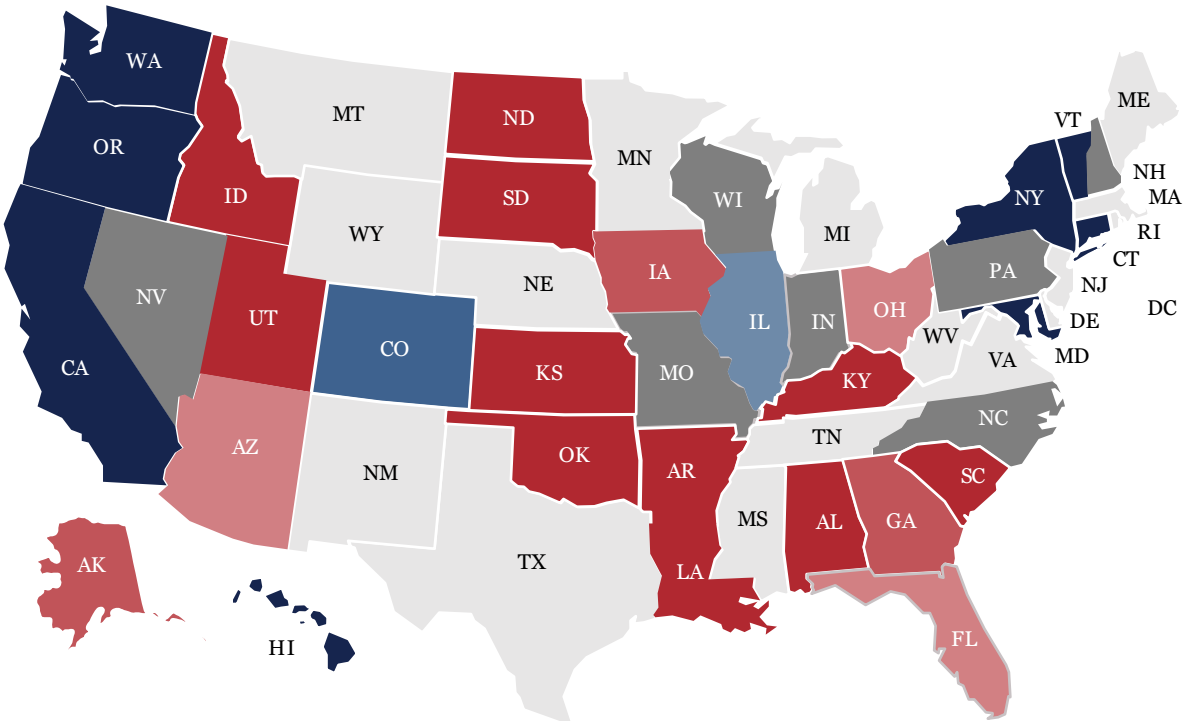


Republicans are defending 24 Senate seats in November: only 1 leans Democrat

The Cook Political Report Senate race ratings

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Dynamics of the 2016 Senate race

- In 2014, a good political environment, a weakened Democratic President and several open Democratic-held seats in red states combined to give Senate Republicans a nine-seat gain and the majority
- In 2016, Senate Democrats are defending 10 seats, compared to 24 for Republicans
- Of those 24 states, President Obama carried five of them in 2012 by at least five points and two more by one and three points
- Democrats need five seats – or four if they retain the White House – to take back the majority

Sources: The Cook Political Report, 2016.