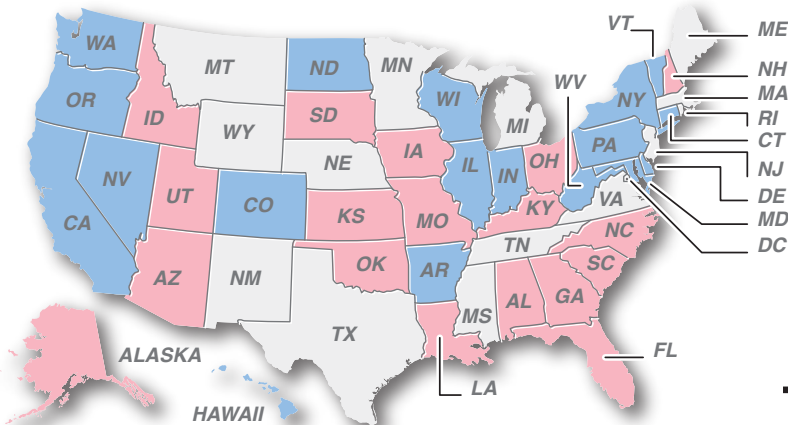


U.S. midterm elections

Senate races ■ Currently Democrat ■ Currently Republican ■ No election



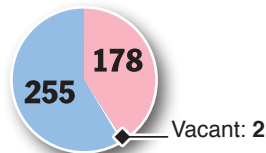
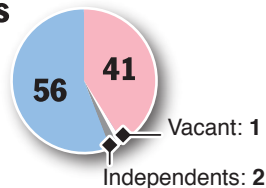
Republicans need to pick up just 39 Democrat seats to overturn President Obama's majority in the House of Representatives on November 2. All 435 House seats and 37 of the 100 Senate seats are up for grabs as well as 37 gubernatorial elections to choose state governors

Congress

Current balance

SENATE
100 seats –
51 seats
needed for
majority

HOUSE
435 seats –
218 seats
needed for
majority



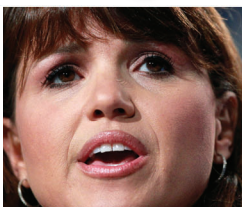
Ten key battlegrounds



■ **NEVADA** *Senate*
Senate Democrat leader **Harry Reid** – closely aligned with Obama administration policies – in neck-and-neck fight with ultraconservative Republican Tea Party choice **Sharron Angle**



■ **ALASKA** *Sen.*
Republican **Joe Miller** – supported by **Sarah Palin** and Tea Party movement – favourite to win over incumbent **Lisa Murkowski**, who lost Republican primary and is running as independent



■ **DELAWARE** *Sen.*
Tea Party rising star **Christine O'Donnell**, who beat veteran congressman in party primaries, competing against Democratic rival **Chris Coons** for former seat of Vice-President **Joe Biden**



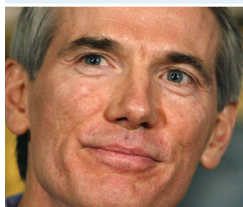
■ **FLORIDA** *Sen.*
Tea party candidate **Marco Rubio** leading over governor **Charlie Crist**, who is running as independent after losing Republican primary. Democrat **Kendrick Meek** languishing in 3rd place



■ **CONNECTICUT** *Sen.*
Predicted cakewalk for Democrat state Attorney General **Richard Blumenthal** has not panned out as lead is dwindling over former CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment **Linda McMahon**



■ **ILLINOIS** *Sen.*
Republican representative **Mark Kirk** and Democrat state Treasurer **Alexi Giannoulias** fighting tight and expensive battle for former Senate seat of **President Obama**



■ **OHIO** *Sen.*
Republican **Rob Portman** – former Cabinet official under **President Bush**, leading over Democrat **Lee Fisher** in race seen as test of whether an anti-Bush message is still relevant



■ **CALIFORNIA** *Gov.*
Republican candidate and former eBay CEO **Meg Whitman** in tight race with Democrat **Jerry Brown** to replace **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, who is barred from running again



■ **MASSACHUSETTS**
First African-American governor **Deval Patrick**, whose first campaign offered template for Obama, saw approval ratings sinking last year but is now ahead in polls over Republican **Charlie Baker** *Gov.*



■ **NEW YORK** *Gov.*
Real estate developer **Carl Paladino**, who drew controversy for forwarding racist and sexist emails as well as for anti-gay remarks, trailing behind Democrat opponent **Andrew Cuomo**