

# According to Josh Kraushaar, Karen Handel's victory is a sign that Dem's path to a House majority will be tough

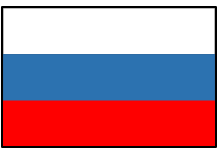
### Republicans are facing challenges...



Trump's approval rating is stuck around 40% and hasn't shown any signs of improving

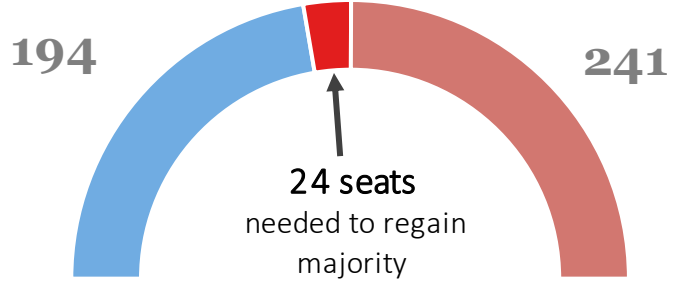


Republican's attempt to repeal and replace Obamacare has been very unpopular (although dissatisfaction with Obamacare itself is still substantial)



The heat from the Russia investigation is growing with heavy media coverage of the Senate hearings

### ...but Dems have a big hill to climb



GA-6 is the 28<sup>th</sup> most Democratic district that Republicans hold, based on Hillary Clinton's vote percentage in 2016. **Democrats would need to nearly run the table in more-favorable districts to regain a majority**



The roster of Democratic challengers in 2018 "puts Jon Ossoff to shame" as many are leaders in their chosen professions. The Democratic bet is that "apolitical community leaders will have enough accomplishments to paper over any questions about the party's left-leaning direction"

Sources: Josh Kraushaar, "Handel's Victory Shows Limits of Trump Card," National Journal, June 21, 2017.