

David Wasserman's 6 Risk Factors For House Republicans

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House Republicans in Districts With Well-Educated, Minority Populations Could Be Vulnerable

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1. Cook PVI Score: The Cook Political Report's Partisan Voting Index measures how each state and district performs at the presidential level relative to the nation as a whole. States with a PVI from D+5 – R+5 are considered swing states. Wasserman rates any rating of R+5 or worse for Republicans as a risk factor.

2. Obama Won District in 2012: If Obama won the district in 2012, that could be a problem for GOP incumbents. Democrats tend to turn out more in presidential election cycles than non-presidential ones.

3. Incumbent Won <55% of Vote in 2012/2014: Incumbents that were elected into office by a narrow margin are more likely to face a competitive election in 2016.

4. Latino or Asian Population: Trump is especially unpopular among these racial minorities. Wasserman considers a combined Latino and Asian population of 20% or more in a House Republican's district to be a risk.

5. Well Educated Population: Trump also polls poorly among highly educated people. If over 25% of adults in a district have a bachelor's degree, Wasserman assigns a GOP congressman a risk factor point.

6. Well-Funded Democratic Opponent: Democrat opponents will need funding to be viable opponents. Opponents with more than \$100,000 after Q1 in the bank add another risk factor point.

Donald Trump's historic unpopularity could hurt GOP congressman that have to share a ballot with him this fall. The Cook Political Report's David Wasserman outlined 6 factors that could make congressman especially vulnerable.

Coffman, Curbelo, and Dold Face Uphill Battles in Re-election Bids

Members of Congress With 6 Risk Factors

District	Member of Congress	PVI	Obama Won in 2012?	Under 55% in 2012 or 2014?	Latino/Asian Share	College Degree Holders	Democrat Opponent's \$ on hand (6/30/16)
CO-6	Mike Coffman	D+1	51.8%	51.9%	25.2%	39.7%	\$866,857
FL-26	Carlos Curbelo	R+1	53.2%	51.5%	70.6%	28.0%	\$247,531*
IL-10	Robert Dold	D+8	57.5%	51.3%	33.2%	42.2%	\$969,009

*As of August 10

Source: David Wasserman, "2016 Risk Factors for House GOP Incumbents," The Cook Political Report, April 22, 2016; OpenSecrets, 2016.

Many GOP Incumbents Were Elected to Office by Narrow Margins

Members of Congress With 5 Risk Factors

District	Member of Congress	PVI	Obama Won in 2012?	Under 55% in 2012 or 2014?	Latino/Asian Share	College Degree Holders	Democrat Opponent's \$ on hand (3/31/16)
AZ-02	Martha McSally	R+3		50.0%	30.6%	32.2%	\$290,433
CA-10	Jeff Denham	R+1	50.5%	52.7%	49.4%		\$461,783*
CO-3	Scott Tipton	R+5		53.4%	25.5%	29.1%	\$549,421
FL-27	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R+2	53.1%		77.9%	29.8%	\$343,884*
IA-01	Rod Blum	D+5	55.9%	51.1%		25.4%	\$354,260
IA-03	David Young	EVEN	51.2%	52.8%		31.3%	\$161,507
NV-04	Crescent Hardy	D+4	54.2%	48.5%	34.9%		\$237,575
NH-01	Frank Guinta	R+1	50.0%	51.7%		33.5%	\$216,252**
NJ-05	Scott Garrett	R+4		55.4%	24.5%	45.8%	\$2,505,372
NY-01	Lee Zeldin	R+2	49.5%	54.4%		33.8%	\$502,110

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Democrats Have Deep Bench of Candidates With Funding

Members of Congress With 4 Risk Factors

District	Member of Congress	PVI	Obama Won in 2012?	Under 55% in 2012 or 2014?	Latino/Asian Share	College Degree Holders	Democrat Opponent's \$ on hand (3/31/16)
CA-25	Steve Knight	R+3			46.1%	28.0%	\$137,667
CA-49	Darrell Issa	R+4			31.1%	40.4%	\$135,562
FL-07	John Mica	R+4				32.624.8%%	\$154,275*
IL-12	Mike Bost	EVEN	49.7%	52.5%			\$417,412
ME-02	Bruce Poliquin	D+2	52.8%	47.0%			\$1,155,528
MI-06	Fred Upton	R+1		54.6%		25.1%	\$444,457**
MN-03	Erik Paulsen						\$571,461
NJ-03	Tom MacArthur	R+1	52.3%	54.0%		31.5%	
NY-02	Peter King	R+1	51.6%		24.5%	28.5%	
NY-11	Dan Donovan	R+2	51.6%		30.0%	31.7%	
NY-21	Elise Stefanik	EVEN	52.1%	55.1%			\$445,519
TX-23	Will Hurd	R+3		49.8%	68.9%		\$782,232
VA-10	Barbara Comstock	R+2			26.2%	53.2%	\$871,830

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*As of July 13

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