

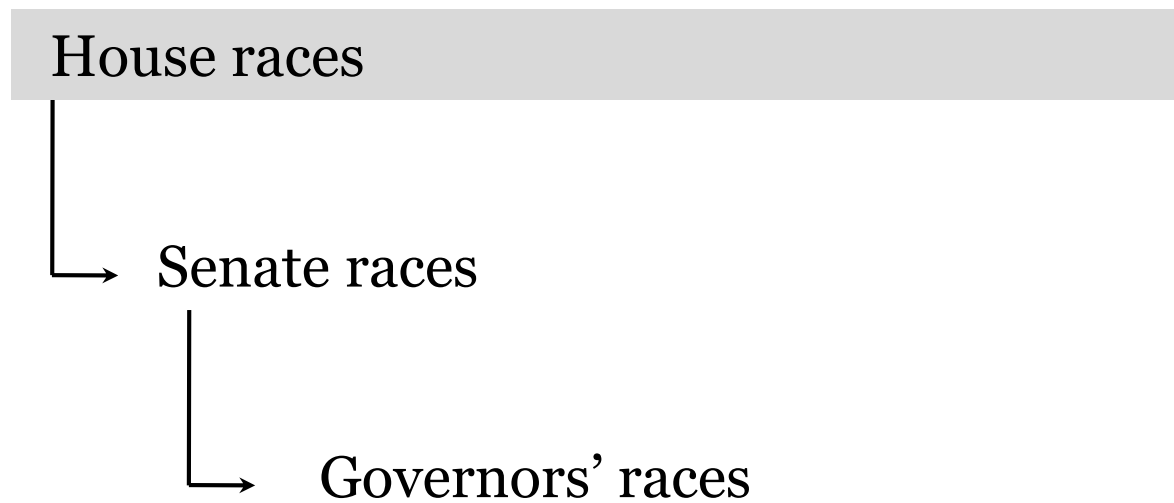
Hotline congressional and gubernatorial updates

Top down-ballot Hotline stories of the month

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Roadmap for the presentation



Which House seats are most likely to flip?

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Hotline's 2016 House rankings

<u>District</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>Race Rating*</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
1. Florida's 2 nd	Open (D)	 Neal Dunn  Walter Dartland	Likely Republican	<div><div></div><div>\$21,688</div><div>\$200,139</div></div> <div>As of August 10</div>
2. Virginia's 4 th	Open (R)	 Mike Wade  Donald McEachin	Likely Democrat	<div><div>\$218,299</div><div>\$9,110</div></div> <div>As of June 30</div>
3. Florida's 10 th	Open (R)	 Thuy Lowe  Val Demings	Likely Democrat	<div><div>\$165,150</div><div>\$2,092</div></div> <div>As of August 10</div>
4. Florida's 13 th	 David Jolly	 Charlie Crist	Lean Democrat	<div><div>\$0</div><div>\$294,448</div></div> <div>As of August 10</div>
5. New Hampshire's 1 st	 Frank Guinta	 Carol Shea-Porter	Lean Democrat	<div><div>\$216,252</div><div>\$204,496</div></div>

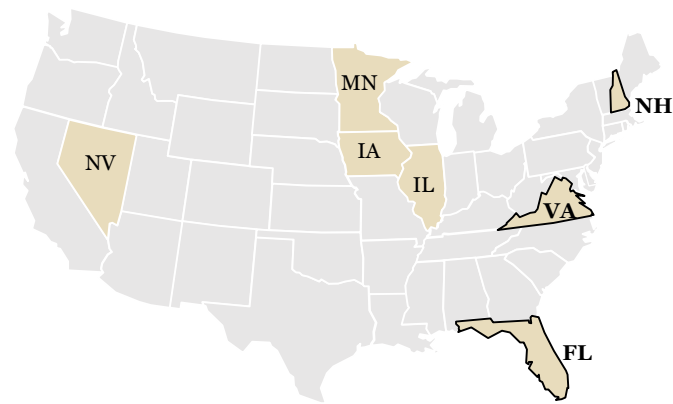
*Rating from the Cook Political Report

Source: Kyle Trygstad and Kimberly Railey, "Hotline's 2016 House rankings," National Journal, September 15, 2016.; HuffPost Pollster, 2016; OpenSecrets, 2016.
Images from National Journal and candidate campaign homepages.

Nine of 10 House seats most likely to flip belong to GOP

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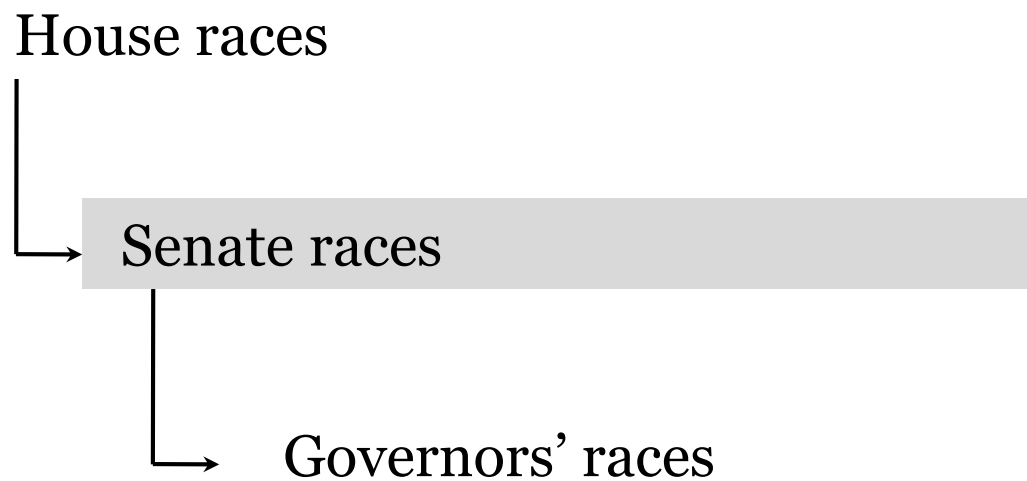


- 6. Iowa's 1st: Rod Blum (R)
- 7. Illinois' 10th: Robert Dold (R)
- 8. Minnesota's 2nd: OPEN (R)
- 9. Nevada's 4th: Crescent Hardy (R)
- 10. Florida's 26th: Carlos Curbelo (R)

- 1. Florida's 2nd: After this district was redrawn and Graham decided to forgo a reelection bid, Physician Neal Dunn is all but assured a spot in Congress next year.
Incumbent: Gwen Graham (D) (retiring)
Challenger: Neal Dunn (R), Walter Dartland (D)
- 2. Virginia's 4th: President Obama's performance in the district improved by 12 points after court-ordered redistricting this year. McEachin, a longtime state legislator, is likely to win.
Incumbent: Randy Forbes (R) (retiring)
Challenger: Mike Wade (R), Donald McEachin (D)
- 3. Florida's 10th: Former Orlando Police Chief Demings will win this redrawn district, which became so Democratic that it forced Webster to run for a different seat.
Incumbent: Daniel Webster (R) (retiring)
Challengers: Thuy Lowe (R), Val Demings (D)
- 4. Florida's 13th : Former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist remains the favorite in this Democratic-leaning district, even after Jolly dropped his Senate bid to seek reelection.
Incumbent: David Jolly (R)
Challenger: Gov. Charlie Crist (D)
- 5. New Hampshire's 1st: Democrats are thrilled about Guinta's high negatives from his campaign finance scandal, and they fielded a well-known nominee in former Rep. Shea-Porter.
Incumbent: Frank Guinta (R)
Challenger: Carol Shea-Porter (D)

Source: Kyle Trygstad and Kimberly Railey, "Hotline's 2016 House rankings," National Journal, September 15, 2016.

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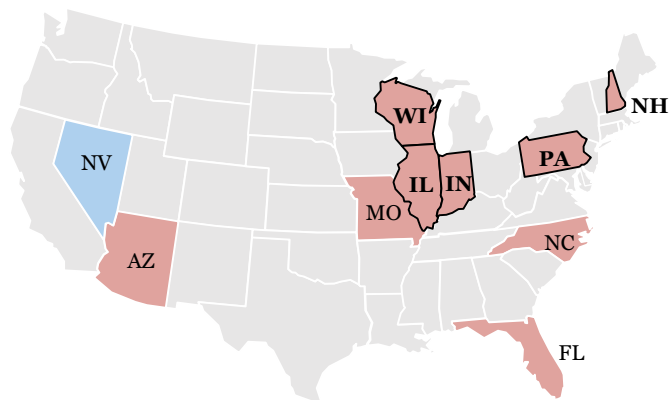


Republicans currently hold the five Senate seats most likely to flip in 2016

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Hotline's 2016 Senate rankings

■ Seat held by Republican ■ Seat held by Democrat



- 6. Nevada: Open (D)
- 7. North Carolina: Richard Burr (R)
- 8. Missouri: Roy Blunt (R)
- 9. Florida: Marco Rubio (R)
- 10. Arizona: John McCain (R)

1. Illinois: Sen. Mark Kirk (R) is trailing in polls in a blue state, and is lacking in support from outside spending groups. Kirk has publicly disavowed Trump in a TV ad, seeking to distance himself from his party.

Incumbent: **Mark Kirk (R)**

Challenger: **Tammy Duckworth (D)**

2. Wisconsin: Former Senator Russ Feingold (D) is running an aggressive campaign against Ron Johnson (R); a recent poll had Feingold up 6 points.

Incumbent: **Ron Johnson (R)**

Challenger: **Former Sen. Russ Feingold (D)**

3. Pennsylvania: Polls show Toomey trailing McGinty as Clinton pulls ahead in Pennsylvania. Toomey is very well funded.

Incumbent: **Pat Toomey (R)**

Challenger: **Katie McGinty (D)**

4. New Hampshire: Ayotte is running a disciplined race but has been trailing in the polls, and Democrats have an early spending advantage.

Incumbent: **Kelly Ayotte (R)**

Challenger: **Gov. Maggie Hassan (D)**

5. Indiana: Bayh was once winning by double-digits, but now this is a margin-of-error race. Republicans have outspent Democrats 2-to-1.

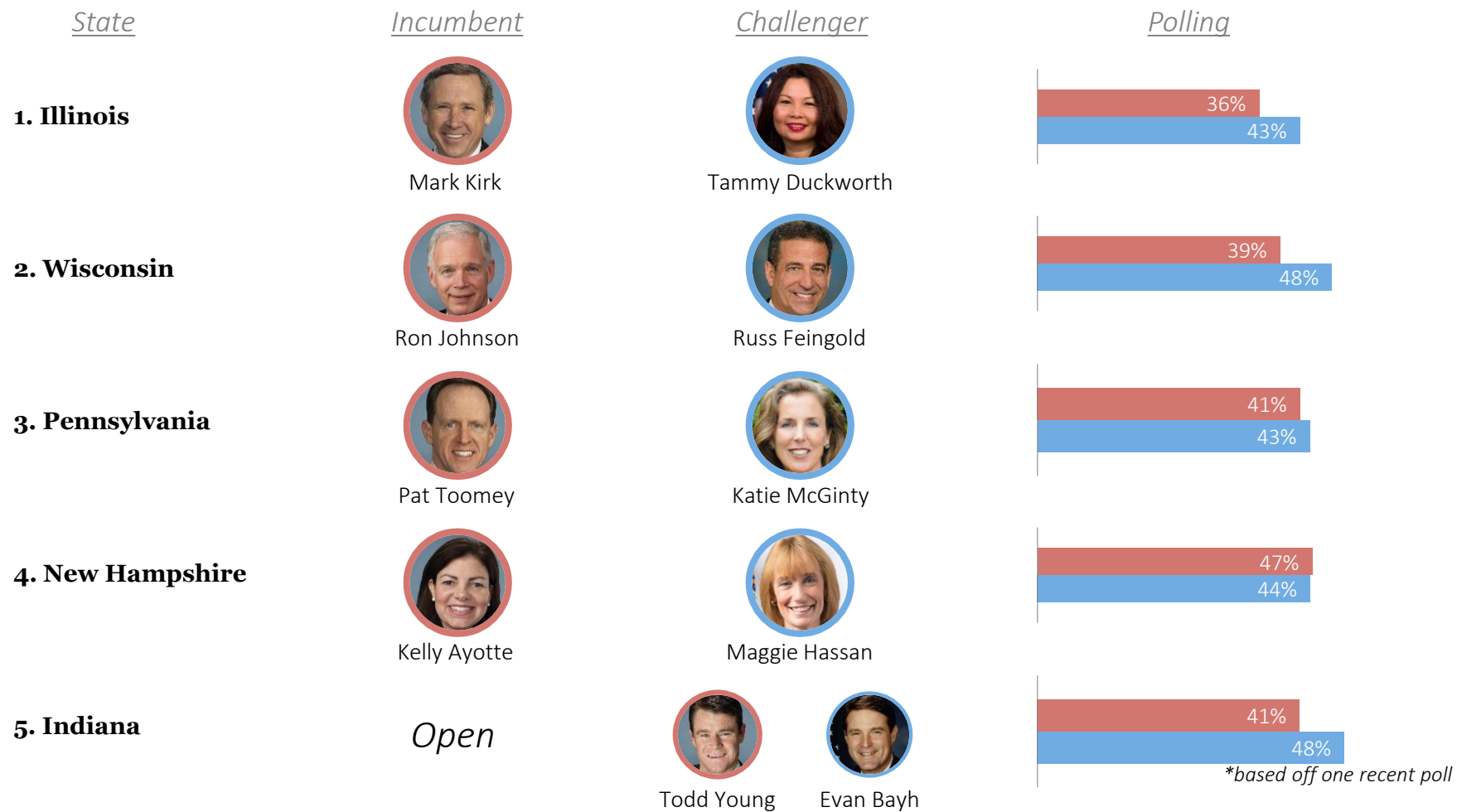
Incumbent: **Dan Coats (R) (retiring)**

Challengers: **Former Gov. Evan Bayh (D) and Rep. Todd Young (R)**

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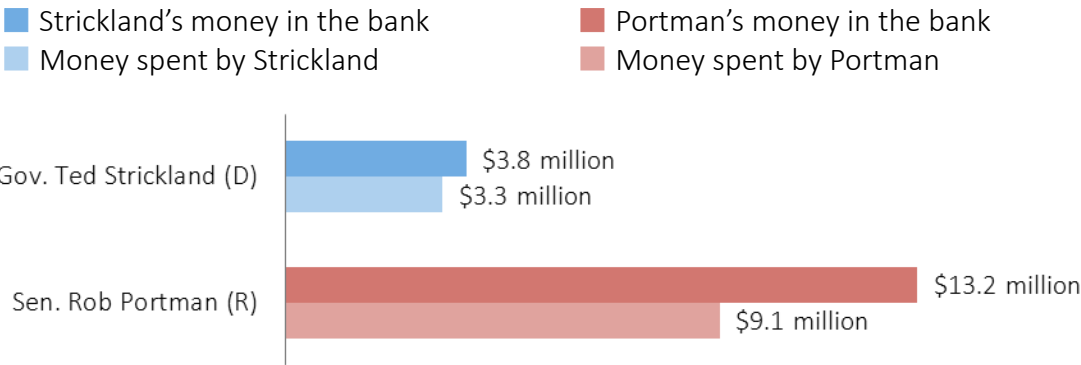
Sources: Andrea Drusch, "Hotline's 2016 Senate Rankings," National Journal, August 11, 2016; HuffPost Pollster, 2016. Images from National Journal Almanac, Wikipedia, Citizens for Community Values and Politics PA.

Portman has taken the lead in the Ohio Senate race

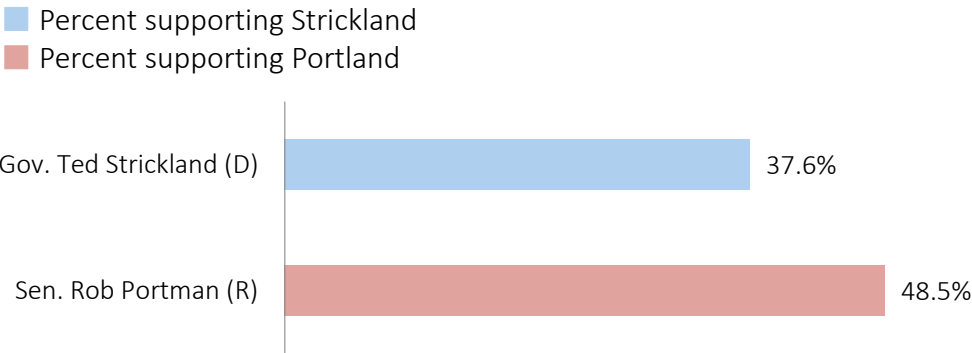
Updates from the 2016 Ohio Senate race

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Money raised in Ohio Senate race



Ohio Senate race polling



Campaign Updates:

- Running a strong campaign, Portman has managed to open up a substantial lead in recent weeks
- Portman avoided the Republican National Convention, despite it being in his home state
- After avoiding the question, Portman has declared that he will support Donald Trump in the general election

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

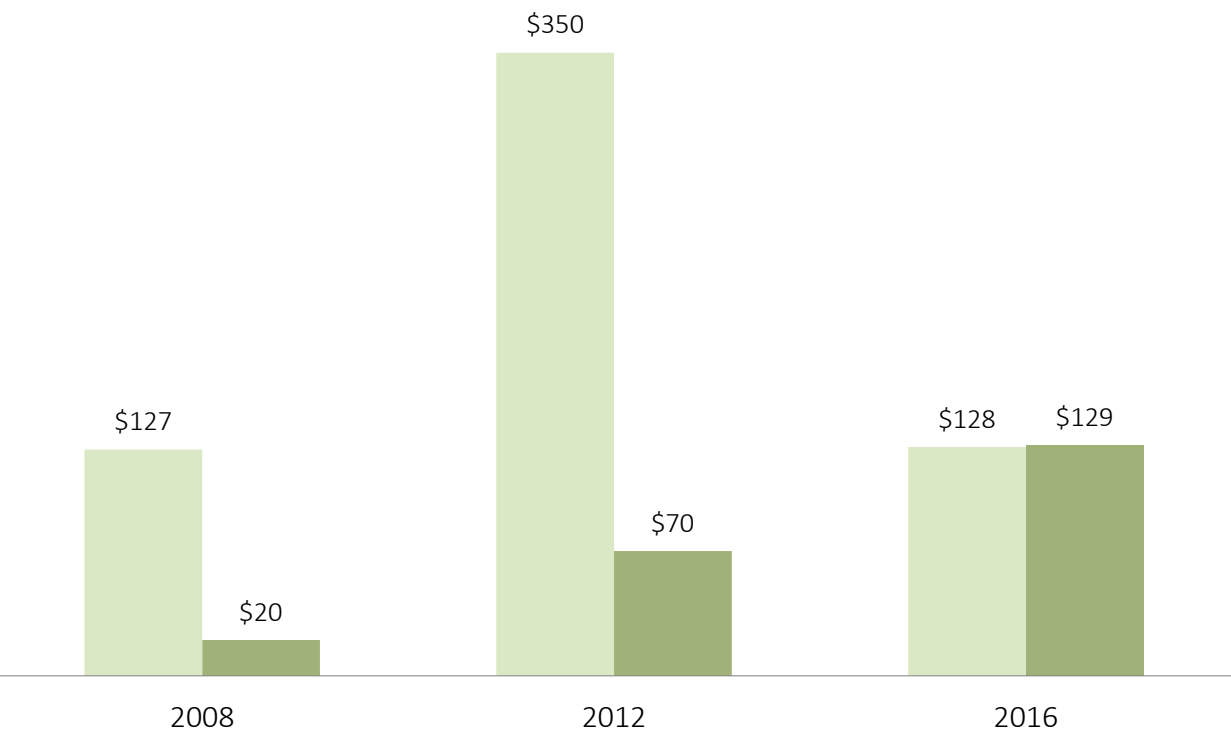
Outside groups have spent more on ads for the Senate than the presidency in this election cycle so far

Outside groups spending on ads: Senate v. presidential elections

Millions of dollars; first nine months of election cycle

- Outside spending on presidential ads
- Outside spending on Senate ads

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- This year's change is mainly due to outside groups late and relatively modest advertising on behalf of Trump
- Super PACs have also become more involved in Senate races this year

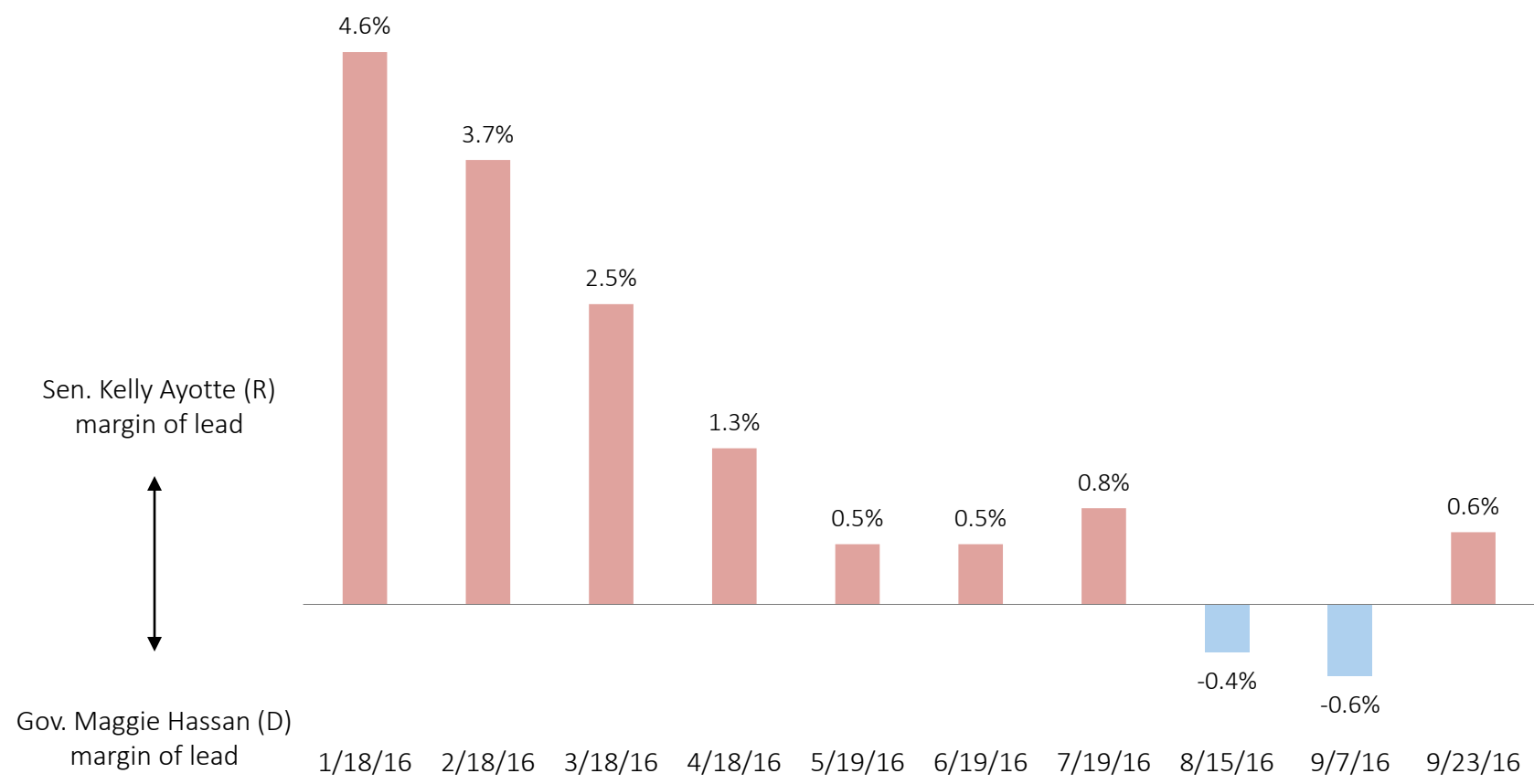
Sources: Andrea Drusch, "Senate ad spending outpaces presidential campaign," September 1, 2016; John McCormick, "Senate advertising bigger than presidential in year of Trump," August 8, 2016.

Ayotte lead shrinks over time, race now a statistical tie

New Hampshire Senate race polls

Margin of lead, HuffPost Pollster averages

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Sources: HuffPost Pollster, 2016.

Harris has financial and polling edge over Sanchez in California Senate primary

Updates from the California Senate election

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Money raised in California Senate primary

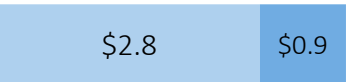
- Money spent (millions of dollars)
- Money in the bank (millions of dollars)



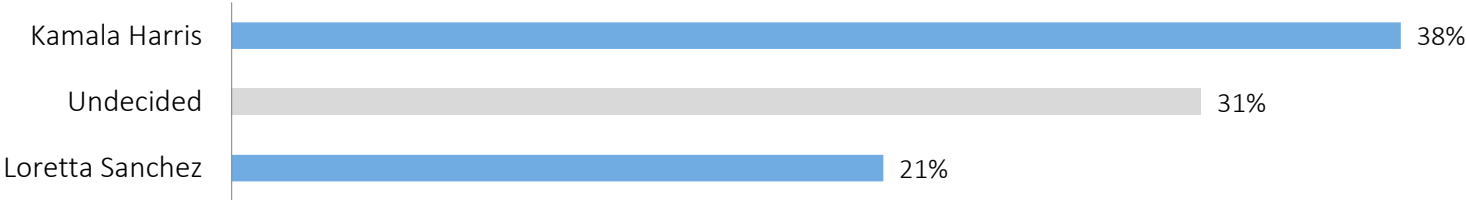
Kamala Harris



Loretta Sanchez



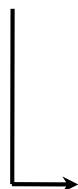
California Senate primary polling



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

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House races



Senate races



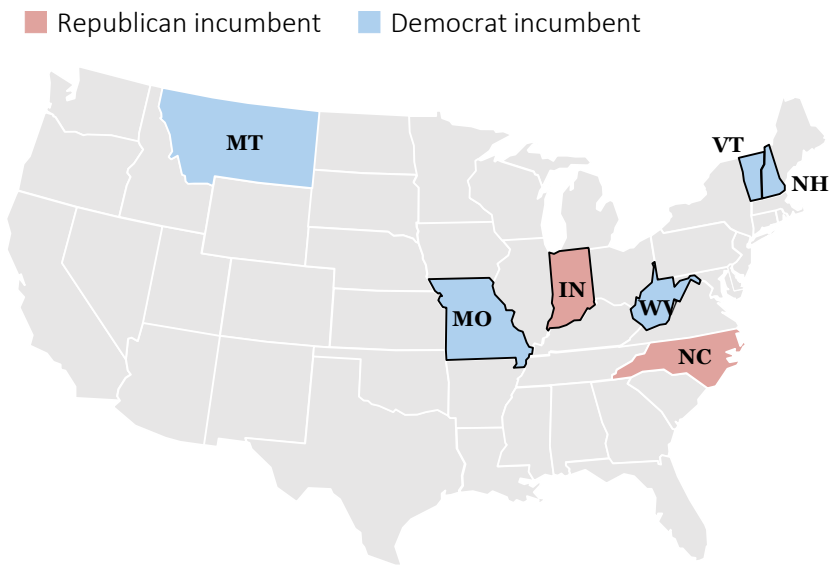
Governors' races

Five of seven governors' seats most likely to flip are held by Democrats

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Hotline's 2016 gubernatorial rankings

- 1. Missouri:** Republican-turned-Democratic state Attorney General Koster was a top Democrat recruit, but Greitens is banking on Trump's coattails leading him to win.
Incumbent: *Jay Nixon (D) (retiring)*
Challenger: *Chris Koster (D), Eric Greitens (R)*
- 2. North Carolina:** Attorney General Cooper has a lead in polling and fundraising. McCrory's embrace of legislation seen as anti-LGBT may hurt his chances.
Incumbent: *Pat McCrory (R)*
Challenger: *Roy Cooper (D)*
- 3. New Hampshire:** New Hampshire will be a swing state in the Presidential and Senate elections, which will have an effect on these lower profile candidates.
Incumbent: *Maggie Hassan (D) (retiring)*
Challengers: *Colin Van Ostern (D), Chris Sununu (R)*
- 4. Vermont:** Bernie Sanders's home state is solidly Democratic but also has a penchant for electing moderate Republican governors.
Incumbent: *Peter Shumlin (D) (retiring)*
Challenger: *Sue Minter (D), Phill Scott (R)*
- 5. Indiana:** Both candidates are not yet well known. Gregg enjoys an early lead in polling, but the race is still the Republicans' to lose.
Incumbent: *Mike Pence (R) (retiring)*
Challenger: *John Gregg (D), Eric Holcomb (R)*













- 6. West Virginia:** Democrat Justice leads in polling and fundraising.
Incumbent: *Earl Ray Tomblin (D) (Retiring)*
Challenger: *Jim Justice (D), Bill Cole (R)*
- 7. Montana:** There has been no credible polling, but Bullock is doing everything right to win a second term.
Incumbent: *Steve Bullock (D)*
Challenger: *Greg Gianforte (R)*

Source: Zach Cohen, "Hotline's 2016 governor race rankings," National Journal, September 19, 2016.

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Hotline’s 2016 gubernatorial rankings

<u>State</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Challenger</u>	<u>Cook Political Report Rating</u>
1. Missouri	Open	 Eric Greitens  Chris Koster	Toss Up
2. North Carolina	 Pat McCrory	 Roy Cooper	Toss Up
3. New Hampshire	Open	 Chris Sununu  Colin Van Ostern	Toss Up
4. Vermont	Open	 Phill Scott  Sue Minter	Toss Up
5. Indiana	Open	 Eric Holcomb  John Gregg	Toss Up

Source: Zach Cohen, “Hotline’s 2016 governor race rankings,” National Journal, September 19, 2016; Cook Political Report, 2016. Images from National Journal Almanac and campaign web pages.

Pence as VP pick shakes up Indiana governor race

Indiana governor's race

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VS.



Eric Holcomb

Lt. Governor

- The Indiana Republican State Committee nominated Holcomb in July
- Holcomb selected state auditor Suzanne Crouch as his running mate

John Gregg

*Former Speaker of the House,
Indiana Senate*

- A few of Gregg's campaign themes are: Indiana jobs, funding for state and local roads, education and LGBT rights
- Gregg was trailing Pence by about 7% in the polls, but with Pence dropping out The Cook Political Report has changed this race from "Lean R" to "Toss Up"

Source: Zach Cohen, "GOP committee nominates Holcomb," *National Journal*, July 27, 2016; Zach Cohen, "Pence withdraws from reelection campaign to run as Trump's VP," *National Journal*, July 15, 2016; *Ballotpedia*, 2016.