who is well-positioned in this suburban district. Tilt D.**

**7th District (Hunterdon County and New York City's western exurbs) Tom Malinowski, D, elected 52%. Clinton 49%. Republicans have a big-name challenger with state Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean Jr. (\$793,000 in the bank on Dec. 31). Malinowski won't win any charisma contests but had \$2 million at the end of December and district trends working in his direction. Lean D.**



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**Andy Kim**

**11th District (Morris County area) Mikie Sherrill, D, elected 57%. Trump 49%. In January, GOP tax attorney Rosemary Becchi switched from the 7th District to challenging the congresswoman in the 11th District. The district voted Republican for generations until Sherrill won the open seat in 2018. Becchi had \$268,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$2.2 million for Sherrill. Unless the fundamentals of the cycle change, Republicans will have a tough time winning here. Move from Likely D to Solid D.**

**New Mexico. 2nd District (Southern New Mexico) Xochitl Torres Small, elected 51%. Trump 50%.** Former state Rep. Yvette Herrell, who lost the 2018 general election by 2 points, started the 2020 race with some residual name ID and was the initial GOP frontrunner. But Claire Chase, a former aide to former Rep. Steve Pearce who heads government affairs for Mack Energy Corp, has been on television trying to close the gap. Chase (\$589,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) is viewed as having more upside, while Herrell (\$464,000) has a new campaign team from last cycle. Torres Small (\$2.3 million) will be difficult to unseat, but her rural district will be a challenge, particularly if Sanders is the presidential nominee. Tilt D.

**New York. 1st District (Eastern Suffolk County) Lee Zeldin, R, re-elected 52%. Trump 55%.** The competitive Democratic primary includes 2018 nominee Perry Gershon (\$549,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), Stony Brook Univ. professor / Democratic fundraiser Nancy Goroff (\$636,000) and Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming (\$202,000). Democrats believe any of them can knock off Zeldin (\$1.5 million) who hasn't shied away from his support of Pres. Trump. If opinion shifts away from the president in the district, the congressman could be in trouble. Likely R.

**2nd District (Southern Long Island) Open; Peter King, R, not seeking re-election.** Trump 53%. Democrats are coalescing behind Army Lt. Col. / Babylon Town Councilor Jackie Gordon (\$290,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), who was in the race before King's decision. The Republican side cleared up a little when Suffolk County Board of Elections commissioner Nick LaLota (\$145,000) dropped out of the race this week. That leaves Assemblyman Andrew Garbarino (\$218,000) in a strong position with an endorsement from King and being the top candidate from populous Suffolk County. Assemblyman Mike LiPetri of Nassau County is running as well. Lean R.

**11th District (Staten Island and part of southern Brooklyn) Max Rose, D, elected 53%. Trump 54%.** Republicans are divided about their prospects. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis had \$723,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 and is running in a district Trump won by 10 points. But her fundraising has lagged considerably behind Rose (\$2.5 million) and some GOP strategists question whether the campaign is up to the task of defeating the congressman. Toss-up.

**19th District (Hudson Valley) Antonio Delgado, D, elected**

**51%. Trump 51%.** Republicans' failure to lure Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro into the race leaves freshman Antonio Delgado (\$2 million in the bank on Dec. 31) without a serious challenger. Retired Air Force Major General Tony German dropped out in January. Move from Tilt D to Likely D.



Antonio Delgado

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**22nd District (Binghamton and Utica-Rome) Anthony Brindisi, D, elected 51%. Trump 55%.** Former Rep. Claudia Tenney underperformed the district and lost re-election in 2018, but is the likely GOP nominee. She had just \$287,000 in her campaign account on Dec. 31 compared to \$1.8 million for Brindisi. But that hasn't stemmed GOP optimism about the race. Republicans believe the actions by a Democratic majority in

Albany at the state level will scare voters away from full Democratic control of Washington, D.C. But the strategy is dependent on Tenney proving she can perform as well as a typical GOP candidate. Toss-up.

**24th District (Syracuse area) John Katko, R, re-elected 53%. Clinton 49%.** Katko had \$1 million in the bank on Dec. 31 and has proven to be a difficult incumbent to unseat. None of the Democratic candidates are raising considerable money, but the district will likely keep the race competitive. Iraq War veteran / intelligence analyst Francis Conole (\$253,000), Navy veteran / maritime industry senior analyst Roger Misso (\$128,000) and college professor Dana Balter (\$223,000), who lost by 6 points to Katko in 2018, are all running for the Democratic nomination. The district's media markets are cheap so outside Democratic groups will do a lot of the heavy lifting. Lean R.

**27th District (Suburbs and rural areas between Buffalo and Rochester) Vacant, R. Trump 60%. April 28 Special Election.** GOP Rep. Chris Collins won re-election under federal indictment, so unindicted state Sen. Chris Jacobs shouldn't have problems winning the special election. He had \$788,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to 2018 Democratic nominee / 2020 candidate Nate McMurray (\$217,000). State Sen. Rob Ortt (\$170,000) and attorney Beth Parlato (\$334,000) are running against Jacobs in the June 23 primary for the full term. Solid R.

**North Carolina. 2nd District (Raleigh) Open; George Holding, R, not seeking re-election.** Clinton 60%. Court-ordered redistricting redrew the 2nd to encompass deep-blue Raleigh and much of surrounding Wake County. Rather than fight for his life, Holding chose to retire. 2016 Senate nominee Deborah Ross (\$262,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) is the Democratic frontrunner, although Wake County School Board Member Monika Johnson-Hostler (\$38,000) is running and is endorsed by the Congressional Black Caucus PAC. Likely D.

**6th District (Greensboro and Winston-Salem) Open; Mark Walker, R, not seeking re-election.** Clinton 59%. Democrat Kathy Manning lost to GOP Rep. Ted Budd in the 13th District in 2018, but is the frontrunner to win the primary and general elections in this redrawn seat. She had

## 2020 Gubernatorial Ratings

Toss-Up			
MT Open (Bullock, D)			
Tilt Democratic	Tilt Republican		
Cooper (D-N.C.)			
Lean Democratic	Lean Republican		
	Sununu (R-N.H.)		
Likely Democratic	Likely Republican		
	Scott (R-Vt.)		
Solid Democratic	Solid Republican		
Carney (D-Del.)	UT Open (Herbert, R)		
Inslee (D-Wash.)	Burgum (R-N.D.)		
	Holcomb (R-Ind.)		
Post-2019 Governorships	26	24	Justice (R-W.V.)
Not Up This Cycle	19	20	Parson (R-Mo.)
Currently Solid	5	2	
Competitive	2	2	

Takeovers in *Italics*, # moved benefiting Democrats, \* moved benefiting Republicans

\$499,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, which was more than Rhonda Foxx (\$71,000), former chief of staff to Rep. Alma Adams, and state Rep. Derwin Montgomery (\$34,000). Likely D.

**8th District (Concord and Fayetteville) Richard Hudson, R, Trump 54%.** Democrats are excited about former state Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Gibson, who got into the race late last year and hasn't filed a campaign finance report yet. Hudson (\$1.4 million on Dec. 31) is running in this redrawn seat. Likely R.

**9th District (Charlotte Suburbs to Lumberton) Dan Bishop, R, Trump 54%.** When the new map was drawn, Democrats had plans to compete here. But their top fundraising candidate, 9th District Democratic Chairwoman Cynthia Wallace, had just \$15,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Bishop had \$197,000, but is coming off of a high-profile victory in the September redo election, which has boosted his name ID. Move from Lean R to Likely R.

**Ohio. 1st District (Suburban Cincinnati) Steve Chabot, R, re-elected 51%.** Trump 51%. Chabot has a new campaign treasurer and consulting team after federal investigators started looking for more than \$100,000 in missing campaign funds. There's no clear frontrunner in the Democratic primary between Iraq War veteran/engineer Nikki Foster (\$113,000 on Dec. 31) and health care executive Kate Schroder (\$343,000). Chabot's fundraising (\$699,000) has been slow for a vulnerable incumbent. But Democrats still have to prove they can win here. Lean R.

**12th District (Northern Columbus area) Troy Balderson, R, re-elected 51%.** Trump 53%. The seat has some suburban territory, but Democrats were slow to recruit a candidate. Businesswoman/former journalist Alaina Shearer had \$103,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$637,000 for Balderson. Likely R.

**Oklahoma. 5th District (Oklahoma City area) Kendra Horn, D, elected 51%.** Trump 53%. Republicans have a competitive primary between state Sen.

Stephanie Bice (\$334,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), businesswoman/GOP fundraiser Terry Neese (\$655,000), auto parts manufacturing company CEO David Hill (\$172,000), and former state schools superintendent Janet



Kendra Horn

Barresi, who invested \$500,000 in personal money into the campaign. The GOP nominee will get to face one of the most vulnerable incumbents in the country. If Republicans can't defeat Horn (\$1.8 million) in a seat President Trump won by 13 points in 2016, it will be a long election night for the GOP. Winning back this educated, suburban district is not a guarantee. Toss-up.

**Pennsylvania. 1st District (Philadelphia's Bucks County suburbs) Brian Fitzpatrick, R, re-elected 51%.** Clinton 49%. A wealthy, but flawed Democratic candidate came within 2.5 points of winning in 2018, giving Democrats hope for this year. But Fitzpatrick had \$1.4 million in his campaign account on Dec. 31 and Democrats' top fundraising challenger dropped out this week. Pennsbury school board member

Debbie Wachspres (\$347,000) was facing a lawsuit about allegedly using offensive slurs at a school board meeting. The remaining Democrat is Bucks County official Christina Finello (\$11,000), who entered the race late but has been endorsed by the Bucks and Montgomery County Democratic committees. Fitzpatrick has a clear advantage but the nature of the district could keep this race close. Tilt R.

**7th District (Lehigh Valley and southern Monroe County) Susan Wild, D, elected 53%.** Clinton 49%. Republicans are excited about Lisa Scheller (\$432,000 COH on Dec. 31) of Allentown, a recovered heroin addict and CEO of a large aluminum company, but defeating Wild (\$1 million) will be an expensive proposition with the Philadelphia media market. Solid D.

**8th District (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania) Matt Cartwright, D, re-elected 55%.** Trump 53%. Even after a 10-point loss in 2018,

Republicans are even more excited about their chances. They believe Earl Granville, a National Guard veteran who lost a leg while serving in Afghanistan, will develop into a credible challenger to Cartwright (\$1.2 million in the bank on Dec. 31).



Earl Granville

Granville entered the race in mid-December, so he had just \$4,500 at the end of the year. Former police officer Teddy Daniels (\$65,000) is running as well. Likely D.

**10th District (Harrisburg and York) Scott Perry, R, re-elected 51%.** Trump 52%. Democrats are very excited about state Auditor Eugene DePasquale, who carried the district in his 2016 statewide race and had \$468,000 in his campaign account on Dec. 31. Perry had \$622,000 but is still getting known to 40 percent of the district that is new to him since just before the 2018 elections when the congressional map was redrawn. Democrats are more optimistic about defeating Perry than Fitzpatrick, even though the 10th is more Republican. Tilt R.

**17th District (Pittsburgh suburbs and Beaver County) Conor Lamb, D, elected 56%.** Trump 49%. Republicans consider retired Navy Seal/Afghanistan war veteran Sean Parnell (\$219,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) one of their top challengers anywhere in the country. His task won't be easy. Lamb won a high-profile special election followed by defeating a GOP incumbent in a redrawn district. The congressman's fundraising started slow but he raised \$587,000 in the last three months of the year and finished December with \$979,000 in the bank. We'll see how Parnell develops as a candidate and how Trump performs in the region. Likely D.

**South Carolina. 1st District (Charleston and coastal South Carolina) Joe Cunningham, D, elected 51%.** Trump 54%. Cunningham (\$2 million on Dec. 31) is regarded as one of Democrats' strongest new incumbents, but he's running for re-election in one of the toughest districts. State Rep. Nancy Mage (\$713,000) was the first woman to graduate from The Citadel and should be a credible challenger as long as she wins the primary. Toss-up.

**Texas. 2nd District (Northern Houston and part of west Houston) Dan Crenshaw, R, elected 53%.** Trump 52%. Democrats may have

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found their candidate in Sima Ladjevardian, a former Beto O'Rourke senior adviser who entered the race just before the early December filing deadline and still finished the year with \$378,000 in the bank. Armed with endorsements from O'Rourke and 2018 nominee Todd Litton, Ladjevardian will



Dan Crenshaw

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make her case against Navy veteran Elisa Cardnell (\$91,000) in the primary. Crenshaw (\$2.1 million) should be ready. Likely R.

**7th District (West Houston) Lizzie Fletcher, D, elected 53%.** Clinton 49%. The GOP frontrunner is Wesley Hunt, a retired Army captain who flew Apache helicopters in Iraq, earned three degrees from Cornell, and works for a large homebuilder in the state. He had \$808,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, compared to Fletcher's \$1.8 million. The *Houston Chronicle* endorsed Cindy Siegel (\$80,000) in the GOP primary. The general election outcome will likely be affected by whether 2018 was a high-water mark for Democrats and whom Democrats nominate for president. Lean D.

**10th District (Austin to western Houston) Mike McCaul, R, elected 51%.** Trump 52%. Attorney Shannon Hutcheson is trying to break away from the Democratic pack with an EMILY's List endorsement and \$456,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Attorney Mike Siegel (\$152,000), who came within 4 points in 2018, and physician Pritesh Gandhi (\$451,000) are running as well. McCaul (\$984,000) is a rare Texas Republican seeking re-election. He's taking his race more seriously than 2018, but the district could be shifting away from him. Likely R.

**21st District (Parts of Austin and San Antonio connected by Texas Hill Country) Chip Roy, R, elected 50%.** Trump 53%. Former Fort Worth City Councilwoman Wendy Davis had \$1.2 million in the bank on Dec. 31 as she was able to tap into a nationwide network of donors from her unsuccessful 2014 gubernatorial bid. Roy (\$1.2 million) is ramping up but he'll need to keep pace with Davis, and Democrats are confident in their opposition research against him. Davis will likely lead with her biography, instead of the filibuster that gained her national exposure, but she's also running outside of her political base. Likely R.

**22nd District (Southern Houston suburbs) Open; Pete Olson, R, not seeking re-election.** Trump 52%. Nonprofit group executive director Pierce Bush, grandson of Pres. George H.W. Bush, had \$641,000 in the bank at the end of the year and is the GOP frontrunner. Wealthy businesswoman/2018 2nd District candidate Kathaleen Wall (who contributed more than \$1 million of her own money through December), Brazoria County Judge Greg Hill (\$178,000) and a dozen other Republicans are running as well. Former Foreign Service officer Sri Preston Kulkarni (\$662,000 in the bank on Dec. 31), who lost by 5 points to Olson in 2018, is the Democratic frontrunner in this competitive open seat. Tilt R.

**23rd District (El Paso and San Antonio) Open; Will Hurd, R, not seeking re-election.** Clinton 49.8%. Gina Ortiz Jones narrowly lost in 2018, had \$2 million in the bank on Dec. 31 and is in a strong position to win in November while Navy veteran Tony Gonzales (\$267,000) is the GOP frontrunner. Democrats are likely to take over this seat, but the rural district is difficult to poll and always seems to host a very close race. Lean D.

**24th District (Suburbs north of Dallas and Fort Worth) Open; Kenny Marchant, R, not seeking re-election.** Trump 51%. This open seat is close to the top of Democratic target lists as former school board member/2018 agriculture commissioner nominee Kim Olson (\$505,000 cash on hand on Dec. 31) and Carrollton-Farmers School Board Member Candace Valenzuela (\$142,000) battle for the nomination. Former Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne (\$435,000) is the Republican frontrunner. Tilt R.

**31st District (Williamson and Bell counties) John Carter, R, re-elected 51%.** Trump 54%. Democratic enthusiasm has waned a little since the congressman's 3-point victory over Air Force veteran MJ Hegar in 2018. She raised and spent more than \$5 million last cycle. This cycle, engineer Donna Imam (\$187,000 in the bank on Dec. 31) and physician Christine Eady Mann (\$46,000) and Round Rock City Councilwoman Tammy Young (\$37,000) haven't come close to capturing the same energy. Carter had \$774,000 at the end of December. Move from Lean R to Likely R.

## 2020 Presidential Ratings (Electoral Votes)

Toss-Up (54)			
Florida (29)	North Carolina (15)	Wisconsin (10)	
<b>Tilt Democratic (36)</b>		<b>Tilt Republican (11)</b>	
Michigan (16)	Pennsylvania (20)	Arizona (11)	
<b>Lean Democratic (14)</b>		<b>Lean Republican (6)</b>	
Maine (4)	Nevada (6)	Iowa (6)	
New Hampshire (4)			
<b>Likely Democratic (10)</b>		<b>Likely Republican (34)</b>	
Minnesota (10)		Georgia (16)	Ohio (18)
<b>Solid Democratic (209)</b>		<b>Solid Republican (164)</b>	
California (55)	Vermont (3)	Alabama (9)	South Carolina (9)
Colorado (9)	Virginia (13)	Alaska (3)	South Dakota (3)
Connecticut (7)	Washington (12)	Arkansas (6)	Tennessee (11)
Delaware (3)		Idaho (4)	Texas (38)
D.C. (3)		Indiana (11)	Utah (6)
Hawaii (4)		Kansas (6)	West Virginia (5)
Illinois (20)		Kentucky (8)	Wyoming (3)
Maryland (10)		Louisiana (8)	
Massachusetts (11)		Mississippi (6)	
New Jersey (14)		Missouri (10)	
New Mexico (5)		Montana (3)	
New York (29)		Nebraska (5)	
Oregon (7)		North Dakota (3)	
Rhode Island (4)		Oklahoma (7)	
270 needed to win			
		<b>GOP</b>	<b>DEM</b>
		2016 Results	304 227
# moved benefiting Democrats,		<b>2020 Ratings</b>	215 269
* moved benefiting Republicans		Toss-up	54

**32nd District (Suburban North Dallas) Colin Allred, D, elected 52%.** Clinton 49%. Republicans are excited about Genevieve Collins, who leads corporate strategy at an education technology firm, taking on the congressman. She had \$787,000 in the bank on Dec. 31. Retired Navy SEAL Floyd McLendon (\$158,000) and others are running as well. Allred (\$1.9 million) has the suburban trend of the district going for him. Lean D.

**Utah. 4th District (Southern Salt Lake County and rural areas to the south) Ben McAdams, D, elected 50%.** Trump 39%. State Sen. Majority Whip Dan Hemmer entered the race with some fanfare and had \$398,000 in the bank on Dec. 31, but dropped out. Considering Clinton's 32 percent showing here, McAdams (\$1.7 million) is destined for a competitive race. But Republicans have failed to find or cultivate a quality challenger in state Rep. Kim Coleman (\$149,000) or former state party communications director Kathleen Anderson (\$186,000). If Republicans can't win here, it's going to be a long election night for the GOP. Toss-up.



**Ben McAdams**

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**Virginia. 2nd District (Virginia Beach) Elaine Luria, D, elected 51%.** Trump 49%. In December, former Rep. Scott Taylor switched from the Senate race back to the district where he narrowly lost re-election in 2018. He had \$164,000 in his campaign account on Dec. 31, compared to Luria's \$1.5 million. Republicans are optimistic. Lean D.

**5th District (Charlottesville and south-central Virginia) Denver Riggleman, R, elected 53%.** Trump 53%. Some Republicans are upset with Riggleman (\$184,000 on Dec. 31) for officiating a same-sex wedding. Campbell County Supervisor/Liberty Univ. Senior Associate Athletic Director Bob Good (\$98,000) will try to knock him off at a convention (instead of a primary), where activists can have greater influence. The Democratic frontrunner is R.D. Huffstetler (\$381,000), a former chief of staff to Massachusetts Rep. Seth Moulton who ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination in 2018. He'll face physician/former Obama White House official Cameron Webb (\$162,000) and retired Marine Claire Russo (\$157,000) in the primary. Solid R.

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rule that out. But insiders believe it unlikely, and I'd want to see more evidence.

There is one other thing to consider. Collins drew a tidal wave of criticism for her statement that President Donald Trump had "learned a lesson," followed quickly by her admission that she was wrong. Those days of criticism, which started on February 5, could well have poisoned the water for the February 10-13 Colby/SocialSphere poll, undermining Collins's numbers and the affecting the ballot test.

Even if that is the case, we can't yet know whether that movement will be short-lived as the attacks on Collins recede in memory, or if the race has been fundamentally altered. My advice: wait for additional data. **IE**

**7th District (Suburban Richmond) Abigail Spanberger, D, elected 50%.** Trump 51%. Iraq War veteran/state Del. Nick Freitas (\$195,000



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**Abigail Spanberger**

on Dec. 31) is the GOP frontrunner in a field that also includes retired Navy Seal/state Del. John McGuire (\$153,000), religious freedom nonprofit founder Tina Ramirez (\$20,000) and others. The nominee will be chosen at a spring

convention. Spanberger had \$2.1 million and is regarded as one of Democrats' strongest new members. But the district should keep the race close. Tilt D.

**Washington. 3rd District (Vancouver and southwestern Washington) Jaime Herrera-Beutler, R, re-elected 53%.** Trump 50%. The congresswoman defeated Democratic college professor Carolyn Long by 5 points in 2018, and Long is back for a rematch. She had \$771,000 in the bank on Dec. 31 compared to \$1 million for Herrera-Beutler. Some Democrats are also hoping the incumbent ultimately decides not to run for re-election. The filing deadline is May 15. Likely R.

**Wisconsin. 3rd District (Southwestern Wisconsin) Ron Kind, D, re-elected 60%.** Trump 49%. As of Dec. 31, the congressman had \$3 million in the bank while there was no GOP challenger with more than \$5,000. This race is a good example of why Republicans' path is more complicated than winning Trump districts. Move from Likely D to Solid D.

**7th District (Northwestern Wisconsin) Vacant, R.** Trump 58%. *May 12 Special General Election.* State Sen. Tom Tiffany won the Tuesday special primary to replace GOP Rep. Sean Duffy. He will start the general election with a significant advantage over Democrat Tricia Zunker. Solid R.

**Wyoming. At-Large District. Liz Cheney, re-elected 64%.** Trump 67%. The congresswoman announced she will seek re-election, heading off a competitive Senate primary as well as a competitive primary to fill an open House seat. Cheney clearly has her eyes on moving up the House leadership ladder. Solid R. **IE**

## CALENDAR

<b>Feb. 29</b>	South Carolina Primary
<b>March 3</b>	Super Tuesday (14 states)
<b>March 10</b>	Democratic Primaries (7 states)
<b>March 17</b>	Democratic Primaries (4 states)
<b>March 24</b>	Georgia Primaries
<b>April 4</b>	Democratic Primaries (4 states)
<b>July 13-16</b>	Democratic National Convention (Milwaukee)
<b>Aug. 24-27</b>	Republican National Convention (Charlotte)