

# **Cook's Look Ahead: 2014 Midterm Elections and Beyond**

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# Roadmap for the Presentation

The President's Second-Term Jinx

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↳ 2014 House Elections

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## The Second-Term Jinx

*Presidents tend to run into trouble during their second terms*

### Second-term pitfalls among presidents

President	Pitfall
G.W. Bush	Iraq War
Clinton	Lewinsky Scandal
Reagan	Iran Contra Scandal
Nixon/Ford	Watergate Scandal/Impeachment/Pardon
Kennedy/Johnson	Vietnam War
Eisenhower	Recessions in 1958 and 1960

### Analysis

- The novelty is wearing off, energy is waning, administration is running out of fresh ideas, and the A-team from the first term has largely moved on
- In the past, recessions, scandals, and wars have plagued second-term Presidents—this second term appears to be no exception
- In years 5 through 8, voters often become increasingly open to the idea of change

## The Six-Year Itch

*The president's party fares poorly in second-term midterm elections*

**Change in congressional party makeup after midterm elections during president's second term**

Year	President	Party	Pres. Party Seat Change: House	Pres. Party Seat Change: Senate
2006	G.W. Bush	Republican	-30	-6
1998	Clinton	Democrat	+5	0
1986	Reagan	Republican	-5	-8
1974	Nixon/Ford	Republican	-48	-4
1966	Kennedy/Johnson	Democrat	-48	-4
1958	Eisenhower	Republican	-48	-12
<b>Average</b>			<b>-29</b>	<b>-6</b>

### Analysis

The President's party has been hammered in the House and/or Senate in five of the last six "six-year itch" elections since World War II

# Since WWII, President's Party Has Lost Five of Six Attempts for Third Term

## President's party election results after two-term presidency

Year	President	Party	President's Party Election Result
2008	G.W. Bush	Republican	Lost White House
2000	Clinton	Democrat	Lost White House*
1988	Reagan	Republican	Won White House
1976	Nixon/Ford	Republican	Lost White House
1968	Kennedy/Johnson	Democrat	Lost White House
1960	Eisenhower	Republican	Lost White House

### Analysis

The President's party has lost five of the last six post-World War II presidential elections which have followed two-term presidencies

\* Lost electoral vote, won popular vote

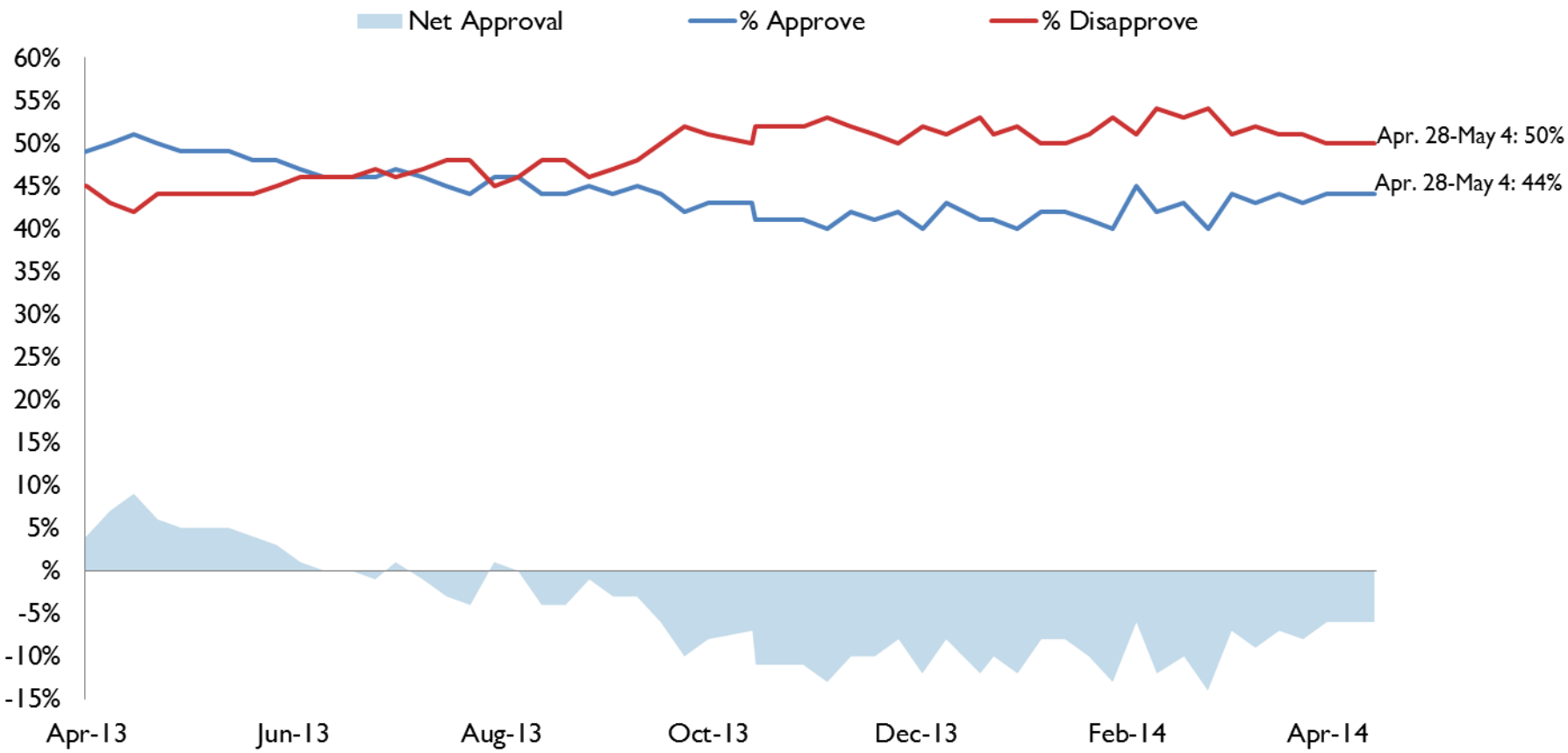
# Obama's Approval Ratings Slightly Below Average of Predecessors

## Second-term presidential approval ratings

President	Approval Rating	Date
Reagan	68%	May. 1986
Clinton	64%	May. 1998
Eisenhower	53%	May. 1958
Johnson	46%	Apr. 1966
<b>Obama</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>May 4, 2014</b>
G.W. Bush	33%	May. 2006
Nixon	25%	May. 1974

# Obama's Approval Ratings in Very Gradual Decline in Second Term

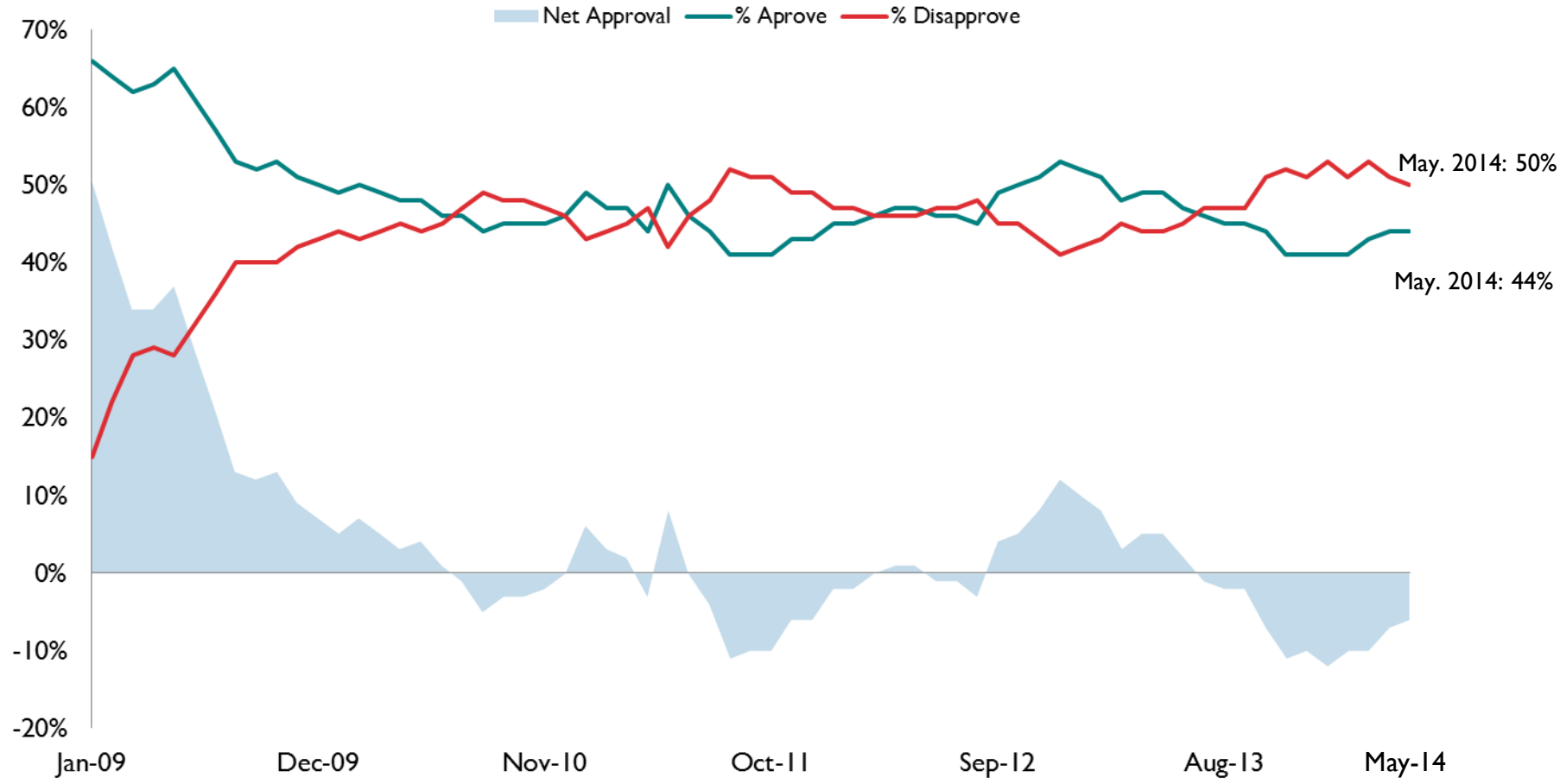
Gallup Weekly Presidential Approval Tracking: 2013 Year to Date



Source: Gallup Presidential Approval Center.

# Obama's Ratings Consistent Throughout Presidency

### Gallup Monthly Presidential Approval Tracking: January 2009 to Present

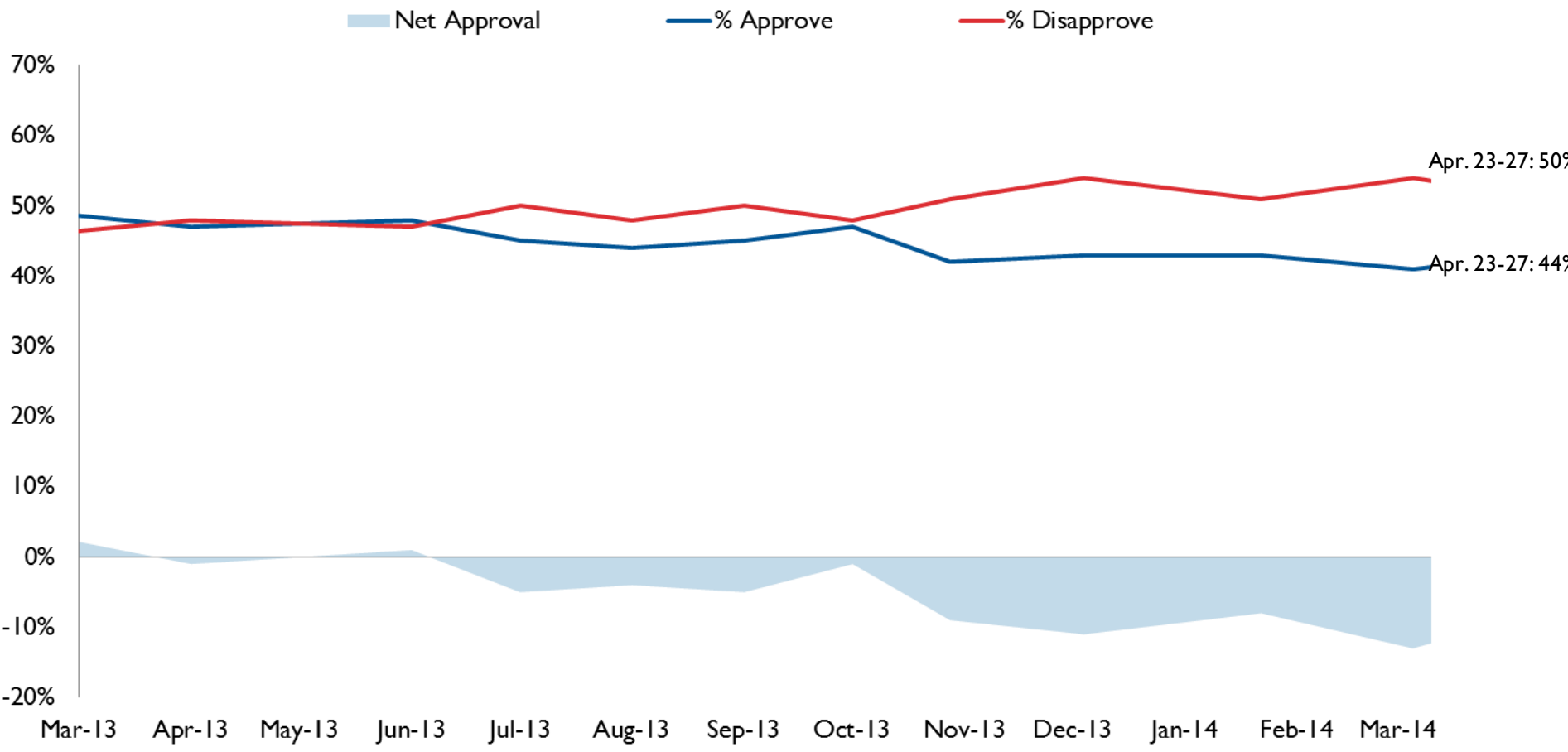


Source: Gallup Presidential Approval Center.



# Obama's Approval Hits Equilibrium Point

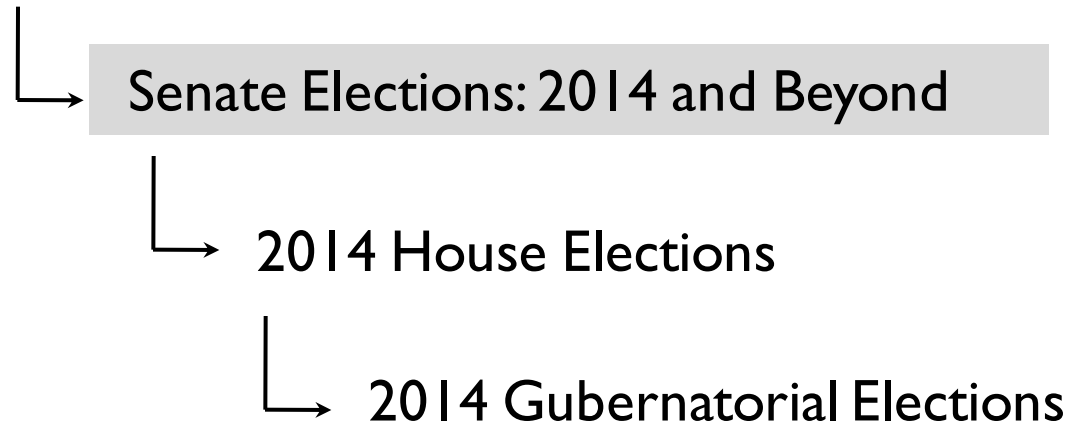
### NBC/WSJ Presidential Approval: 2013 Year to Date



Source: NBC/WSJ Presidential Approval Ratings.

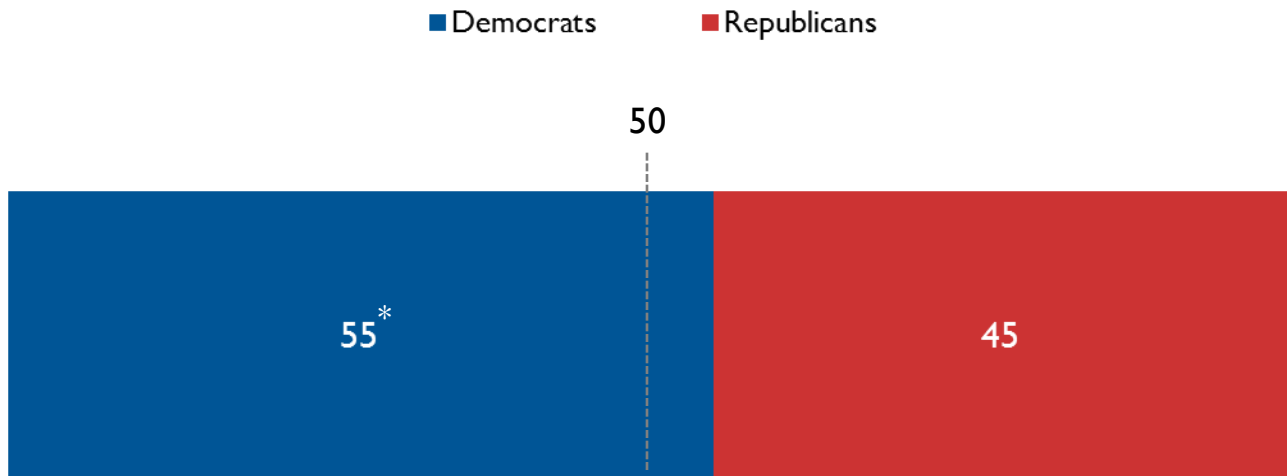
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# Current Senate Breakdown

Number of Senate seats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, by party



**Analysis**  
In 2014, Democrats will be playing defense to protect their hold on the Senate

\* Includes two Independents, Angus King (I-Maine) and Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who caucus with the Dems

Source: The Cook Political Report.

# 20% of All Senate Democrats are in Republican-Leaning States; Another 36% in Swing Territory

Current senators by Cook Political Report Partisan Voter Index (all classes)

DEMOCRATS (55)				
D+10 or Greater (10)	D+5 to D+9.9 (14)	D+4.9 to R+4.9 (20)	R+5 to R+9.9 (5)	R+10 or Greater (6)
Hirono (HI) D+19.5	Warren (MA) D+9.6	Merkley (OR) D+4.5	Donnelly (IN) R+5.2	Heitkamp (ND) R+10.1
Schatz (HI) D+19.5	Markey (MA) D+9.6	Wyden (OR) D+4.5	McCaskill (MO) R+5.2	Landrieu (LA) R+11.9
Sanders (VT)(I) D+15.7	Boxer (CA) D+9.2	Levin* (MI) D+3.8	Walsh (MT) R+7	Begich (AK) R+12
Leahy (VT) D+15.7	Feinstein (CA) D+9.2	Stabenow (MI) D+3.8	Tester (MT) R+7	Manchin (WV) R+13
Reed (RI) D+11.3	Carper (DE) D+8.2	Heinrich (NM) D+3.7	Johnson* (SD) R+9.6	Rockefeller* (WV) R+13
Whitehouse (RI) D+11.3	Coons (DE) D+8.2	Udall (NM) D+3.7		Pryor (AR) R+14
Gillibrand (NY) D+11.1	Durbin (IL) D+7.8	Baldwin (WI) D+2.5		
Schumer (NY) D+11.1	Blumenthal (CT) D+7.3	Reid (NV) D+2.1		
Cardin (MD) D+10.3	Murphy (CT) D+7.3	Franken (MN) D+1.8		
Mikulski (MD) D+10.3	Menendez (NJ) D+5.6	Klobuchar (MN) D+1.8		
	King (ME)(I) D+5.5	Casey (PA) D+1.2		
	Cantwell (WA) D+5.4	Harkin* (IA) D+1.1		
	Murray (WA) D+5.4	Shaheen (NH) D+1		
	Booker (NJ) D+5.6	Bennet (CO) D+0.8		
		Udall (CO) D+0.8		
		Kaine (VA) R+0.2		
		Warner (VA) R+0.2		
		Brown (OH) R+0.9		
		Nelson (FL) R+1.9		
		Hagan (NC) R+3.3		

\* Senate seat is open  
 Note: Senators Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Angus King (I-Maine) are Independents who caucus with the Democrats, thus giving Democrats an effective 55-45 Senate majority

# 77% of All Senate Republicans are in Republican States

Current senators by Cook Political Report Partisan Voter Index (all classes)

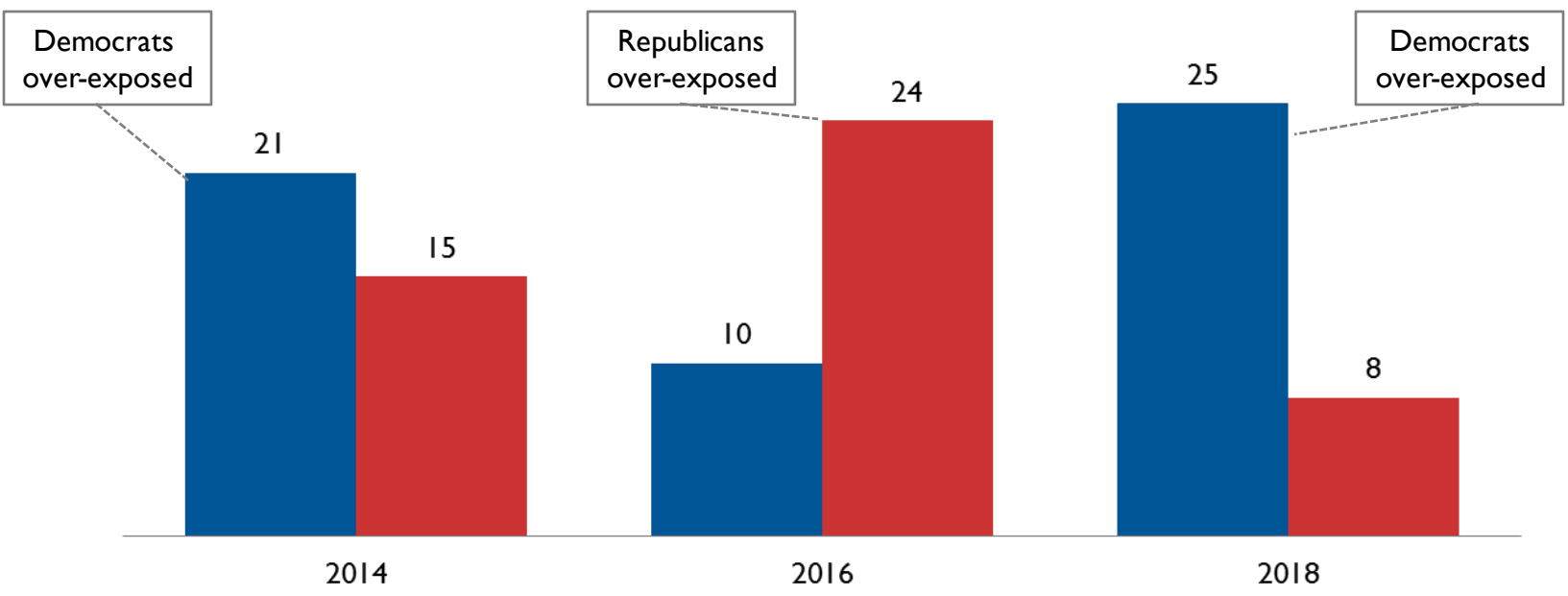
REPUBLICANS (45)				
D+10 or Greater (0)	D+5 to D+9.9 (2)	D+4.9 to R+4.9 (8)	R+5 to R+9.9 (13)	R+10 or Greater (22)
	Kirk (IL) D+7.8 Collins (ME) D+5.5	Johnson (WI) D+2.5 Heller (NV) D+2.1 Toomey (PA) D+1.2 Grassley (IA) D+1.1 Ayotte (NH) D+1 Portman (OH) R+0.9 Rubio (FL) R+1.9 Burr (NC) R+3.3	Coats (IN) R+5.2 Blunt (MO) R+5.2 Chambliss (GA) R+6.1 Isakson (GA) R+6.1 Flake (AZ) R+7.3 McCain (AZ) R+7.3 Graham (SC) R+7.8 Scott (SC) R+7.8 Cochran (MS) R+9 Wicker (MS) R+9 Thune (SD) R+9.6 Cornyn (TX) R+9.8 Cruz (TX) R+9.8	Hoeven (ND) R+10.1 Alexander (TN) R+11.8 Corker (TN) R+11.8 Vitter (LA) R+11.9 Murkowski (AK) R+12 Roberts (KS) R+12.2 Moran (KS) R+12.2 Fischer (NE) R+12.2 Johanns (NE) R+12.2 McConnell (KY) R+12.7 Paul (KY) R+12.7 Sessions (AL) R+13.9 Shelby (AL) R+13.9 Boozman (AR) R+14 Crapo (ID) R+17.5 Risch (ID) R+17.5 Coburn (OK) R+19 Inhofe (OK) R+19 Barrasso (WY) R+21.7 Enzi (WY) R+21.7 Hatch (UT) R+22.4 Lee (UT) R+22.4

Source: The Cook Political Report.

# Dems, Republicans Will Take Turns Playing Defense in Midterms Ahead

Senate seats in play, by election year

■ Democratic seats      ■ Republican seats



Source: Cook Political Report.

# 2014 Senate Races by 2012 Presidential Performance

Senators running in 2014 by 2012 presidential performance (Obama vs. Romney)

Obama + 15 or Greater	Obama +5 to +14.9	Obama +4.9 to Romney +4.9	Romney +5 to +14.9	Romney +15 or Greater
<b>DEMOCRATS (21)</b>				
Coons (DE) +19 Schatz (HI) +43 Durbin (IL) +17 Markey (MA) +23 Reed (RI) +27 Booker (NJ) +17	M. Udall (CO) +5 Harkin* (IA) +6 Levin (MI) +10 Franken (MN) +8 Shaheen (NH) +6 T. Udall (NM) +10 Merkley (OR) +12	Hagan (NC) R+2 Warner (VA) D+4	Begich (AK) +14 Walsh (MT) +14	Pryor (AR) +24 Landrieu (LA) +17 Johnson* (SD) +18 Rockefeller* (WV) +27
<b>REPUBLICANS (15)</b>				
Collins (ME) +15			Chambliss* (GA) +8 Cochran (MS) +12 Graham (SC) +10 Scott (SC) +10	Sessions (AL) +22 Risch (ID) +32 Roberts (KS) +22 McConnell (KY) +23 Johanns* (NE) +22 Coburn (OK) +34 Inhofe (OK) +34 Alexander (TN) +20 Cornyn (TX) +16 Enzi (WY) +41

• Senate seat is open

# 2014 Senate Races by Incumbent's Past Performance

Senators running in 2014 by incumbent's last win percentage

60% or greater	55% to 59.9%	54.9% or less
<b>DEMOCRATS (21)</b>		
Pryor (AR) 79.5% Durbin (IL) 67.8% Harkin* (IA) 62.7% Levin* (MI) 62.7% T. Udall (NM) 61.3% Reed (RI) 73.4% Johnson* (SD) 62.5% Warner (VA) 65.0% Rockefeller* (WV) 63.7%	Coons (DE) 56.6%	Begich (AK) 47.8% M. Udall (CO) 52.8% Landrieu (LA) 52.1% Markey (MA) 54.8% Franken (MN) 42.0% Shaheen (NH) 51.7% Hagan (NC) 52.7% Merkley (OR) 48.9%
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\* Senator seat is open

Note: Senators Scott (R-SC), Schatz (D-HI), and Walsh (D-MT) were appointed to fill vacancies and have not yet ran in or won election to their respective seats. Thus, their names do not appear here.



# 2014 Senate Races by Cook Political Report State Partisan Voter Index

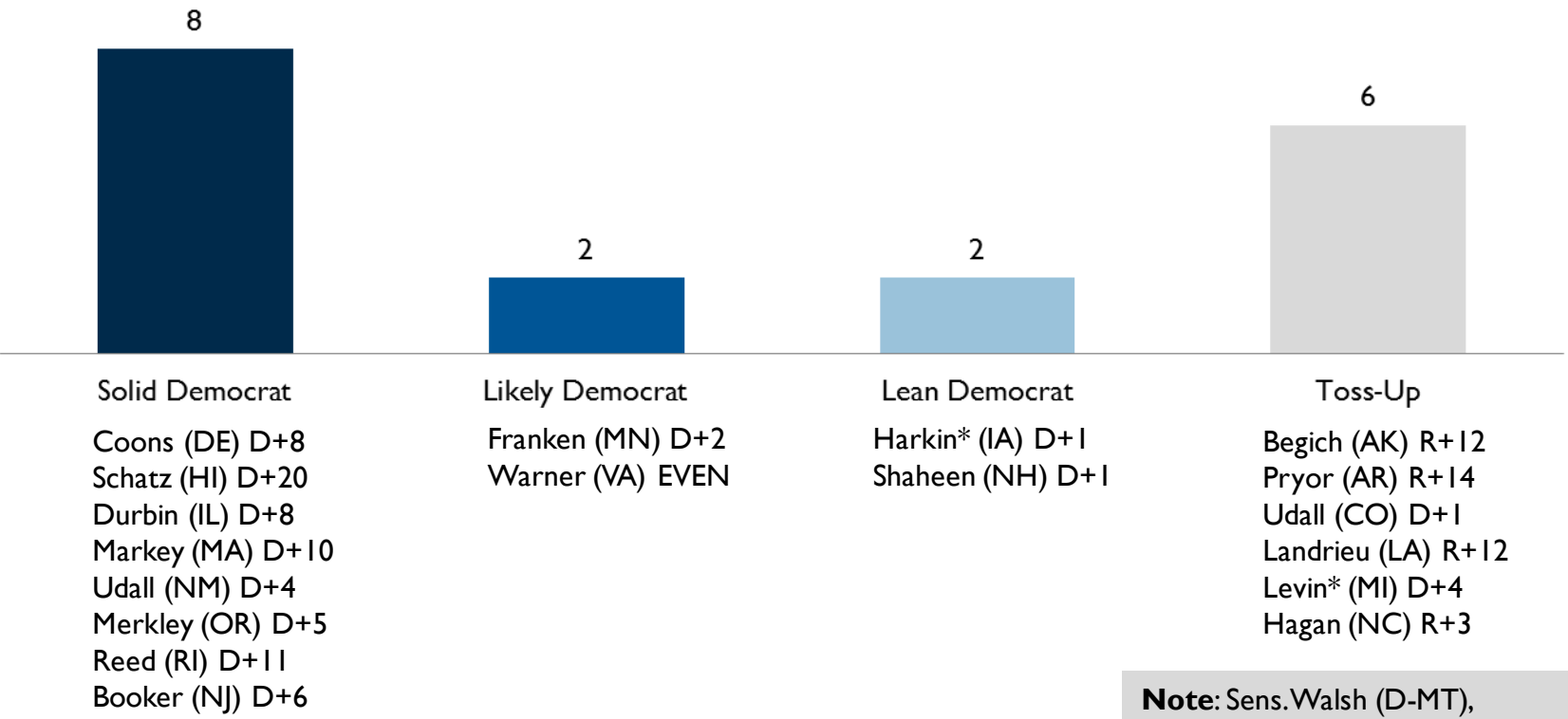
**Senators running in 2014 by Cook Political Report State Partisan Voter Index**

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# Dem Seats On the Ballot in a Range of Left-Leaning Districts

Breakdown of Democratic-held seats  
by Cook Political Report Rating  
21 total Democratic seats



**Note:** Sens. Walsh (D-MT), Rockefeller (D-WV), and Johnson (D-SD) hold seats currently rated Lean/Likely Republican.

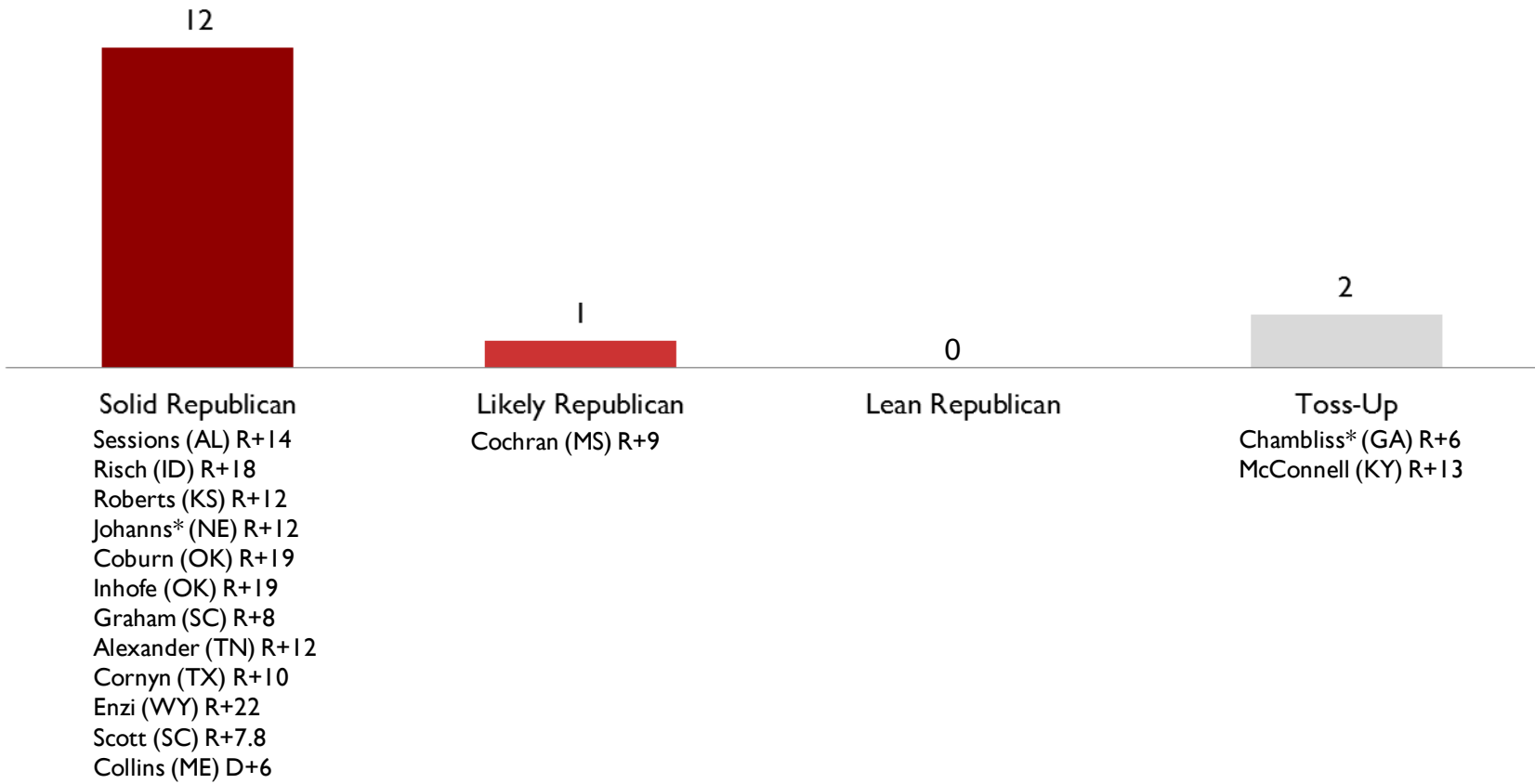
\* Senator is retiring

Note: A Cook Political Report rating of **Lean D/R** or **Toss Up** denotes races that are currently considered to be competitive

Source: The Cook Political Report.

# Most GOP Seats On the Ballot in GOP Strongholds

Breakdown of Republican-held seats by Cook Political Report Rating  
15 total Republican seats



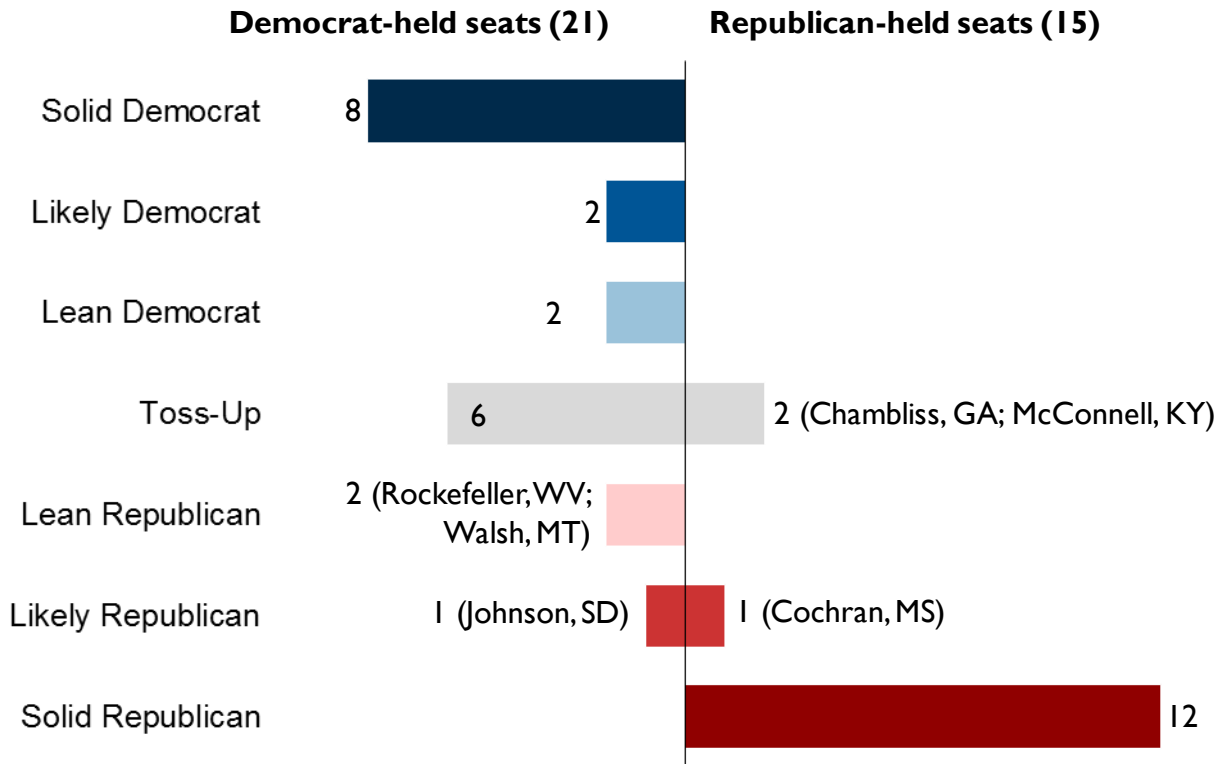
\* Senator is retiring    \*\* Potential retirement

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Source: The Cook Political Report.

# 2014 Senate Race Vulnerabilities

Breakdown of all Senate seats by Cook Political Report Rating  
36 total seats

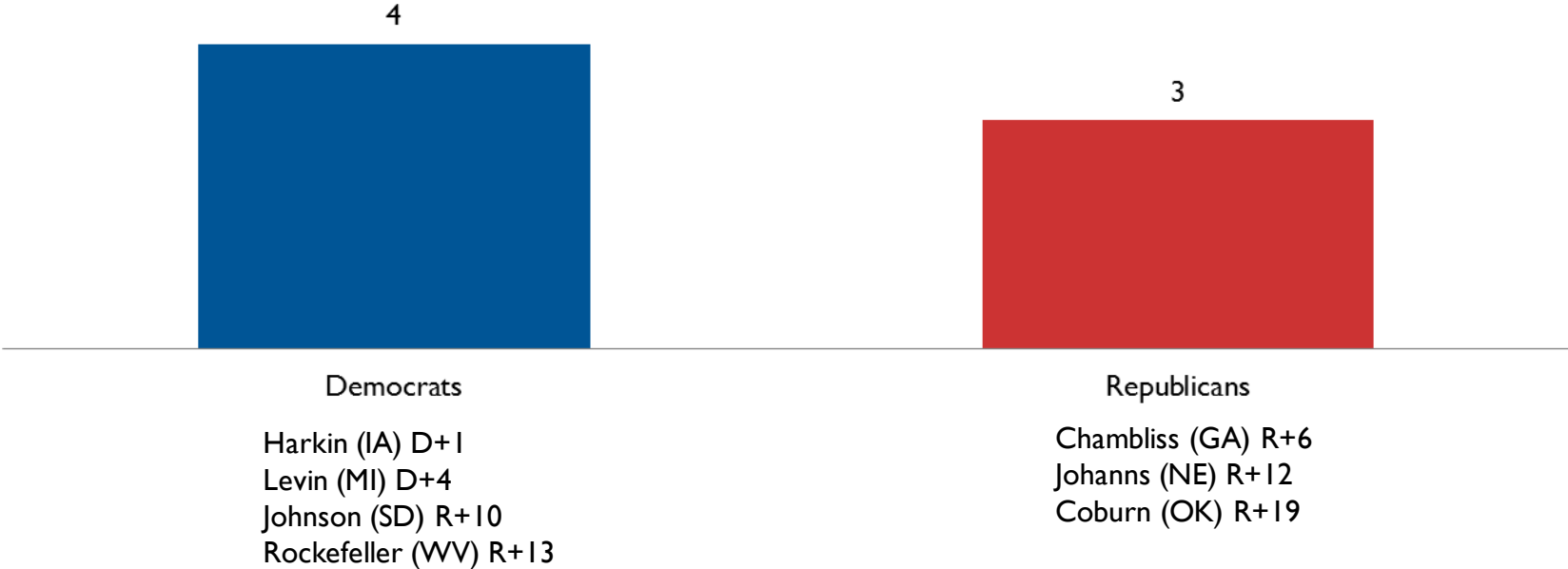


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Source: The Cook Political Report.

# Democrats Have More Open Seats at Risk in 2014 than Republicans

Open Senate seats by party



# 2016 Senate Races by 2012 Presidential Performance

Senators running in 2016 by 2012 presidential performance (Obama vs. Romney)

Obama + 15 or Greater	Obama +5 to +14.9	Obama +4.9 to Romney +4.9	Romney +5 to +14.9	Romney +15 or Greater
<b>DEMOCRATS (10)</b>				
Boxer (CA) +23 Blumenthal (CT) +17 Schatz (HI), +43 Mikulski (MD) +26 Schumer (NY) +28 Leahy (VT) +36 Murray (WA) +15	Wyden (OR) +5 Bennet (CO) + 5 Reid (NV) +7			
<b>REPUBLICANS (24)</b>				
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# 2018 Senate Races by 2012 Presidential Performance

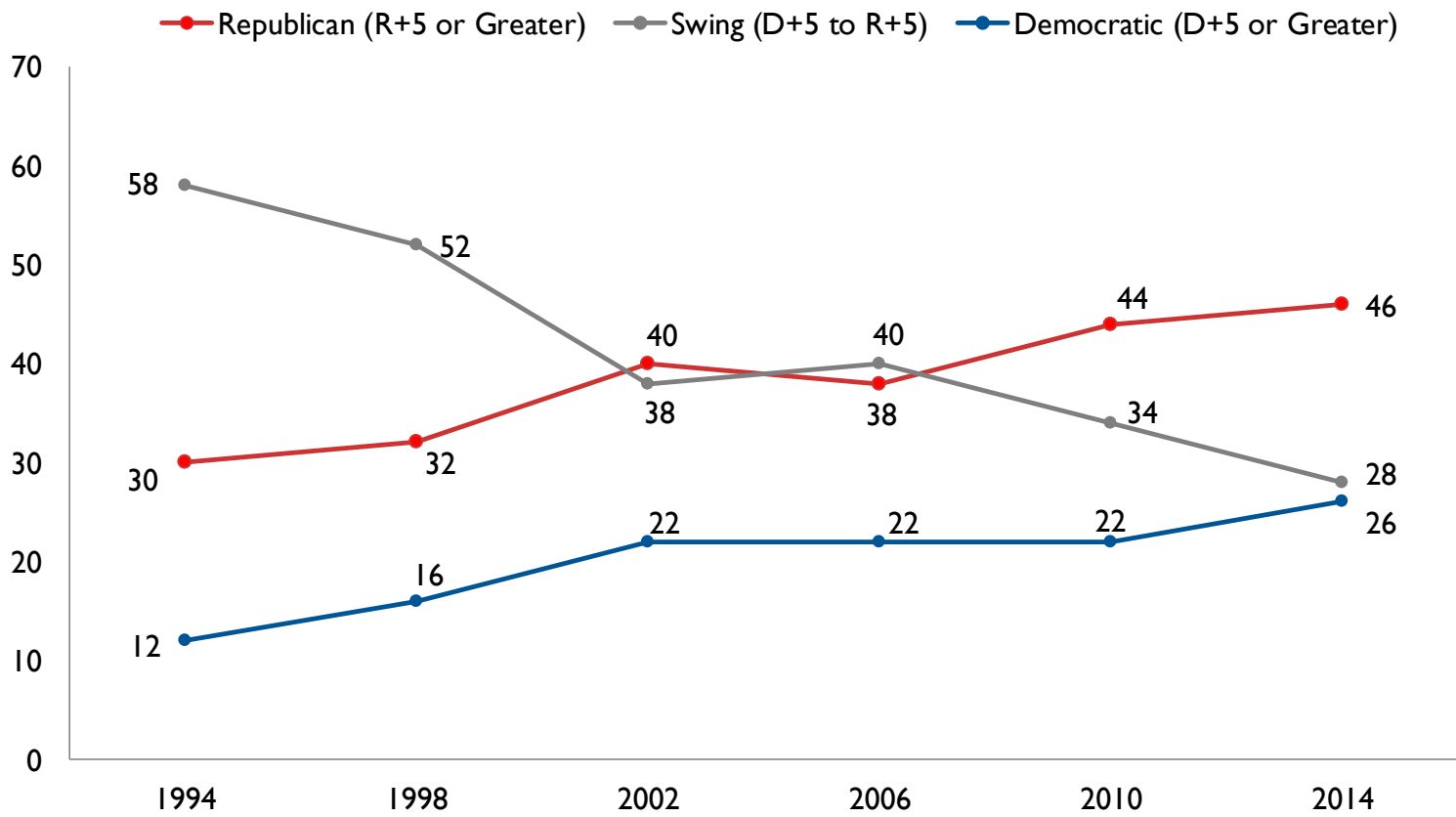
Senators running in 2018 by 2012 presidential performance (Obama vs. Romney)

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<b>DEMOCRATS (25)</b>				
Feinstein (CA) +23 Murphy (CT) +17 Carper (DE) +19 Hirono (HI) +43 King (ME)(I) +15 Cardin (MD) +26 Warren (MA) +23 Menendez (NJ) +18 Gillibrand (NY) +28 Whitehouse (RI) +27 Sanders (VT)(I) +36 Cantwell (WA) +15	Stabenow (MI) +10 Klobuchar (MN) +8 Heinrich (NM) +10 Casey (PA) +5 Baldwin (WI) +7	Nelson (FL) D+1 Brown (OH) D+3 Kaine (VA) D+4	Donnelly (IN) +10 McCaskill (MO) +9 Tester (MT) +14	Heitkamp (ND) +20 Manchin (WV) +27
<b>REPUBLICANS (8)</b>				
	Heller (NV) +7		Flake (AZ) +9 Wicker (MS) +12	Fischer (NE) +22 Corker (TN) +20 Cruz (TX) +16 Hatch (UT) +48 Barrasso (WY) +41

Source: The Cook Political Report.

# The Senate's Incredible Shrinking Swing Seat

Number of Senate seats by State Partisan Voter Index, 1994-2014



Source: Cook Political Report.



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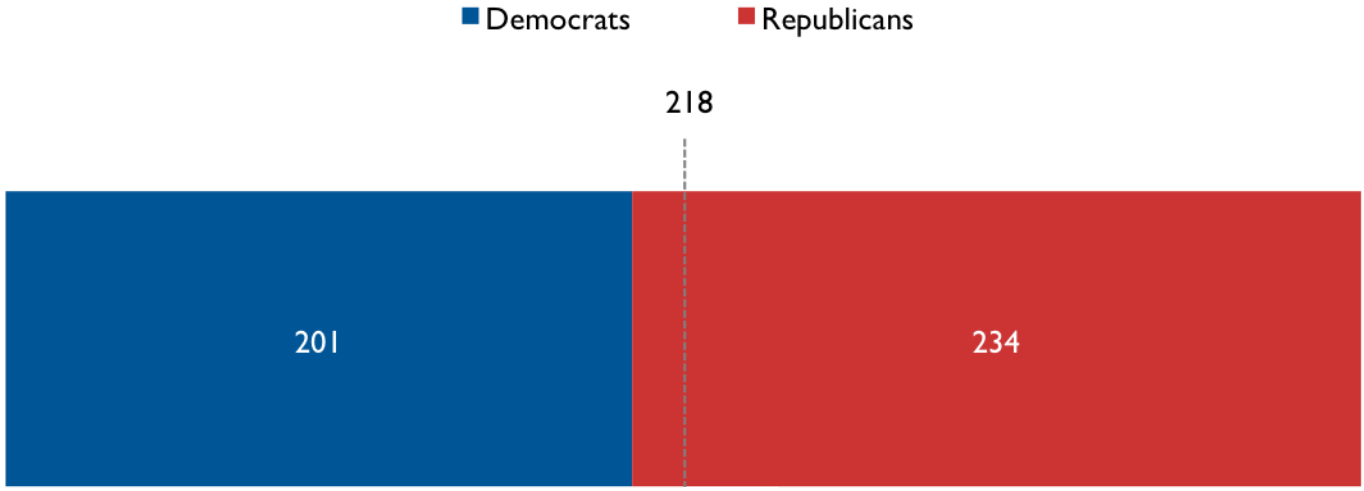
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# Current House Breakdown

Number of House seats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, by party\*



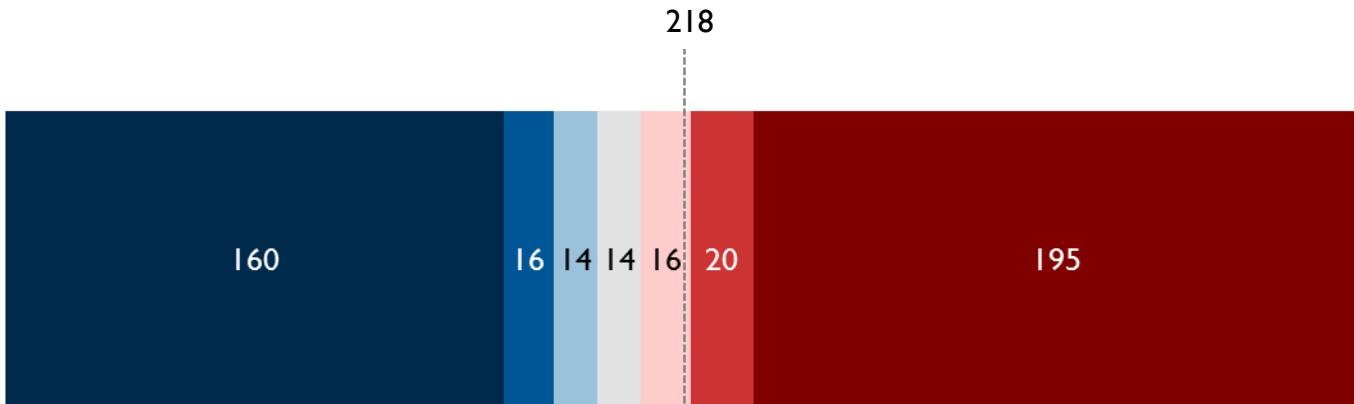
**Analysis**  
Democrats need a 17-seat gain to win control of the House in 2014

\* Includes two currently vacant Republican seats and two currently vacant Democratic seats

# Only 80 Competitive or Potentially Competitive Seats in the House in 2014

Number of House seats in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, by party

■ Solid Democrat ■ Likely Democrat ■ Lean Democrat ■ Toss-Up ■ Lean Republican ■ Likely Republican ■ Solid Republican

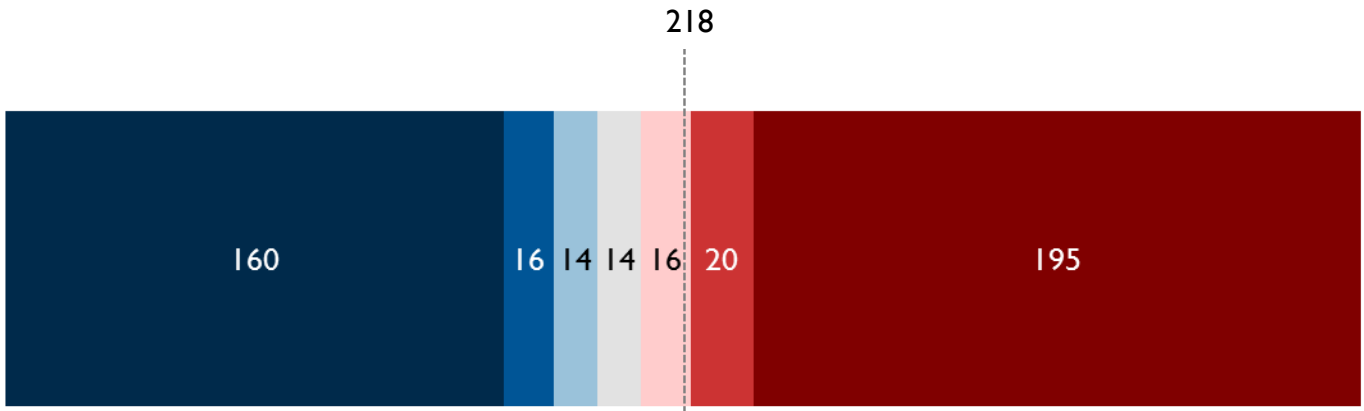


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# Democrats Must Run the Table to Win Back House in 2014

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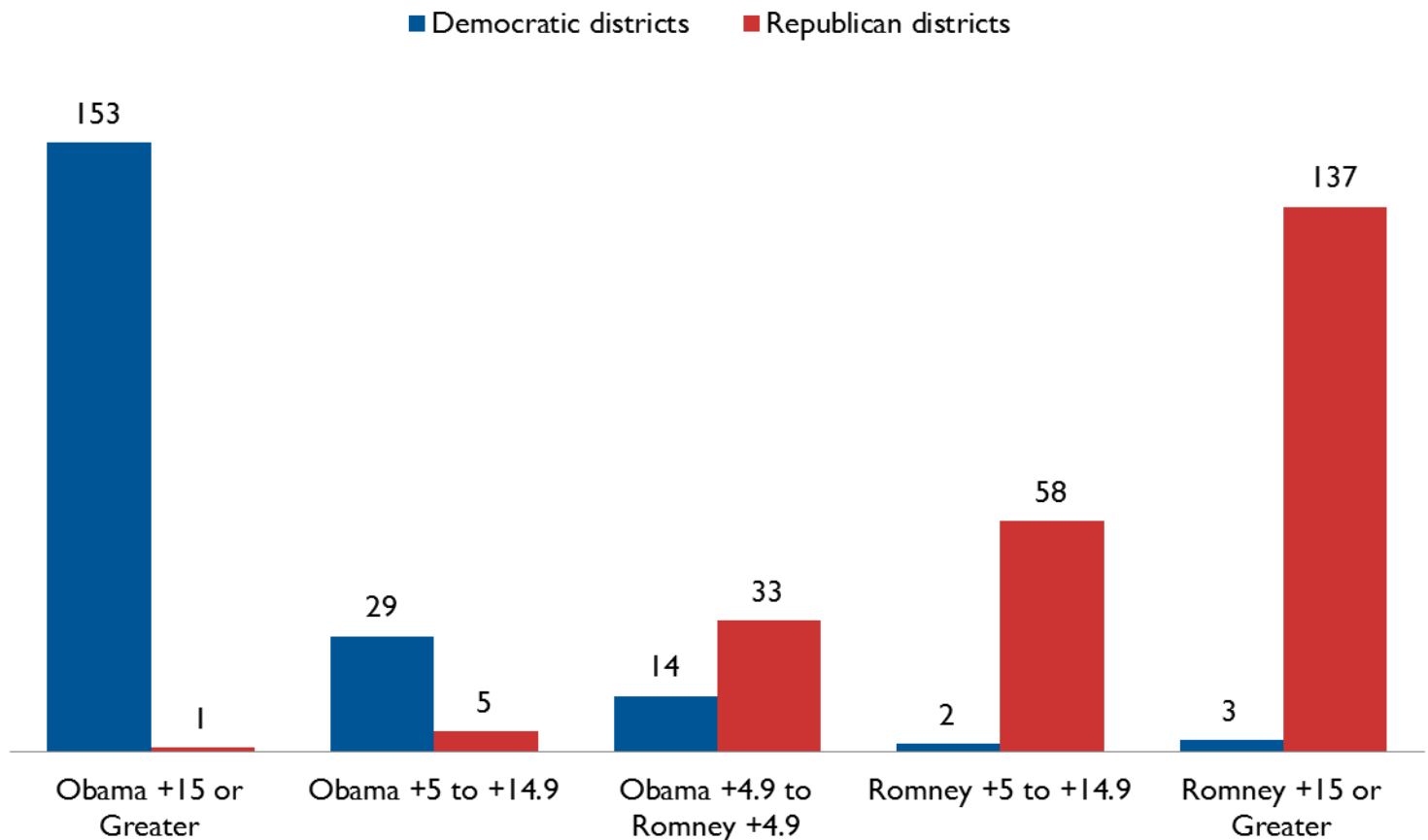
■ Solid Democrat ■ Likely Democrat ■ Lean Democrat ■ Toss-Up ■ Lean Republican ■ Likely Republican ■ Solid Republican



Democrats must win every Solid Democrat, Likely Democrat, Lean Democrat, Toss-Up, and 14 out of 16 Lean Republican districts to take back the House

# Most House Midterms in Friendly Territory

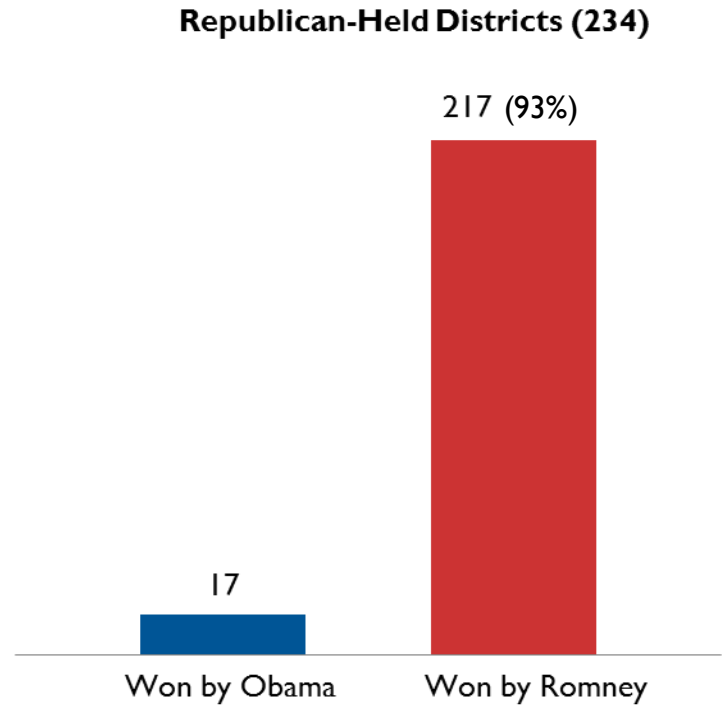
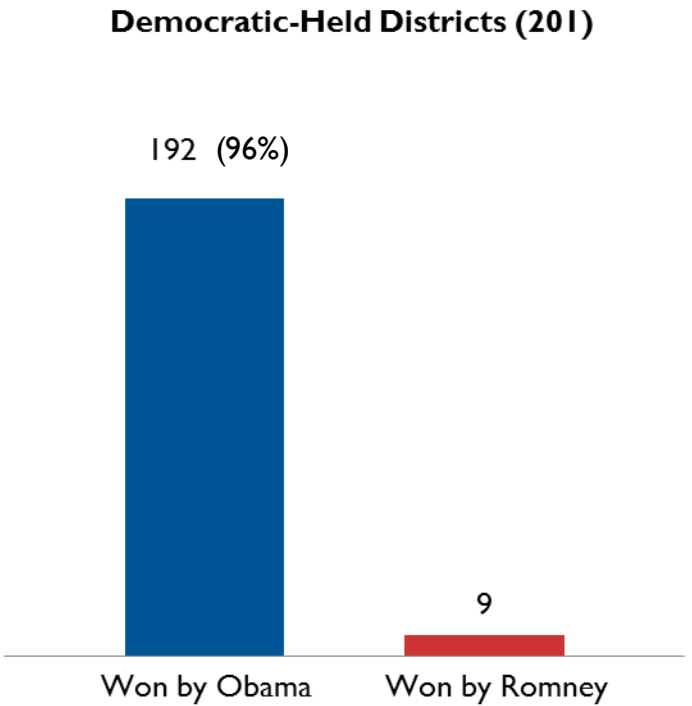
2014 House races by 2012 presidential performance (Obama vs. Romney)



Source: Cook Political Report.

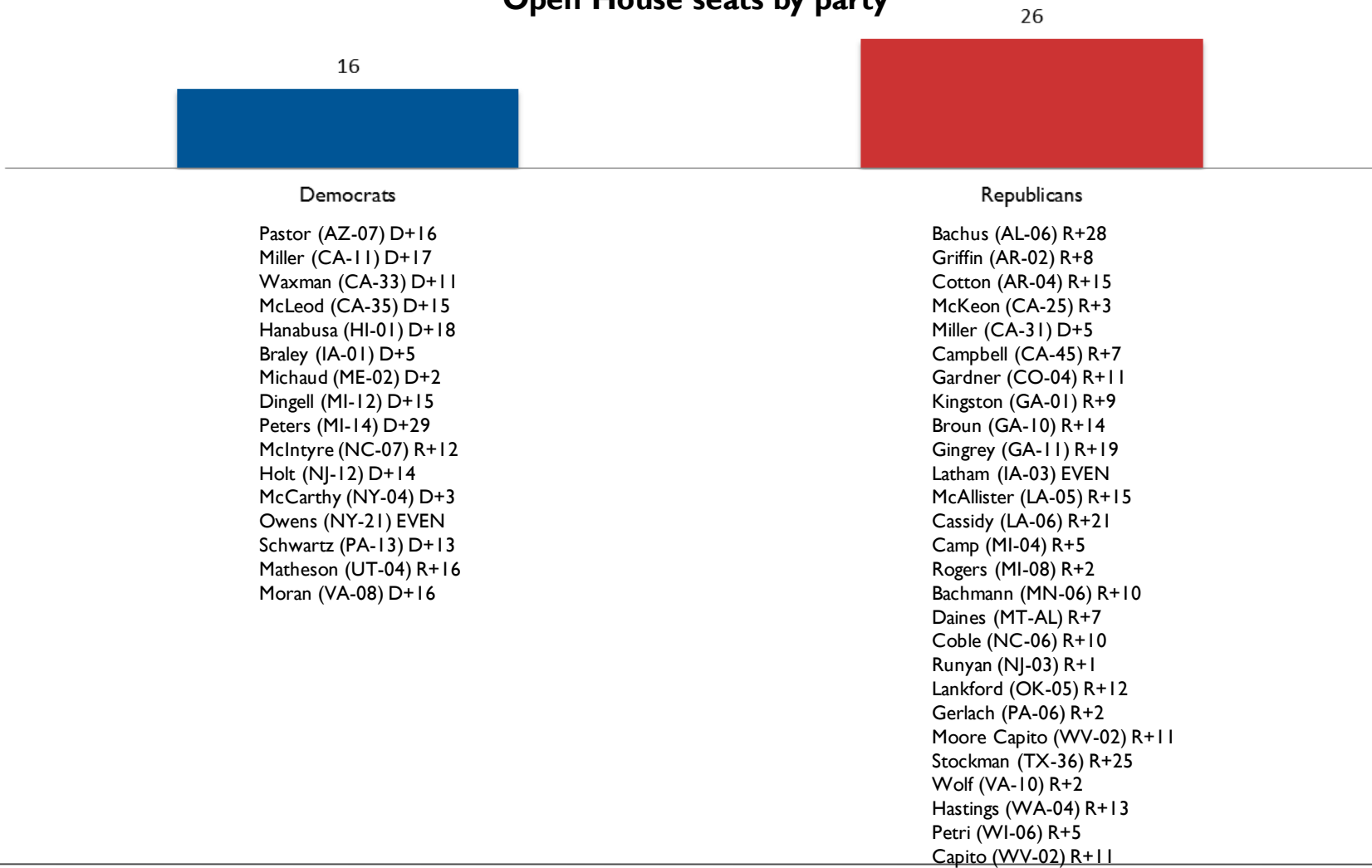
# Long-Run Effects of Redistricting Means House is Fairly Inelastic in 2014

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# Open House Seats a Source of Minimal Exposure for Both Parties

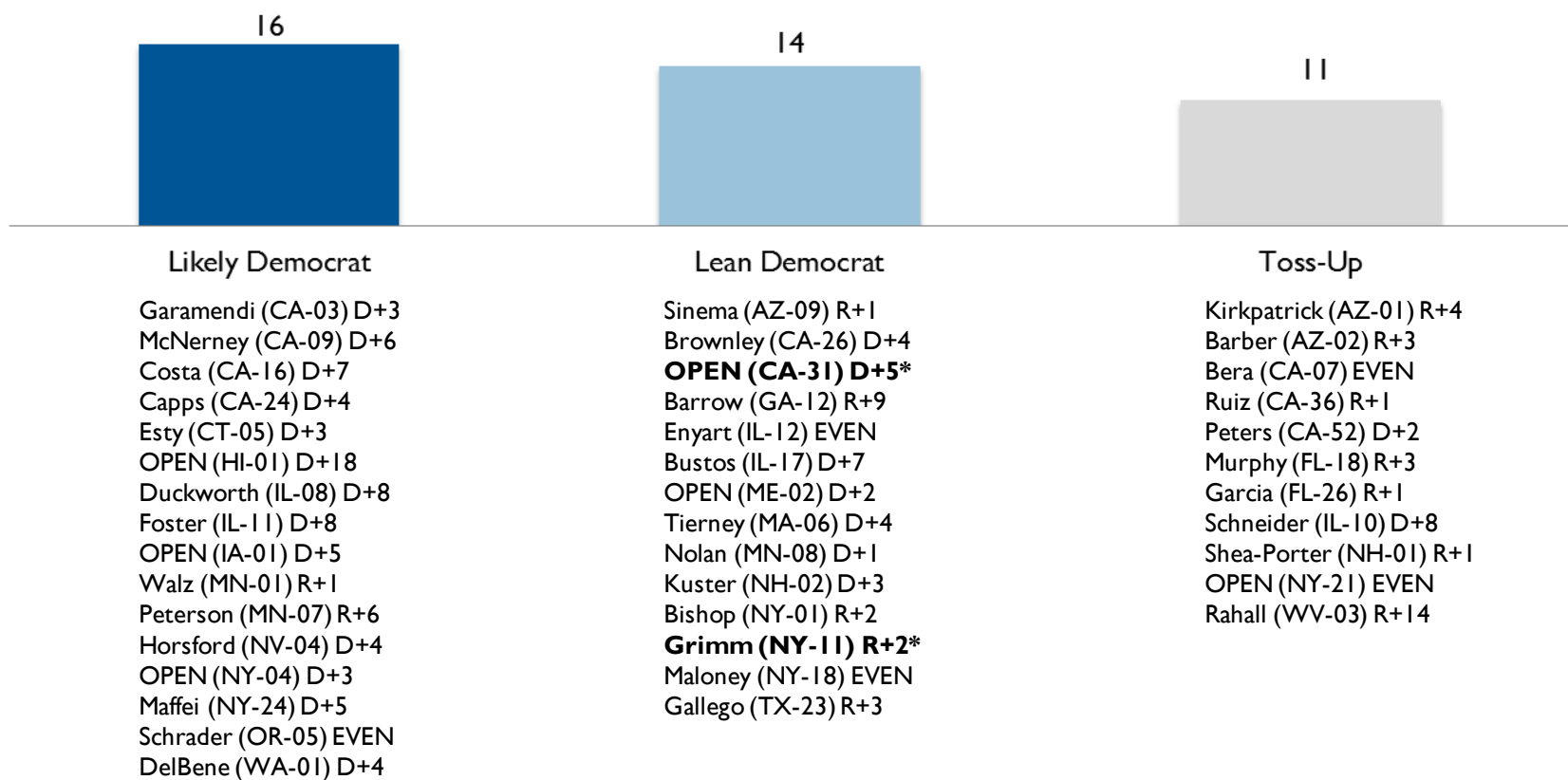
Open House seats by party



Source: The Cook Political Report.

# 25 of 201 Democratic Seats in Serious Danger, 16 More Potentially Competitive

**Breakdown of competitive Democratic-held districts by Cook Political Report Rating**  
41 total competitive or potentially competitive Democratic districts



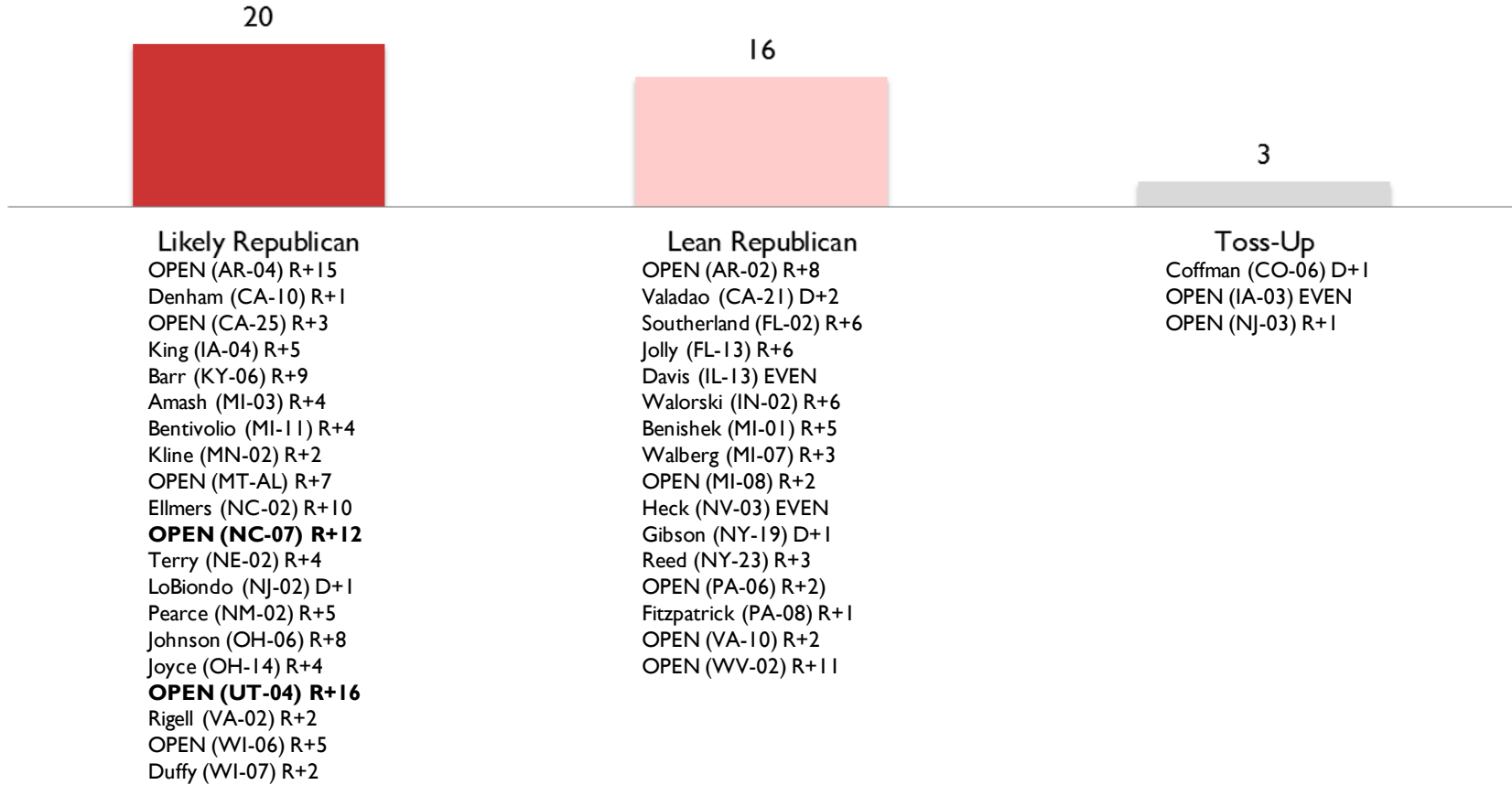
Note: Matheson (UT-04) and McIntyre (NC-07)'s open seats are rated Likely Republican \***Bolded** name denotes opposing party's seat

Source: The Cook Political Report.



# 21 of 234 Republican Seats in Danger, 18 More Potentially Competitive

**Breakdown of competitive Republican-held districts by Cook Political Report Rating**  
39 total competitive or potentially competitive Republican districts



- Likely Republican**  
 OPEN (AR-04) R+15  
 Denham (CA-10) R+1  
 OPEN (CA-25) R+3  
 King (IA-04) R+5  
 Barr (KY-06) R+9  
 Amash (MI-03) R+4  
 Bentivolio (MI-11) R+4  
 Kline (MN-02) R+2  
 OPEN (MT-AL) R+7  
 Ellmers (NC-02) R+10  
**OPEN (NC-07) R+12**  
 Terry (NE-02) R+4  
 LoBiondo (NJ-02) D+1  
 Pearce (NM-02) R+5  
 Johnson (OH-06) R+8  
 Joyce (OH-14) R+4  
**OPEN (UT-04) R+16**  
 Rigell (VA-02) R+2  
 OPEN (WI-06) R+5  
 Duffy (WI-07) R+2

- Lean Republican**  
 OPEN (AR-02) R+8  
 Valadao (CA-21) D+2  
 Southerland (FL-02) R+6  
 Jolly (FL-13) R+6  
 Davis (IL-13) EVEN  
 Walorski (IN-02) R+6  
 Benishek (MI-01) R+5  
 Walberg (MI-07) R+3  
 OPEN (MI-08) R+2  
 Heck (NV-03) EVEN  
 Gibson (NY-19) D+1  
 Reed (NY-23) R+3  
 OPEN (PA-06) R+2  
 Fitzpatrick (PA-08) R+1  
 OPEN (VA-10) R+2  
 OPEN (WV-02) R+11

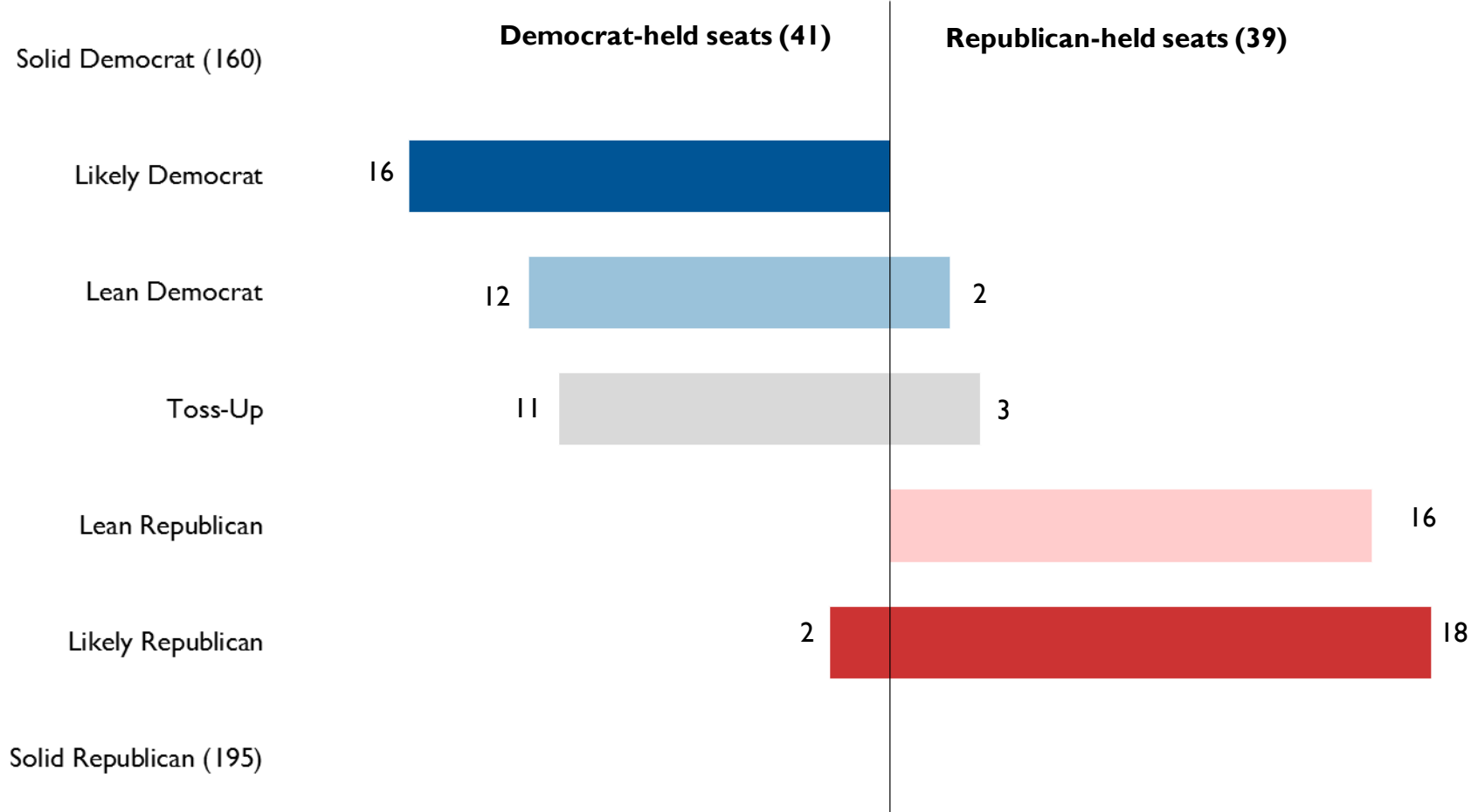
- Toss-Up**  
 Coffman (CO-06) D+1  
 OPEN (IA-03) EVEN  
 OPEN (NJ-03) R+1

\*Miller (CA-31) and Grimm (NY-11) are rated in the Lean D column  
Source: The Cook Political Report.

Note: Bolded name denotes opposing party's seat

# 2014 House Race Vulnerabilities

Breakdown of competitive\* House seats by Cook Political Report Rating  
80 total competitive or potentially competitive seats

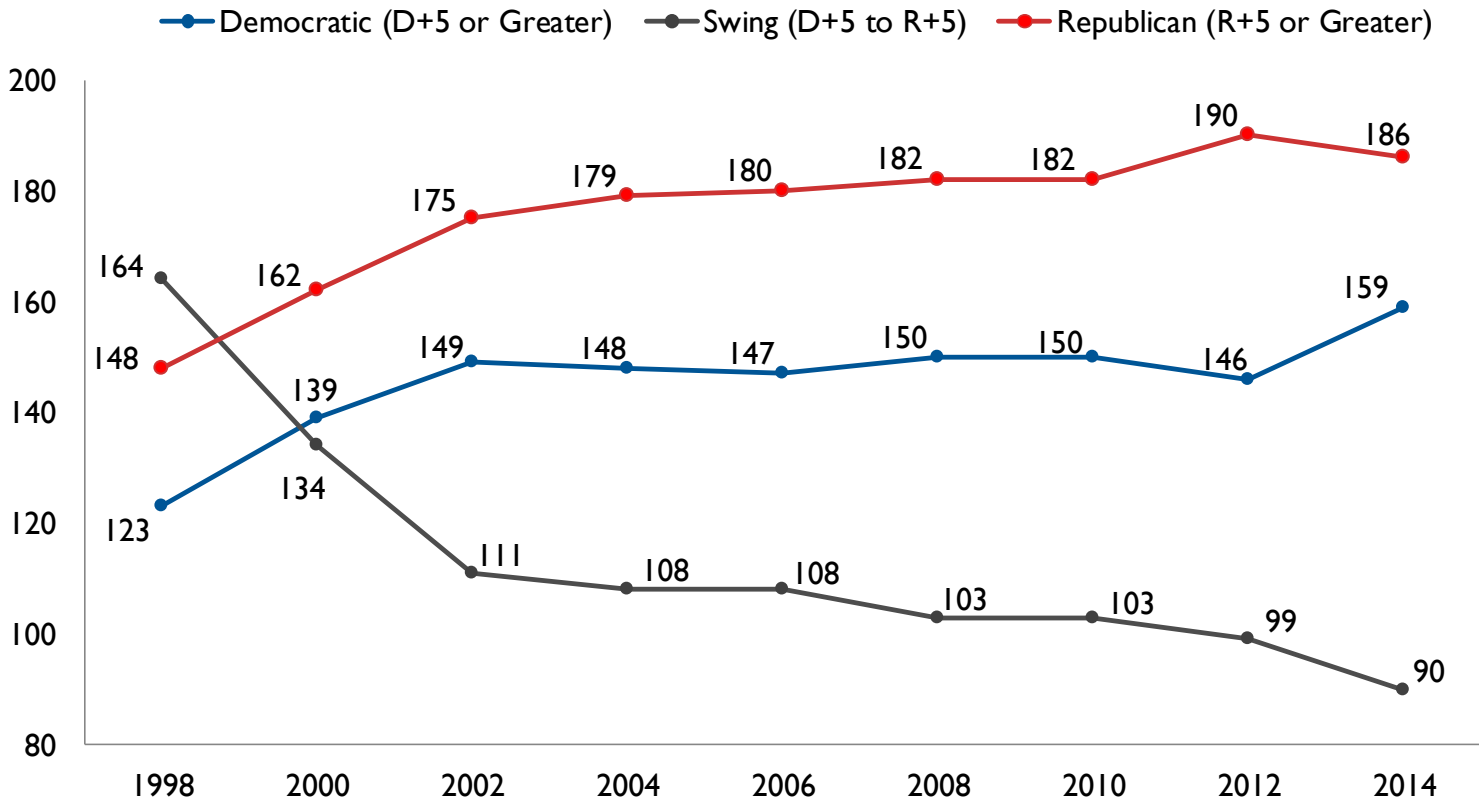


\* A Cook Political Report rating of **Lean D/R** or **Toss Up** denotes races that are currently considered to be competitive; the 195 Republican seats and 160 Democratic seats which do not appear on these charts are rated **Solid Republican** and **Solid Democratic**, respectively, and are not considered to be competitive by the Cook Political Report at this time.

Source: The Cook Political Report.

# The House's Incredible Shrinking Swing Seat

### Number of House seats by Partisan Voting Index of district



Note: "Swing" districts are defined as having an average presidential vote margin over the last two elections within five points of the national average

Source: Cook Political Report.

## Roadmap for the Presentation

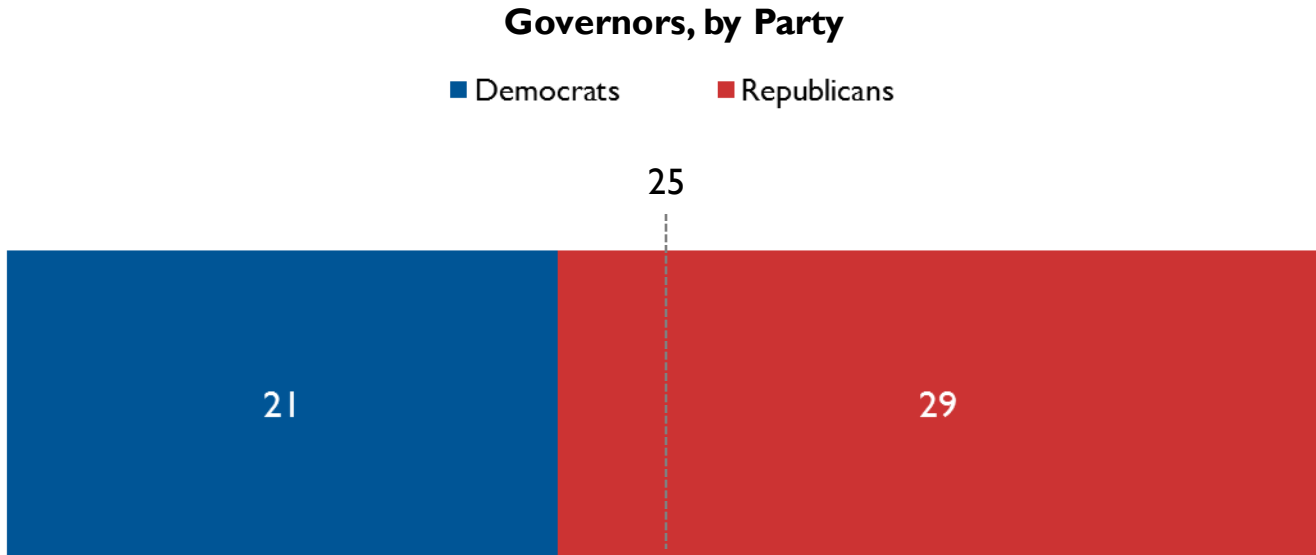
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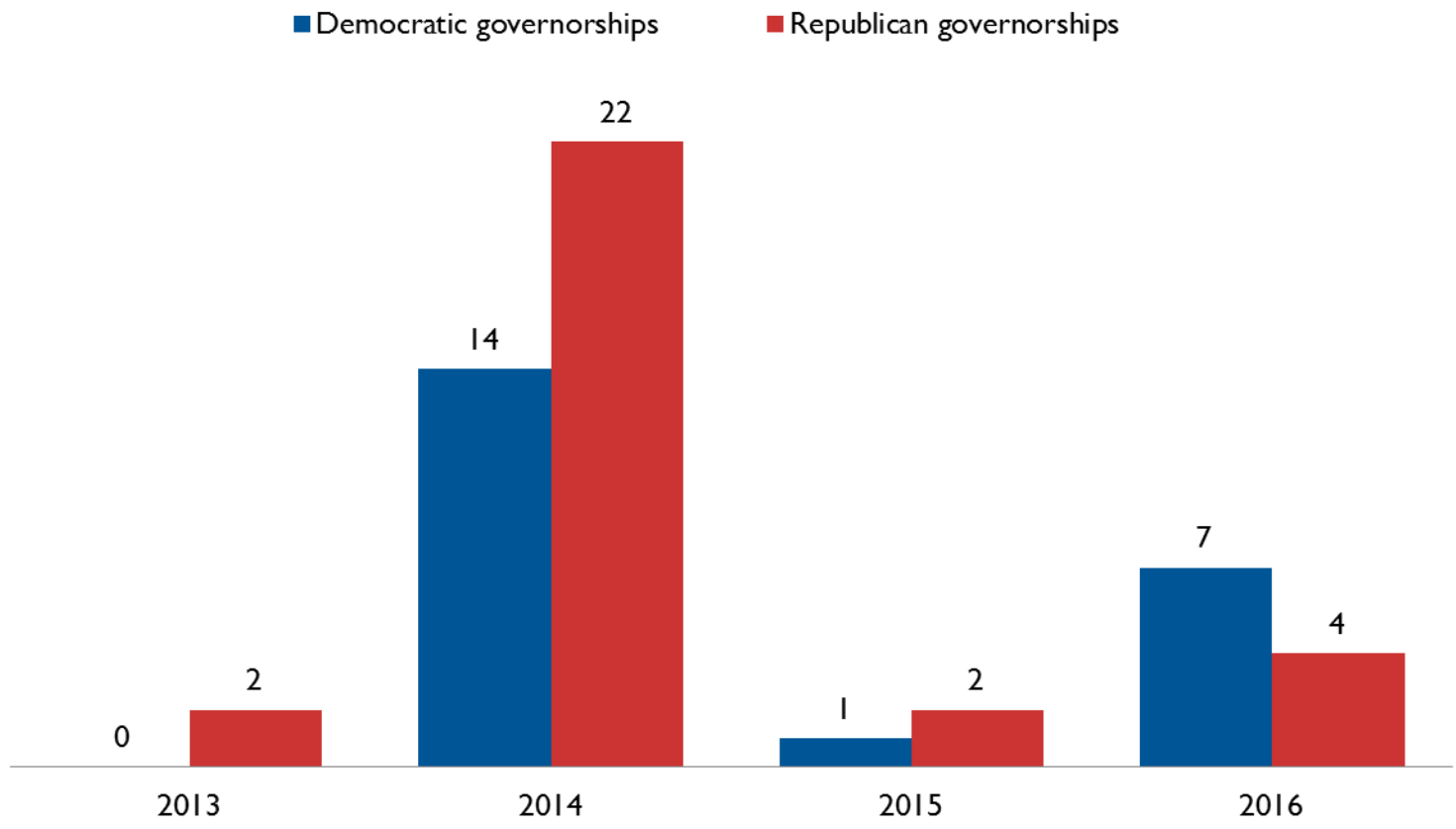
# Current Governors Breakdown



**Analysis**  
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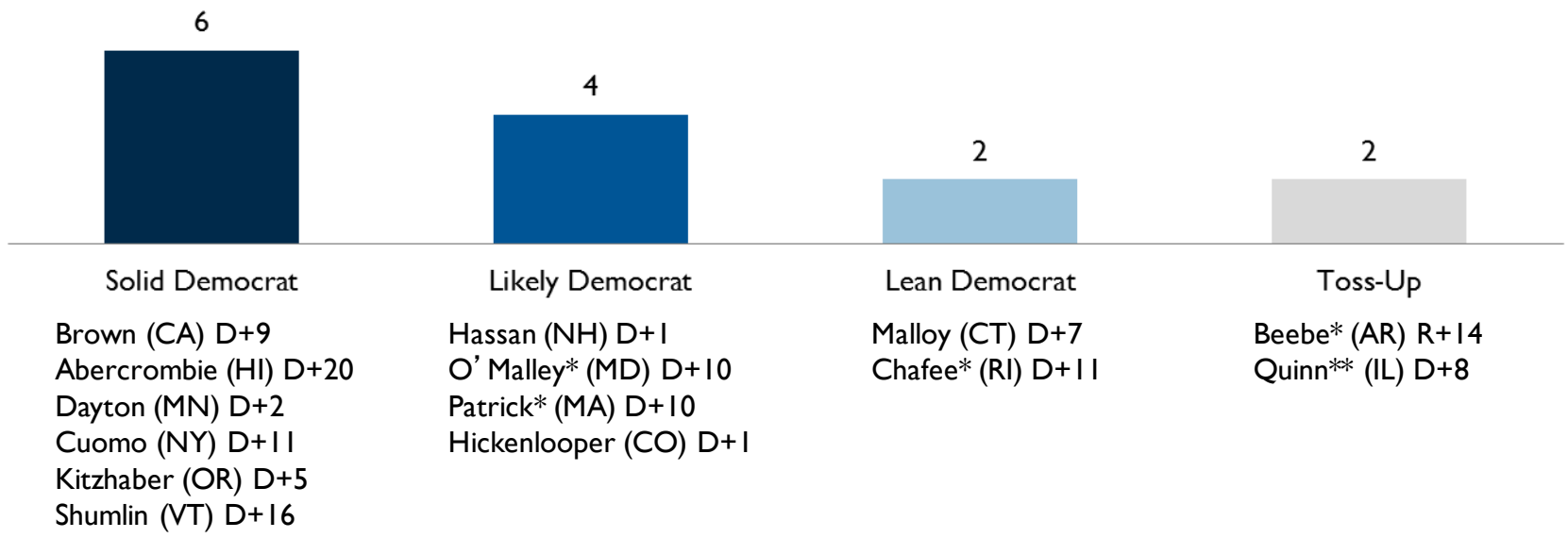
# GOP Govs Face Most Exposure in Upcoming Elections

Governorships in play, by election year



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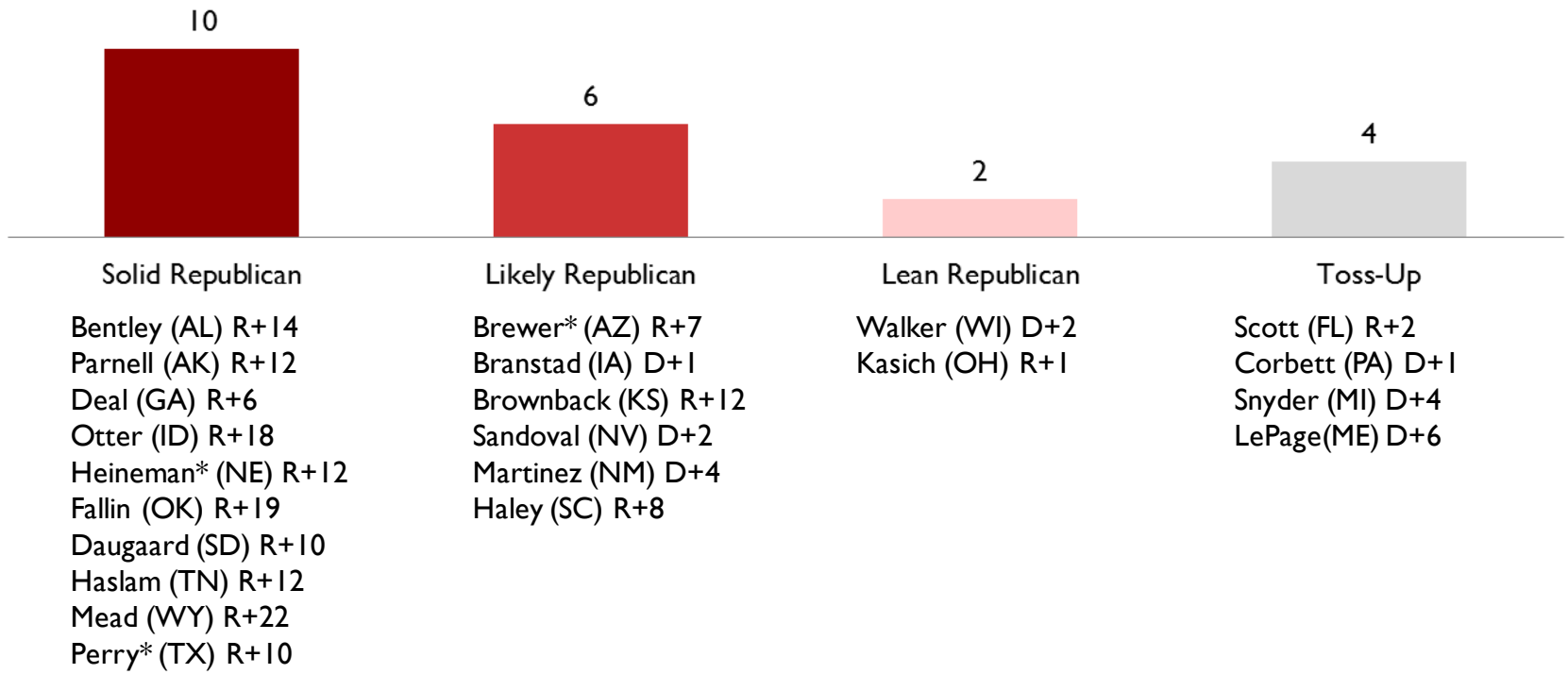
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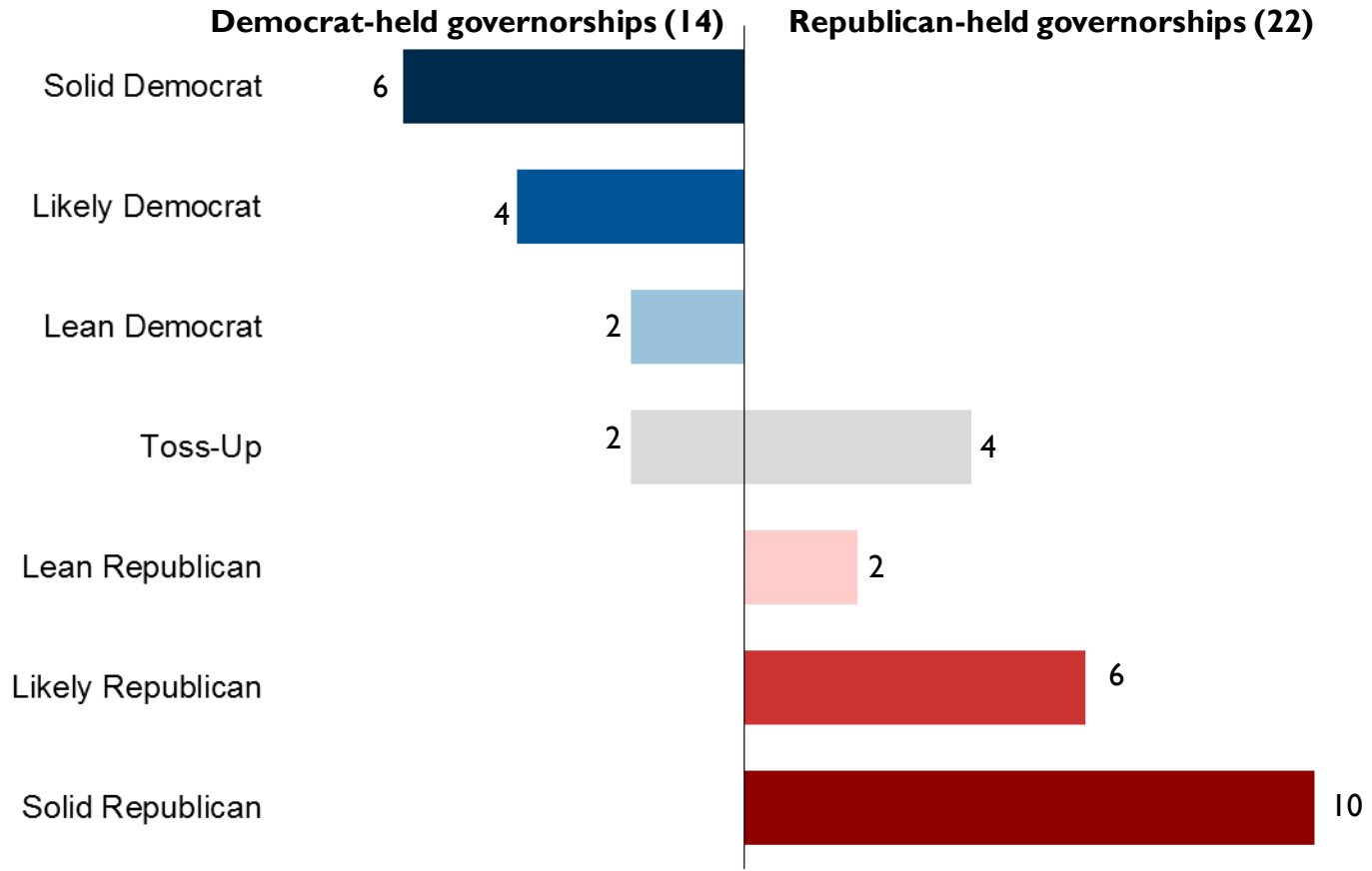


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# 2014 Governors Races Vulnerabilities

Breakdown of all 2014 governors races by Cook Political Report Rating  
36 total races



Source: The Cook Political Report.

# 2014 Vulnerable Dem Governors

Democratic governors who won with less than 55% of the vote in last gubernatorial election

55.0% to 52.0% (2)	51.9% to 50.0% (1)	49.9% or Less (6)
<b>DEMOCRATS (9)</b>		
Brown (CA) 53.4% Hassan (NH) 54.6%	Hickenlooper (CO) 51.0%	Malloy (CT) 49.5% Quinn (IL) 46.8% Patrick* (MA) 47.9% Dayton (MN) 43.4% Kitzhaber (OR) 49.3% Chafee* (I) (RI) 36.1%

\* Open seat

# 2014 Vulnerable GOP Governors

Republican governors who won with less than 55% of the vote in last gubernatorial election

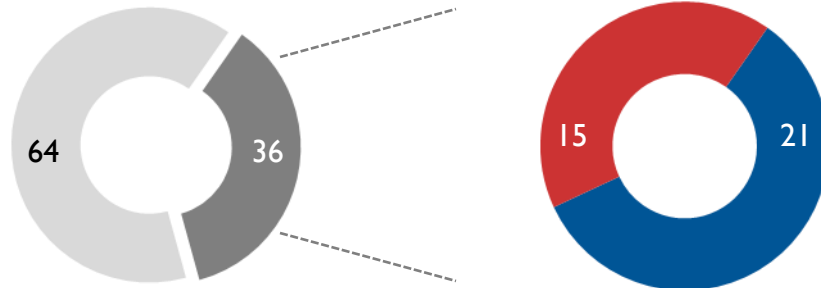
55.0% to 52.0% (8)	51.9% to 50.0% (1)	49.9% or Less (3)
<b>REPUBLICANS (12)</b>		
Brewer* (AZ) 54.3% Deal (GA) 53.0% Branstad (IA) 52.2% Sandoval (NV) 53.4% Martinez (NM) 53.3% Corbett (PA) 54.5% Perry (TX) 55.0% Walker (WI) 52.3%	Haley (SC) 51.4%	Scott (FL) 48.9% LePage (ME) 37.6% Kasich (OH) 49.0%

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# 2014 Midterm Elections: All Seats in Play, by Party

■ Seats in play ■ Seats not in play ■ Democrats ■ Republicans

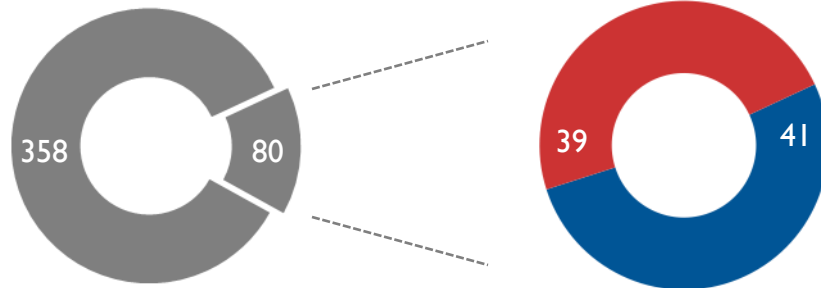
## Senate



**Current outlook:** To win the majority, Republicans would have to score a net gain of six seats. They are on track to pick up between four and six seats; it is more likely than not that the number will be at the higher end of – and may exceed – that range.

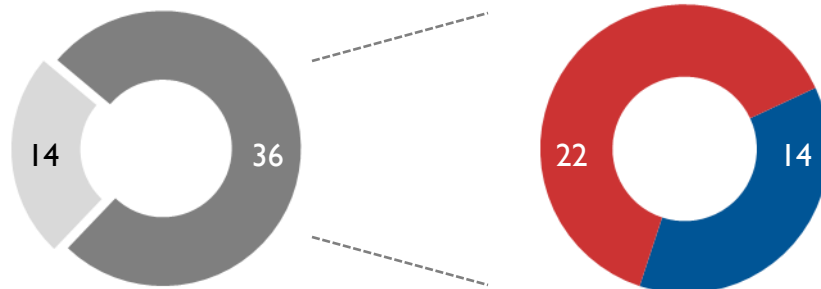
## House

*All seats in play, but 80 considered competitive or potentially competitive*



**Current outlook:** Democrats need a net gain of 17 seats to reach a majority in 2014. Because the House is well sorted-out, large shifts or a change in partisan control of the House are unlikely. In large part because of President Obama's standing and the GOP's midterm turnout advantages, we would estimate a Republican gain of between two and 12 House seats if the election were held today.

## Governors



**Current outlook:** While a favorable political landscape should help Republicans, they remain on track to lose between two and four seats.