

# Half of the “Gang of Eight” Faces Reelection As Graham Calls for a Reprise in 2017

## “Gang of Eight” Senators Facing Reelection in 2016

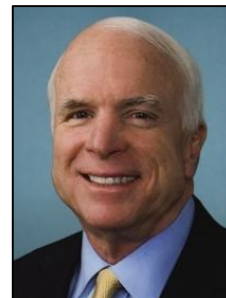


Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)



Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)

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Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)

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Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

## Remaining Members of the “Gang of Eight”



Sen. Flake  
(R-AZ)



Sen. Menendez  
(D-NJ)



Sen. Durbin  
(D-IL)



Sen. Graham  
(R-SC)

Term ends in 2018

Term ends in 2020

### Analysis

- After Donald Trump’s recent inflammatory comments on immigration, **many believe that comprehensive immigration reform will be a congressional priority next year.**
- Sen. Lindsey Graham has expressed interest in reuniting the “Gang of Eight” to help set the platform for reform.
- While most members are open to the idea, half of the group is busy focusing on getting re-elected. Rubio and McCain are both expected to see extremely close contests.

\*Senators “at risk” are based on National Journal’s 2016 Hotline Senate Rankings. Updated July 6, 2016.

Source: Seung Min Kim and Burgess Everett, “Immigration Reformers Eye Gang of 8 Revival,” Politico, July 5, 2016; National Journal Almanac, 2016.