

2022 MIDTERMS

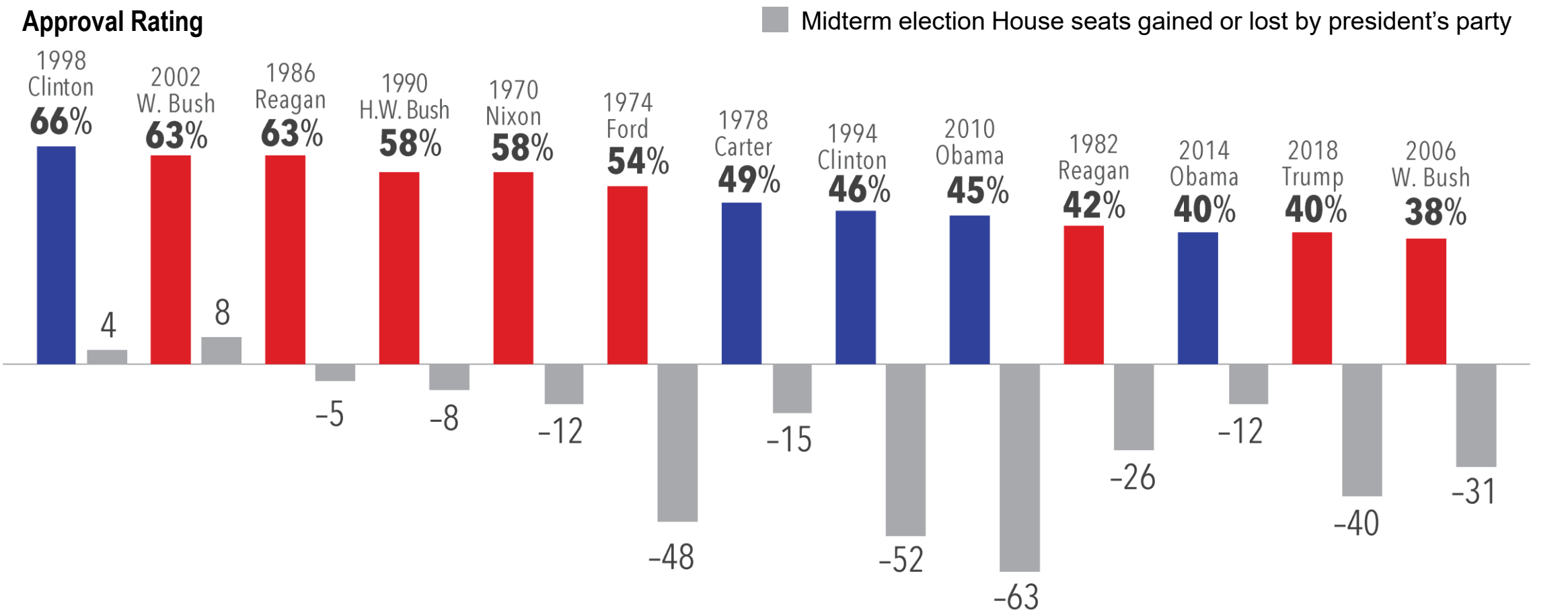


Historic Midterm Trends

- **Midterm elections tend to hurt the president's party**
 - The president's party lost ground in the House in 18 of the past 20 midterm elections and in the Senate in 15 of those elections
 - In 1994, two years into [Bill Clinton](#)'s presidency, Republicans ended four decades of Democratic House rule and won the Senate after eight years in the minority
 - Under [Barack Obama](#), Democrats lost control of the House in 2010 and the Senate in 2014
 - Under [Donald Trump](#) in 2018, Republicans lost the House but padded their Senate majority with an unusually favorable map
- **There have been exceptions to the rule**
 - Democrats gained five House seats in 1998 amid efforts to impeach [Clinton](#) during his second term
 - In 2002, a little more than a year after Sept. 11 and two years into [George W. Bush](#)'s first term, Republicans made gains in the House and wrested back control of the Senate from Democrats

President's Midterm Party Losses

Joe Biden's approval rating was 42.8% as of Sept. 27, according to FiveThirtyEight's presidential approval tracker



Source: Gallup, American Presidency Project

Biden Approval Rating

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE MIDTERMS?

Jan 28, 2021

September 12, 2022

43.1%
APPROVE

54%
DISAPPROVE

Presidential job approval — particularly at this stage of an election — can serve as a proxy for understanding how the public feels about the party in power

Source: RealClearPolitics



Do you think the country is heading in the right or wrong direction?



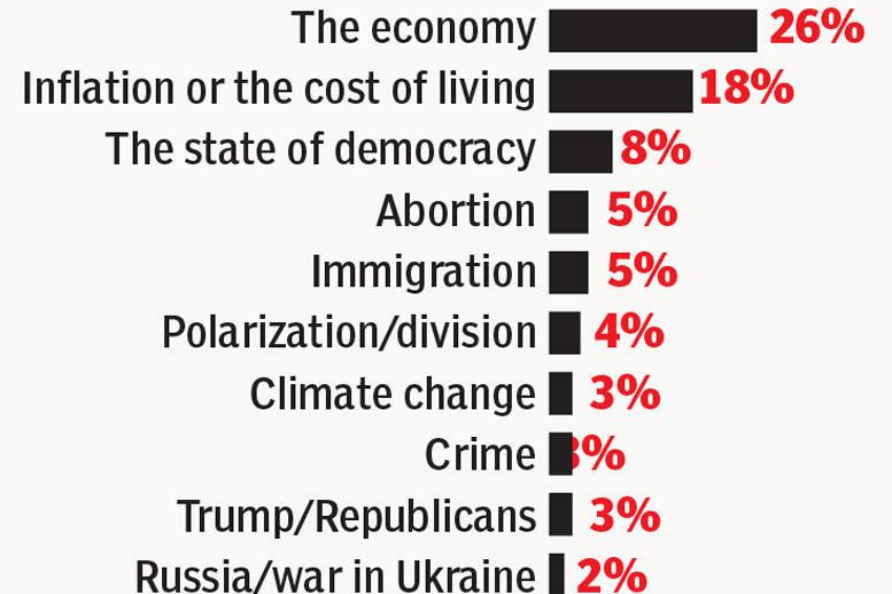
If this year's elections for Congress were held today, which party's candidate would you be more likely to vote for in your district?



Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?



What do you think is the MOST important problem facing the country today?

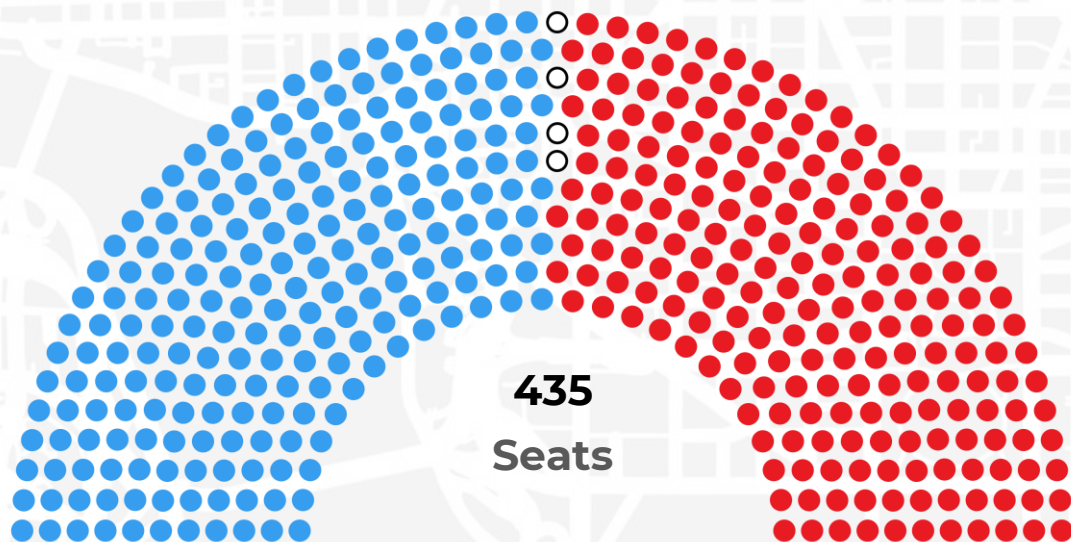


House & Senate MAJORITIES

HOUSE

Democrats 220

Republicans 211



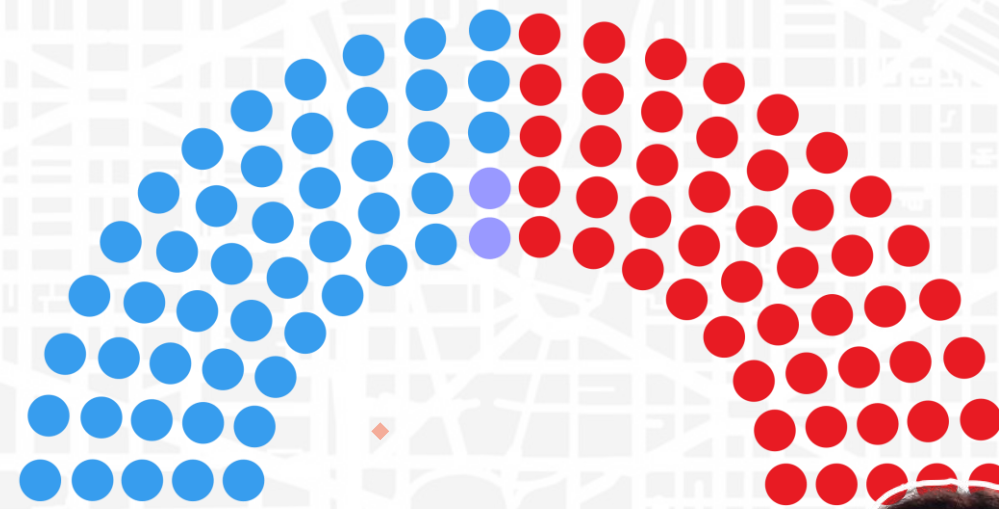
○ Vacancies 4

SENATE

Democrats 48

Independent 2

Republicans 50



Tightest Majorities in 20 Years

Senate Tie-Breaker, Vice President Kamala Harris

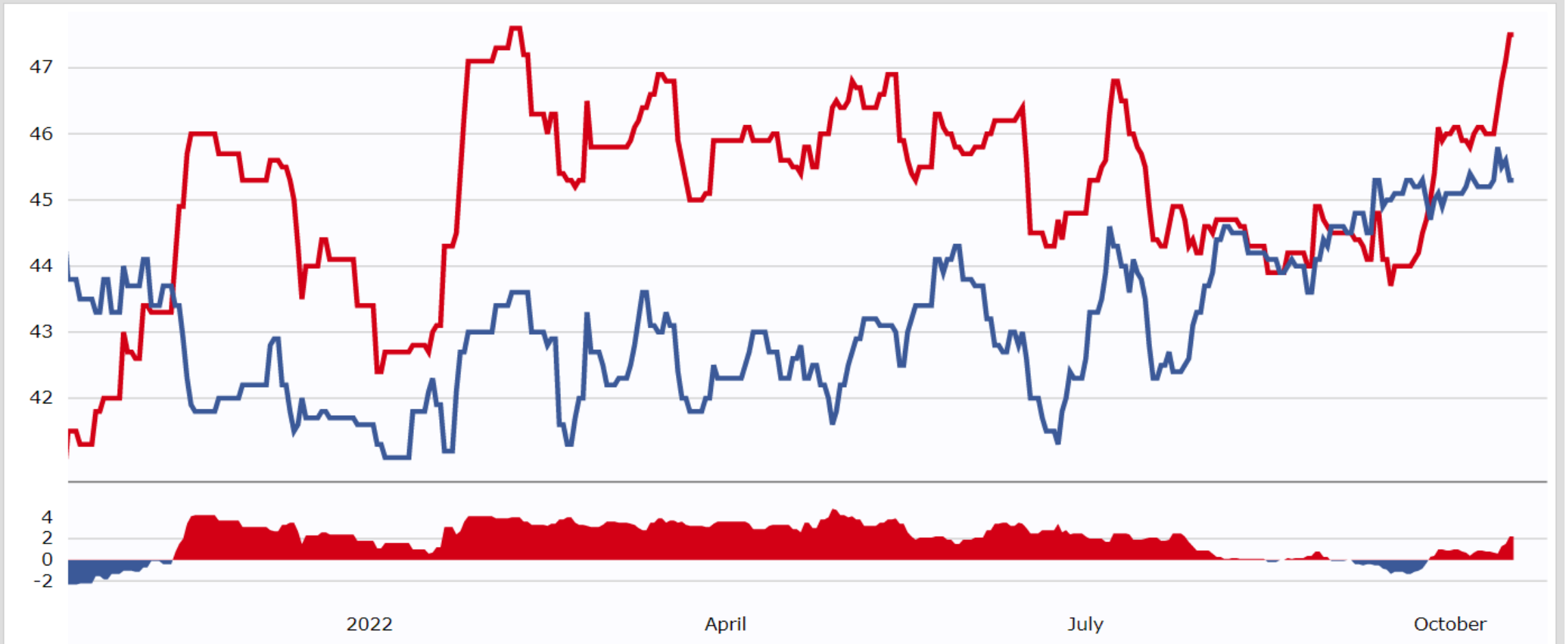


Generic Congressional Sentiment

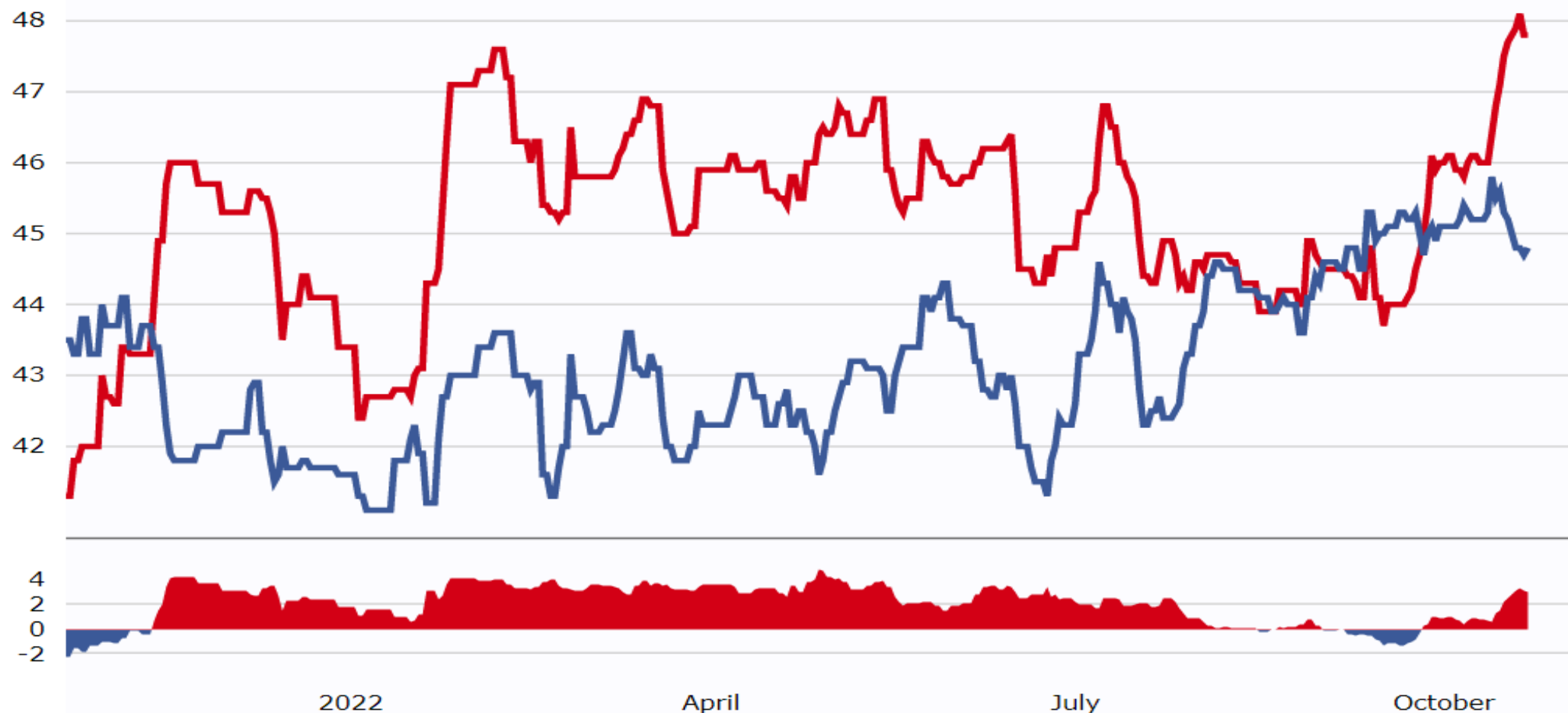


RCP POLL AVERAGE
2022 Generic Congressional Vote

47.5 Republicans (R) **+2.2**
45.3 Democrats (D)



47.8 Republicans (R) **+3.0**
44.8 Democrats (D)



From: to:

14D

30D

3M

6M

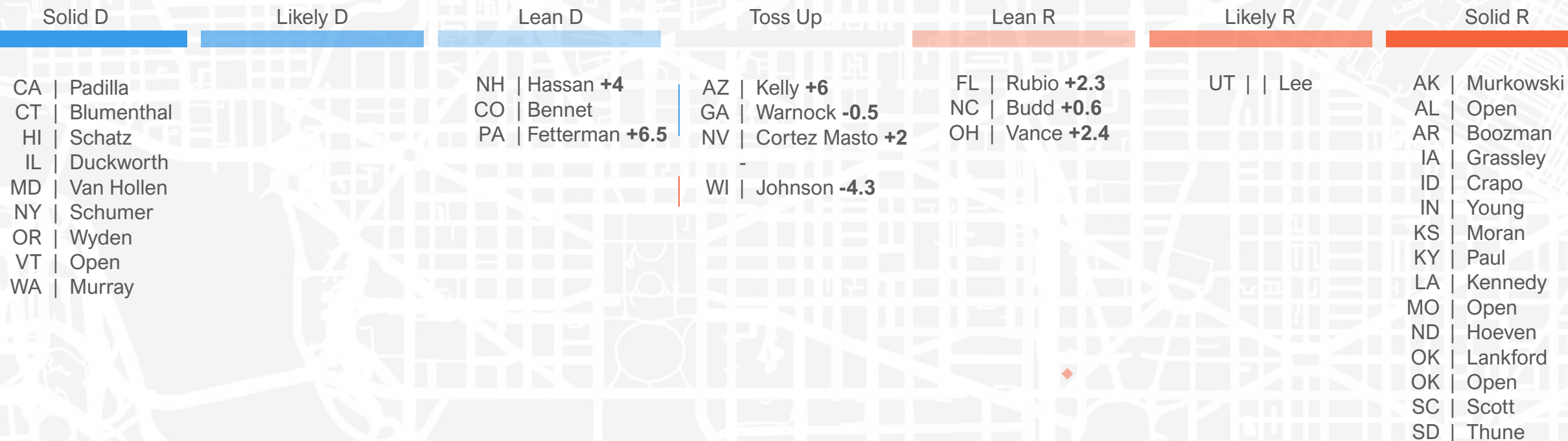
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Political Outlook

SENATE COMPETITIVE RACES



14 Democrat-controlled seats and 21 Republican-controlled seats are up for election

DEMOCRATS | 14 HELD SEATS

SOLID D	LIKELY D	LEAN D	TOSS UP	LEAN R	LIKELY R	SOLID R
CA-Padilla CT-Blumenthal HI-Schatz IL-Duckworth MD-Van Hollen NY-Schumer OR-Wyden VT-Open	WA-Murray	AZ-Kelly CO-Bennet NH-Hassan	GA-Warnock NV-Cortez Masto			

REPUBLICANS | 21 HELD SEATS

SOLID D	LIKELY D	LEAN D	TOSS UP	LEAN R	LIKELY R	SOLID R
			PA-Open WI-Johnson	NC-Open OH-Open	FL-Rubio IA-Grassley UT-Lee	AK-Murkowski AL-Open AR-Boozman ID-Crapo IN-Young KS-Moran KY-Paul LA-Kennedy MO-Open ND-Hoeven OK-Lankford OK-Open SC-Scott SD-Thune

Cook Political Report's House Battlefield Focused on 85 Races

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC 14 Dem • 0 Rep	LEAN DEMOCRATIC 15 Dem • 2 Rep	DEMOCRATIC TOSS UP 21 Dem • 0 Rep	REPUBLICAN TOSS UP 0 Dem • 10 Rep	LEAN REPUBLICAN 5 Dem • 7 Rep	LIKELY REPUBLICAN 4 Dem • 7 Rep
AZ-04 Stanton CA-09 Harder CO-07 Open CT-02 Courtney GA-02 Bishop IL-06 Casten IL-11 Foster IL-14 Underwood MD-06 Trone NC-06 Manning NJ-03 Kim NJ-05 Gottheimer NM-03 Leger Fernandez PA-12 Open	CA-47 Porter CA-49 Levin CT-05 Hayes IL-13 Open MI-03 Open MI-08 Kildee NC-01 Open NH-02 Kuster NV-04 Horsford NY-03 Open NY-04 Open NY-17 Maloney NY-18 Ryan OH-09 Kaptur OR-04 Open TX-28 Cuellar VA-07 Spanberger	AK-AL Peltola CA-13 Open IL-17 Open IN-01 Mrvan KS-03 Davids ME-02 Golden MI-07 Slotkin MN-02 Craig NH-01 Pappas NV-01 Titus NV-03 Lee NY-19 Open OH-13 Open OR-05 Open OR-06 New Seat PA-07 Wild PA-08 Cartwright PA-17 Open RI-02 Open VA-02 Luria WA-08 Schrier	AZ-01 Schweikert CA-22 Valadao CA-27 Garcia CO-08 New Seat NC-13 Open NE-02 Bacon NM-02 Herrell NY-22 Open OH-01 Chabot TX-34 Merged Seat	AZ-02 O'Halleran AZ-06 Open CA-41 Calvert CA-45 Steel FL-27 Salazar IA-01 Miller-Meeks IA-03 Axne MT-01 New Seat NJ-07 Malinowski NY-01 Open WA-03 Open WI-03 Open	CA-03 Open CA-40 Kim FL-13 Vacant FL-15 New Seat IA-02 Hinson MI-10 Open MN-01 Finstad NY-02 Garbarino NY-11 Malliotakis TN-05 Open TX-15 Open

Source: [Cook Political Report with Amy Walter](#) as of Oct. 19

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GOVERNOR RACE RATINGS

Solid D

Likely D

Lean D

Toss Up

Lean R

Likely R

Solid R

CA | Newsom
CO | Polis
HI | Open
IL | Pritzker
NY | Hochul
RI | McKee

MA | Open
MD | Open

CT | Lamont
MN | Walz

ME | Mills
MI | Whitmer
NM | Lujan Grisham
OR | Open
PA | Open **D +6**

KS | Kelly
NV | Sisolak **-0.4**
WI | Evers
-
AZ | Open **Tie**

GA | Kemp **+5.5**

AK | Dunleavy
FL | DeSantis
OH | DeWine
TX | Abbott

AL | Ivey
AR | Open
IA | Reynolds
ID | Little
NE | Open
NH | Sununu
OK | Stitt
SC | McMaster
SD | Noem
TN | Lee
VT | Scott
WY | Gordon

Possible Outcomes

POST-MIDTERMS



Split Control of Congress

- Conflicting legislative priorities between a new Republican majority in the House and Democratic Senate
- New House oversight and investigations of the Biden administration
- Senate special focus on judicial confirmations

Republican Congress – Biden White House

- Congress will pass an agenda to differentiate itself from the administration's agenda
- New focus on policy and appropriations riders to counter administration's regulatory agenda
- Administration will be forced to substantially focus more on regulatory agenda

Status Quo

- New partisan reconciliation legislation and new threats to the filibuster
- Emboldened regulatory agenda

Committee Control

Senate Energy and Natural Resources



- Democrat Majority:
 - Senator Joe Manchin D-WV will remain Chairman
 - Pro: coal, resource development, locally driven conservation, US energy and mineral development, abandoned mine policy
 - Supportive of Tribal issues



- Republican Majority:
 - Senator John Barrasso will become Chairman
 - Pro coal, oil & gas, mining, timber,
 - Focus on CO River drought, states rights, limited government approach to energy and natural resource development

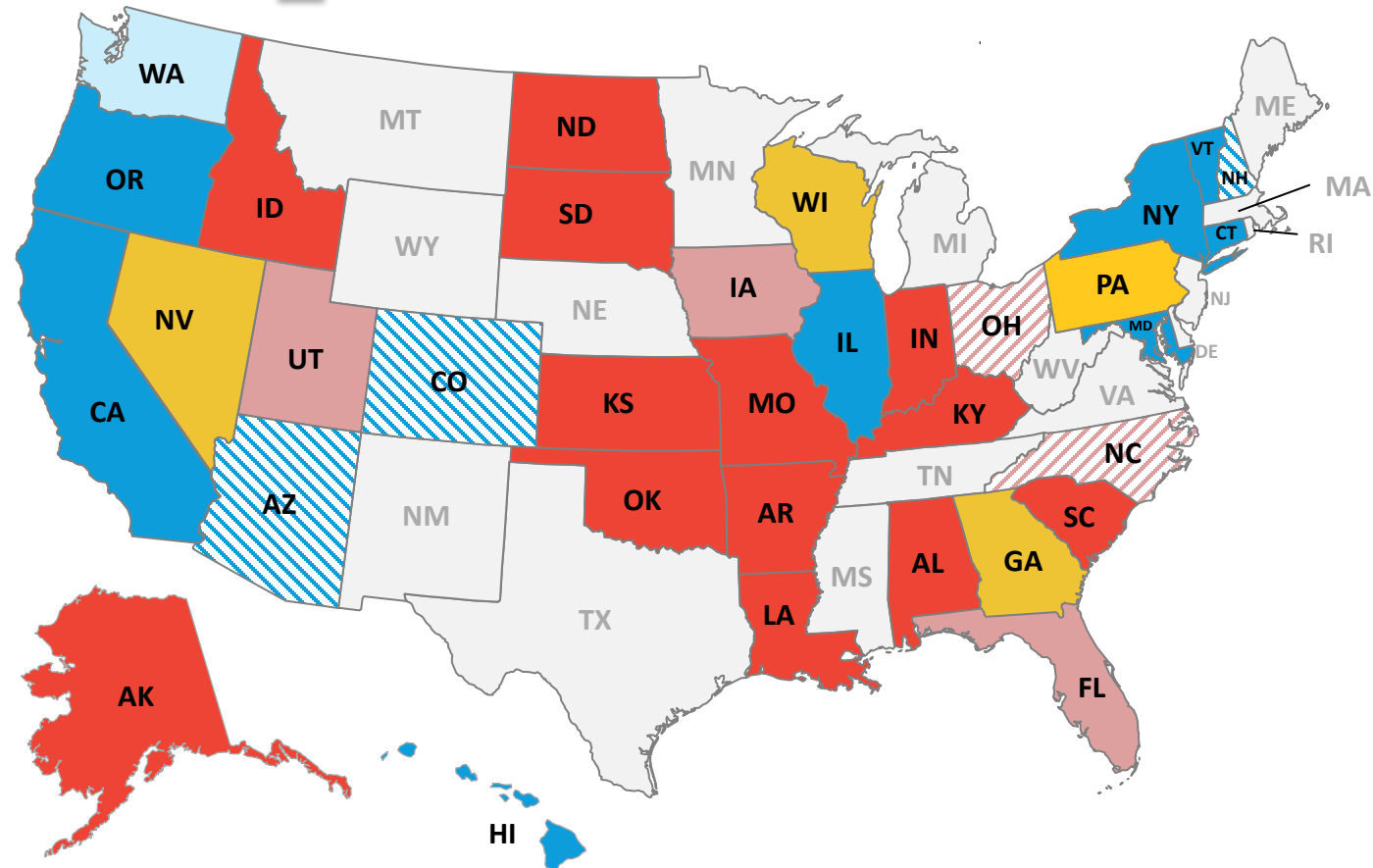
House Natural Resources

- Democrat Majority:
 - Raul Grijalva D-AZ
 - Pro: Tribal rights, conservation, renewable energy, recreation, ESA, Clean Water Act, NEPA, etc.
 - Anti: coal, oil & gas, mining on federal lands, and timber harvesting on federal lands
- Republican Majority:
 - Bruce Westerman R-AR
 - Pro: Timber harvesting, all of the above energy, US mineral development, locally driven conservation

2022 Senate Election Forecast

Republicans are on the defense in four of the nine most competitive races

■ Solid Republican ■ Likely Republican ■ Lean Republican ■ Toss Up
■ Solid Democratic ■ Likely Democratic ■ Lean Democratic



Note: Oklahoma has two races, both rated Solid Republican

Source: [Race ratings](#) from The Cook Political Report with Amy Walter, last updated Oct. 18

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48 Democrats

52 Republicans

