

Thirty-three seats in the 100-seat Senate and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives are up for election on November 7. Democrats need to win an additional six of 15 Republican seats up for grabs to take control of the Senate, and pick up 15 seats to obtain a majority in the House

## U.S. mid-term battlegrounds

### Contested Senate seats



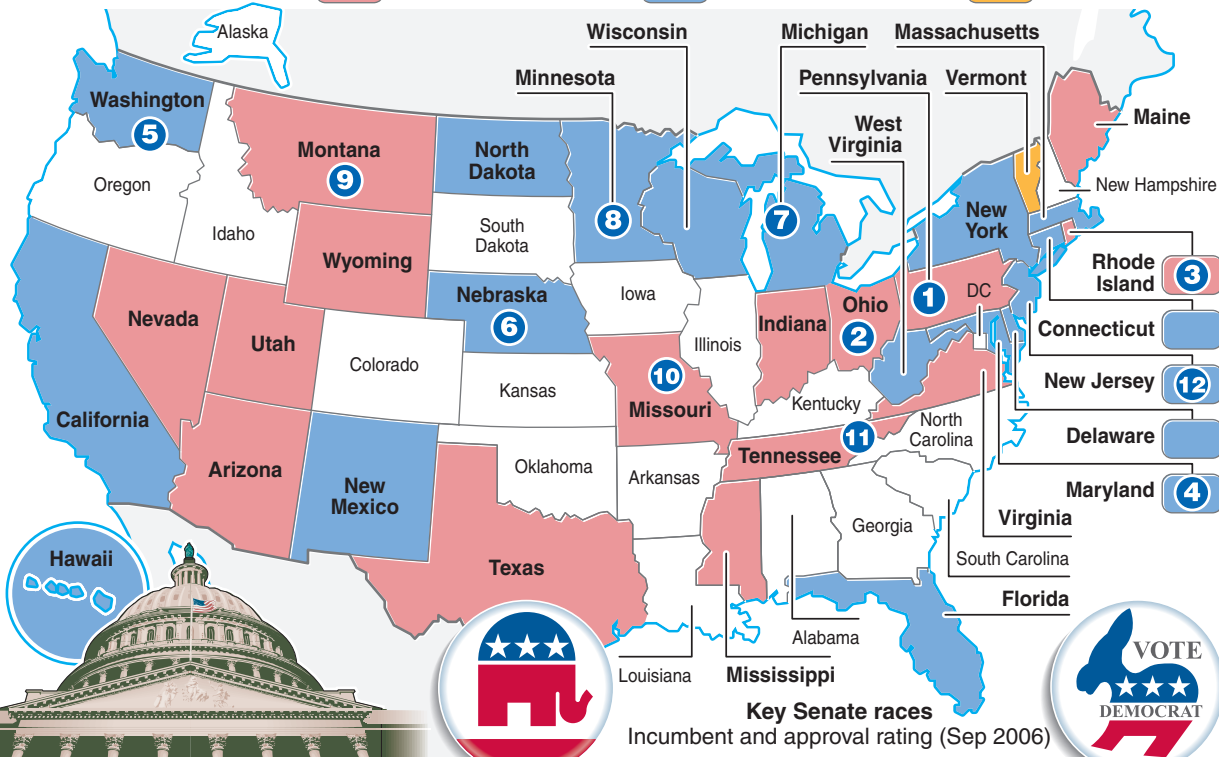
REPUBLICAN



DEMOCRAT



INDEPENDENT



Key Senate races  
Incumbent and approval rating (Sep 2006)

### Probable Democrat gain

**1** Pennsylvania: Rick Santorum (*R*) 39%

### Democrats hope to win or retain

**2** Ohio: Mike DeWine (*R*) 42%

**3** Rhode Island: Lincoln Chafee (*R*) 49%

**4** Maryland: Open seat – senator retiring –

**5** Washington: Maria Cantwell (*D*) 53%

**6** Nebraska: Ben Nelson (*D*) 60%

### Democrat favoured

**7** Michigan: Debbie Stabenow (*D*) 54%

**8** Minnesota: Open seat – senator retiring –

### Toss-up seats – no clear favourite

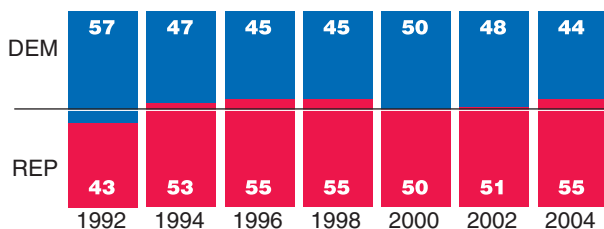
**9** Montana: Conrad Burns (*R*) 36%

**10** Missouri: Jim Talent (*R*) 48%

**11** Tennessee: Open seat – senator retiring –

**12** New Jersey: Robert Menendez (*D*) 40%

### Control of Senate



House of Representatives (2006)  
REPUBLICAN: 230  
INDEPENDENT: 1  
Vacant: 3

