



What to Expect in Washington

September 2020

COVID-19 dashboard

~\$2.8t spent across three congressional bills on:

Health care and social
Services **\$450b**

Small businesses **\$750b**

Tax provisions **\$540b**

Specific industries **\$525b**

UI benefits, state funding,
supplemental appropriations
\$600b

Outlook for a next bill (CARES 2/COVID 4)



Timing

- House approved Democratic bill May 15
- Senate GOP bills released July 27
- President Trump signed exec. actions Aug. 8
- September 30 expiration of government funding could be action-forcing event



Major sticking points

- Unemployment add-on extended at \$600 or lesser amount
- Funding for state and local governments



Size

- House-passed HEROES Act is \$3t
- Republicans aiming for roughly \$1t, won't split difference and provide \$2t



President Trump's executive action August 8

- Memorandum to defer payroll taxes
- Memorandum providing for \$400 unemployment add-on
- Executive Order on assistance to renters, homeowners
- Memorandum on student loan payment relief

Other issues



Economy: real GDP decreased at an annual rate of 32.9% in 2nd quarter of 2020



Budget (CBO)

- FY20 deficit: \$3.7t



Election

- Trump/Pence vs. Biden/Harris
- Close Senate races

Major differences between House HEROES Act, Senate HEALS Act coronavirus bills

Size Senate Republican HEALS Act: ~\$1 trillion; House Democratic HEROES Act: ~\$3 trillion

State & local government funding

HEALS Act: no new funds

HEROES Act: \$875b (\$500b states, \$375b local governments)

Money for testing

HEALS Act: \$16b in grants to states for testing, contact tracing, and surveillance

HEROES Act: \$75b for testing, etc.

Medicaid

HEALS Act: doesn't address Medicaid

HEROES Act: Increases FMAP state Medicaid payments by 14 percentage points for 1 year

Liability protection

HEALS Act: protects people, schools, businesses from coronavirus exposure claims; health care providers against claims for treatment, diagnosis, care; and employers from liability under OSHA, etc.

House Democratic HEROES Act: moves in the other direction, requiring an OSHA standard to protect health care, other workers at occupational risk for COVID-19

Food, rental assistance

Senate Republican HEALS Act: does not address food or rental assistance

House Democratic HEROES Act: \$100b to help low-income renters avoid eviction; \$10b for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



Level-setting: key dates

	Washington dates	Select presidential race dates
March	<p>March 18 — Families First Coronavirus Response Act (bill No. 2) enacted</p> <p>March 27 — Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (bill No. 3) enacted</p>	
April	<p>April 24 — Paycheck Protection & Health Care Enhancement Act (bill No. 3.5) enacted</p>	
May	<p>May 15 — House approved the HEROES Act</p>	
June		
July	<p>July 31 — Expanded unemployment benefits expired</p>	
August		<p>August 24–27 — Republican National Convention</p>
September	<p>September 7 – Labor Day</p> <p>September 8 – Senate scheduled to return to session</p> <p>September 14 – House scheduled to return to session</p> <p>September 30 - Expiration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government funding • Highway authorization 	<p>September 29 – First presidential debate</p>
October		<p>October 7 -- Vice presidential debate</p> <p>October 15 – Second presidential debate</p> <p>October 22 – Third presidential debate</p>
November		<p>November 3 — Election Day</p>
December	<p>December 31 — Expiration of tax extender provisions</p>	

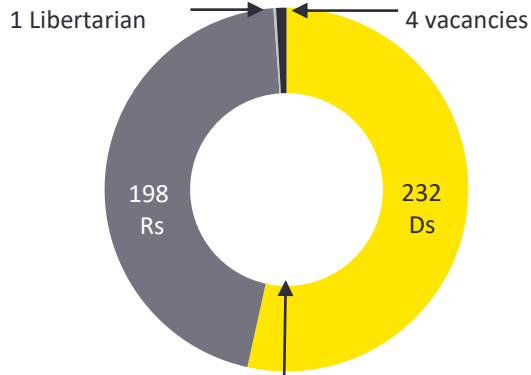
Election



Congress and the presidency

Now and election outlook

House

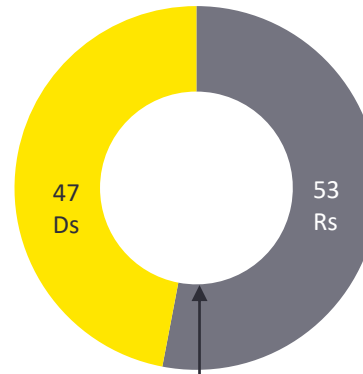


218 needed for control

- 232 Democrats
- 198 Republicans
- 1 Libertarian
- 4 vacancies: CA (Hunter), NC (Meadows), TX (Ratcliffe), GA (Lewis)

- If vacant seats remain same-party, 17-seat gain needed by Republicans to regain control of House
- 31 Democrats are from districts President Trump won in 2016
 - 21 are freshmen
- 3 Republicans are from districts won by Clinton
- 27 Republicans, 9 Democrats are not seeking re-election
- No party has gone from the minority to the majority in the House in a presidential election year since 1952

Senate

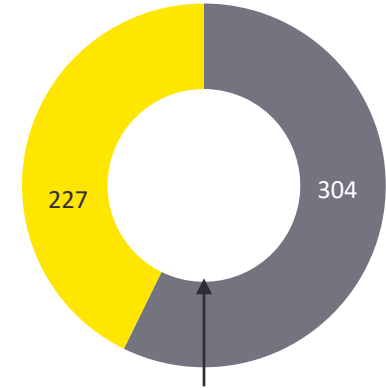


50 needed for control*

- 53 Republicans
- 47 Democrats

- Up for re-election in 2020:
- 23 Republican seats, 12 Democratic seats
 - Most vulnerable GOP senators include:
 - Martha McSally (R-AZ)
 - Thom Tillis (R-NC)
 - Susan Collins (R-ME)
 - Cory Gardner (R-CO)
 - Steve Daines (R-MT)
 - Joni Ernst (R-IA)
 - David Perdue (R-GA)
 - Democrat Doug Jones (D-AL) in tough race

White House



270 electoral votes to win presidency

- President Trump won with 304 electoral votes in 2016; 232 pledged to Clinton, who received 227

Four states were/are key: MI (16 votes), WI (10), PA (20), FL (29) = 75 total

(AZ, NC also now considered battlegrounds)

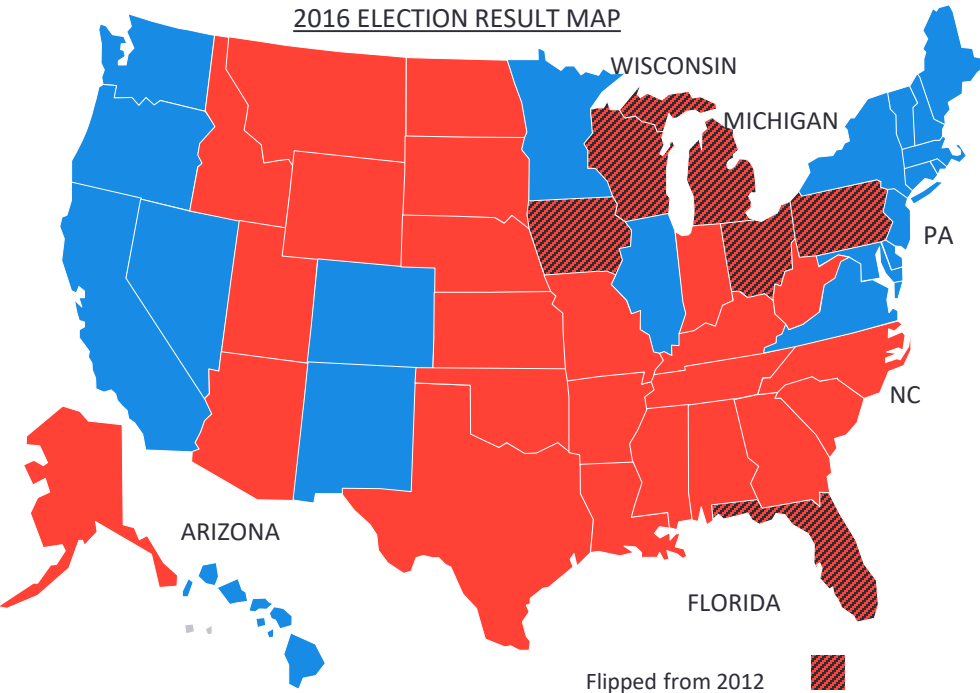
Biden's campaign thinks winning path = Wisconsin, Michigan & Pennsylvania; optimistic on Arizona, Texas and Georgia (Washington Post, 6/22/20)

Michigan has had unemployment consistently >20%, with the other 2 states in that category the more tourism-dependent Nevada & Hawaii

*If same-party President; VP becomes 51st vote

Presidential battleground states

2016 ELECTION RESULT MAP



State	2012 result	2016 result	Currently*
Michigan	Obama +9.5%	Trump +.2%	Biden +6.7%
Pennsylvania	Obama +5.2%	Trump +.7%	Biden +5.7%
Wisconsin	Obama +6.7%	Trump +.8%	Biden +6.5%
Florida	Obama +.9%	Trump +1.2%	Biden +5%
Arizona	Romney +10.1	Trump +3.5%	Biden +2%
North Carolina	Romney +1.8	Trump +3.7%	Trump +.6%
Ohio	Obama +1.9%	Trump +7.9%	Biden +2.3%
Georgia	Romney +8%	Trump +5.1%	Trump +1.1%
Texas	Romney +15.8%	Trump +9%	Trump +3.5%

*Source: Real Clear Politics

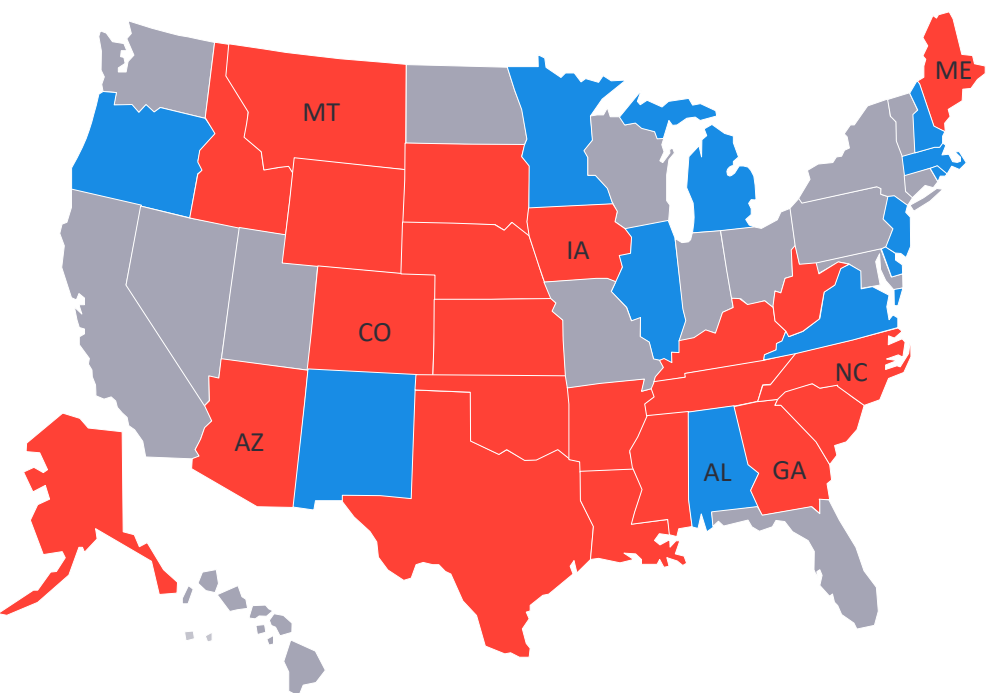
Election notes

- 232 electoral votes were pledged to Clinton in 2016. 270 electoral votes needed to win presidency. Battleground states # of electoral votes:

FL - 29 PA - 20 WI - 10 MI - 16 AZ - 11 NC - 15 OH - 18 GA - 16 TX - 38

- If Trump wins FL, Biden must win MI, WI and PA (or other Trump states) + all states Clinton won
- If Biden wins FL and all states Clinton won, victory could be had with a win in any of MI, WI or PA (since only 9 more electoral votes could be needed)
- CNN: Biden’s easiest path to victory is MI, PA, AZ - “He can ... lose Wisconsin, Florida and North Carolina and still be elected president”
- Biden could also win (assuming he gets the 232 votes pledged to Clinton) with: just FL & AZ; just FL & PA; MI, PA, & AZ; MI, PA, & NC
- Trump won with 306 electoral votes. Could win again if he lost: PA & MI; PA & AZ; AZ & MI

Senate



Republican seat(s) up in 2020 ■
 Democratic seats(s) up in 2020 ■
 No Senate election in 2020 ■

Election notes

- **SC:** Race tightening for Lindsey Graham; rated Lean R from Likely R
- **ME:** Collins consistently just above 40% support after being elected at >60% of vote in 2002, 2008, 2014. She is no longer perceived as a moderate after voting for 2017 tax bill, Kavanaugh SCOTUS nomination.
- **GA special:** All candidates on ballot on election day; if none get >50%, runoff between top 2. Trump-ally Collins could play spoiler. One Democratic candidate is son of former Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT). (There is also the regular GA election for incumbent David Perdue, R-GA.)

Category	Senator	Rating*	Opponent
2 Republicans in states Trump won by <5 percentage points	Martha McSally (R-AZ)	Lean D	Mark Kelly
	Thom Tillis (R-NC)	Toss-up	Cal Cunningham
2 Republicans running in states Clinton won	Susan Collins (R-ME)	Toss-up	Sara Gideon
	Cory Gardner (R-CO)	Toss-up	John Hickenlooper
2 Democrats running in states Trump won	Doug Jones (D-AL)	Lean R	Tommy Tuberville
	Gary Peters (D-MI)	Lean D	John James
Other competitive races	Steve Daines (R-MT)	Toss-up	Gov. Steve Bullock
	David Perdue (R-GA)	Toss-up	Jon Ossoff
	Joni Ernst (R-IA)	Toss-up	Theresa Greenfield
	Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) <i>special</i>	Lean R	Rep. Doug Collins (R) Multiple Democrats
	Kansas (open)	Lean R	Rep. Roger Marshall (R-KS) Barbara Bollier (D)

*Cook Political Report



Advocacy tips for nonprofit engagement

- Focus on the actual, not the theoretical: what does your nonprofit do on a daily basis?
- What is your ask?
- What is your organization's footprint?
- Who are your nonprofit's "champions"?
- Keep it succinct

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