

Hotline Congressional and Gubernatorial Updates

Top Down-Ballot Hotline
Stories of the Month

May 26, 2016

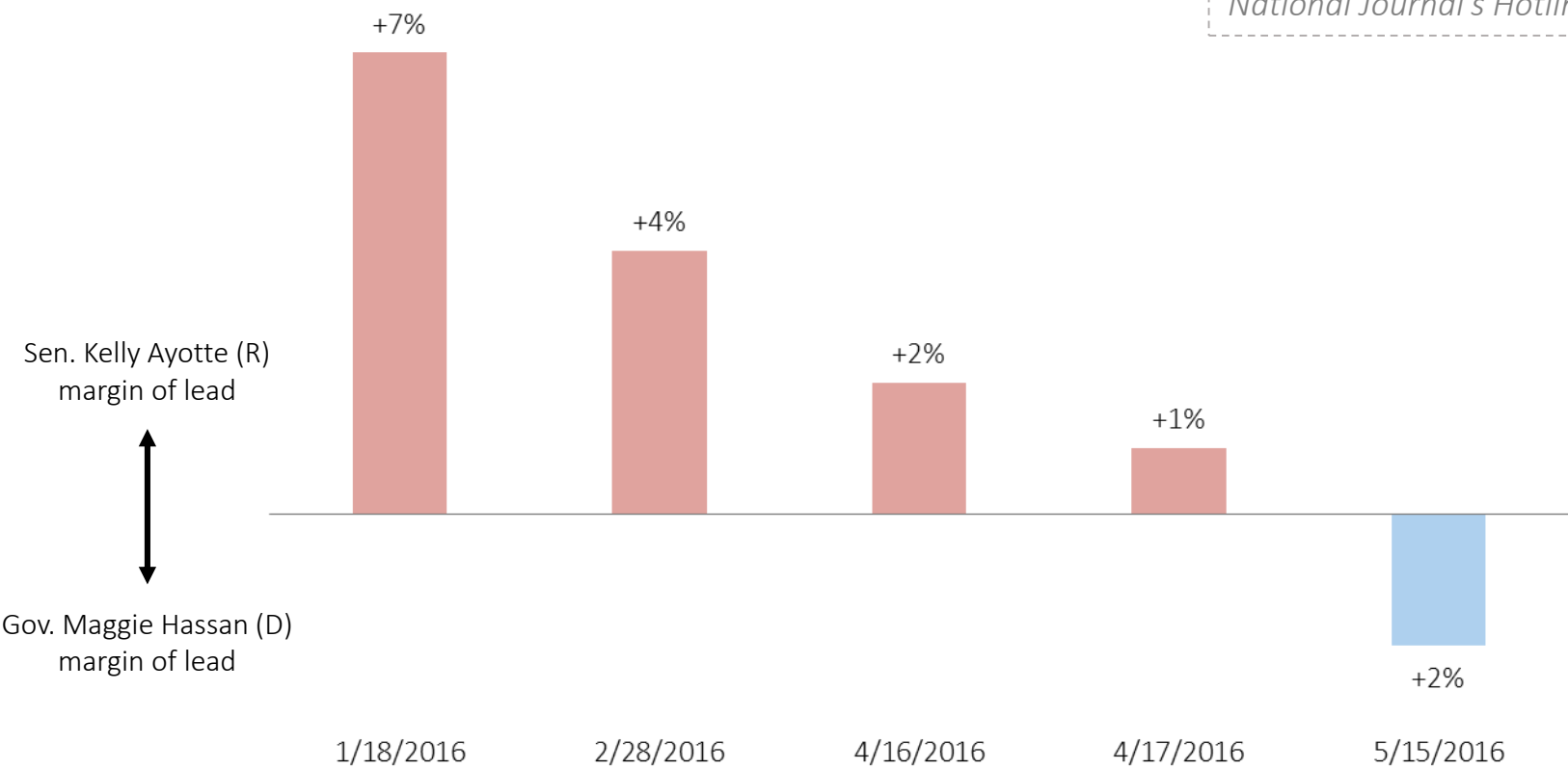
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Hassan Leads Ayotte In Poll For First Time

New Hampshire Senate Race Polls

Margin of lead

Based on Headlines From
National Journal's Hotline



Sources: HuffPost Pollster, 2016.

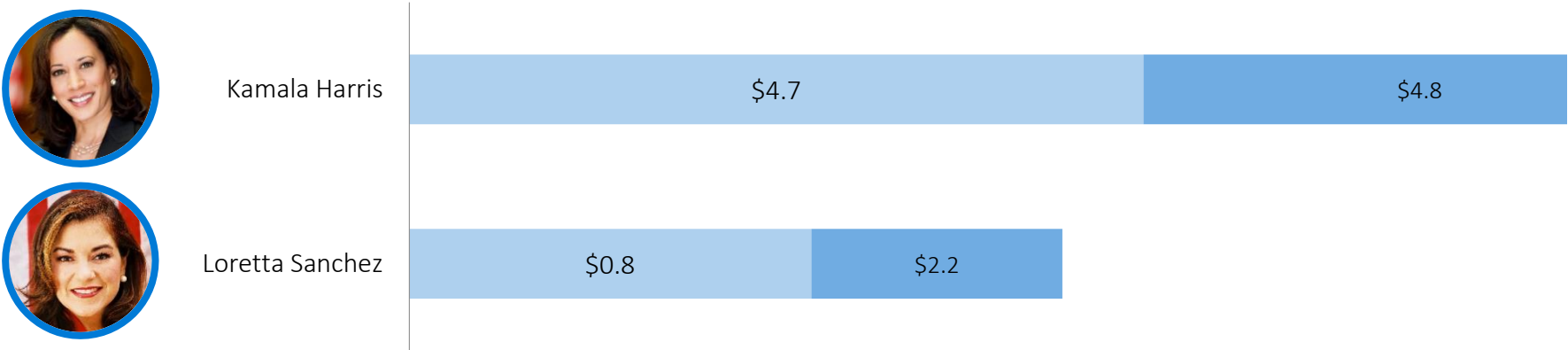
Harris Has Financial and Polling Edge Over Sanchez in California Senate Primary

Updates From the Democratic California Senate Primary

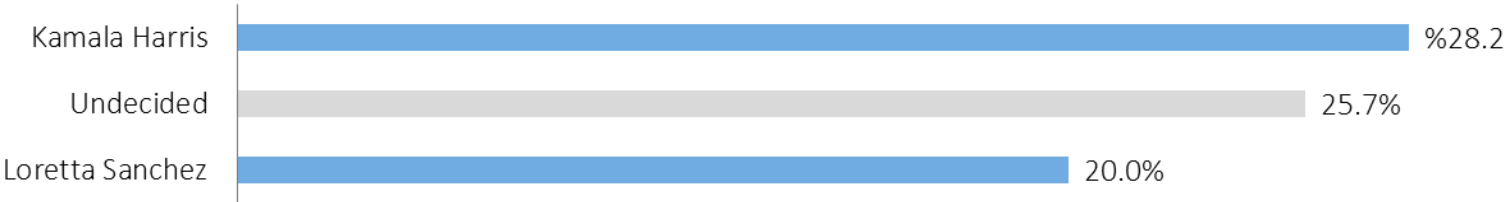
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Money raised in California Senate primary

- Money spent (millions of dollars)
- Money in the bank (millions of dollars)



California Senate primary polling



Sources: HuffPost Pollster, March, 2016; National Journal Hotline Updates; OpenSecrets..

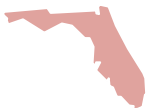
House Primary Season Continues Nationwide

House of Representatives Hotline Primary Updates

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Florida, 10th District: “A complaint filed with the Florida Elections Commission alleges that former Orlando Police Chief [and current congressional candidate] Val Deming’s (D) aborted 2014 Orange County mayoral campaign played favorites in refunding campaign money. The complaint contends that the 2014 Val Demings for Orange County Mayor campaign fully refunded money to a handful of contributors and provided no refunds to others.” *(Florida Politics)*



Florida, 19th District: Former U.S. Ambassador Francis Rooney (R) will run for retiring Rep. Curt Clawson’s (R) seat. “A top Republican fundraiser, Rooney has spent decades behind the scenes helping candidates at all levels...While Rooney said he has been in touch with several supporters who plan to donate and help his campaign, he also can put in a significant amount of his own wealth.” *(SaintPetersBlog)*



Florida, 23rd District: Bernie Sanders has endorsed law professor Tim Canova (D) over DNC Chair Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D). Sanders’s campaign manager defended Sanders’s endorsement of Canova, saying it was “only natural” that the senator would back him. *(Politico)*



Hawaii, 1st District: Rep. Mark Takai (D) is retiring due to pancreatic cancer. Former Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D) is being mentioned as a candidate for her old seat. Former Honolulu City Councilman Stanley Chan (D) wouldn’t rule out a run, even if Hanabusa runs. *(Honolulu Civil Beat)*.



North Carolina, 9th District: A new TV ad from Rep. Robert Pittenger (R) accuses the Rev. Mark Harris (R) “of being a closet liberal who is lying about Pittenger’s record in Washington.” Meanwhile, “Harris refers for the first time in a new digital ad campaign to an ongoing FBI investigation of the congressman’s former real estate company.” *(Charlotte Observer)*.

Sources: Kimberly Railey, “NC-09’s Pittenger Hits Primary Challenger in New TV Ad,” National Journal, Ma7 24, 2016.

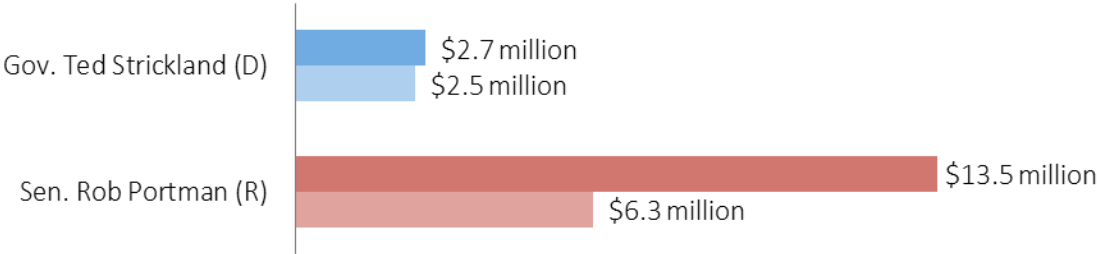
Ohio Senate Race Intensifies Between Incumbent and Governor

Updates From the 2016 Ohio Senate Race

Based on Headlines From National Journal's Hotline

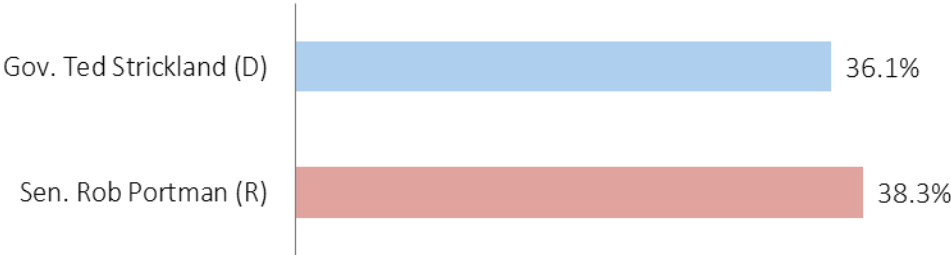
Money raised in Ohio Senate race

- Money Spent by Strickland
- Strickland's Money in the Bank
- Money Spent by Portman
- Portman's Money in the Bank



Ohio Senate race polling

- Percent Supporting Strickland
- Percent supporting Portland



Campaign Updates:

- The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the largest trade union of public employees in the US, launched a \$582,000 TV ad attacking Portman
- The Ohio Republican party tripled the state's Democrats in the number of new primary voters
- After avoiding the question, Portman has declared that he will support Donald Trump in general election

Sources: HuffPost Pollster, March, 2016; National Journal Hotline Updates..

Primary Contests in Georgia and Texas

5 Key Congressional Primary Results From May 24th

Georgia’s 3rd District -- GOP



| Candidate | Votes | Pct. |
|---------------|--------|-------|
| Mike Crane | 15,343 | 26.9% |
| Drew Ferguson | 15,277 | 26.8% |
| Jim Pace | 13,198 | 23.1% |

**Too close to call*

Georgia’s 9th District -- GOP

| Candidate | Votes | Pct. |
|--------------|--------|-------|
| Doug Collins | 52,043 | 61.3% |
| Paul Broun | 18,761 | 22.1% |

Georgia’s 11th District -- GOP

| Candidate | Votes | Pct. |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| Barry Loudermilk | 26,839 | 60.3% |
| Paul Broun | 9,144 | 18.5% |

Texas’ 15th District



| Candidate | Votes | Pct. |
|------------------|--------|-------|
| Vicente Gonzalez | 16,063 | 65.7% |
| Sonny Palacios | 8,369 | 34.3% |

**Runoff results*

Texas 19th District

| Candidate | Votes | Pct. |
|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Glen Robertson | 27,791 | 26.7% |
| Jodey Arrington | 26,980 | 26.0% |

Sources: Kimberly Railey, “5 Congressional Contests to Watch Tuesday,” National Journal, May 24, 2016.

Reid: No Warren, No Brown, No Booker for VP

Potential Vice Presidents: Senators



Harry Reid
(D-NV)
Senate Minority Leader

- Senator Reid said that he would strongly oppose Warren, Booker, or Brown as a Vice-Presidential candidate; all are considered potential VP picks
- Because they are Democrats in states with Republican Governors, the Senate Democrats could lose a seat if one of them left and the Governor appointed a GOP replacement
- “The answer is not only no, but hell no. I would do whatever I can, and I think most of my Democratic colleagues here would say the same thing.” Reid said, adding that he would “yell and scream to stop that.”



Elizabeth Warren
(D-MA)



Cory Booker
(D-NJ)



Sherrod Brown
(D-OH)

Sources: Andrea Drusch, “Reid: No Warren, No Brown, No Booker for VP,” National Journal, May 24, 2016.