

U.S. Midterm elections: Key Senate battlegrounds



COLORADO – Udall v Gardner

Democratic incumbent **Mark Udall**, scion of famous political family, faces young Republican congressman **Cory Gardner**, from rural east of state, in race that highlights Colorado's geographic and cultural divisions



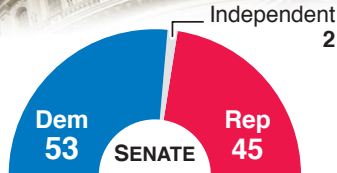
IOWA – Braley v Ernst

Democrat Congressman **Bruce Braley** initially projected to win seat of agricultural state but now in dead heat with Republican **Joni Ernst** following slip by Braley in which he appeared to mock farmers

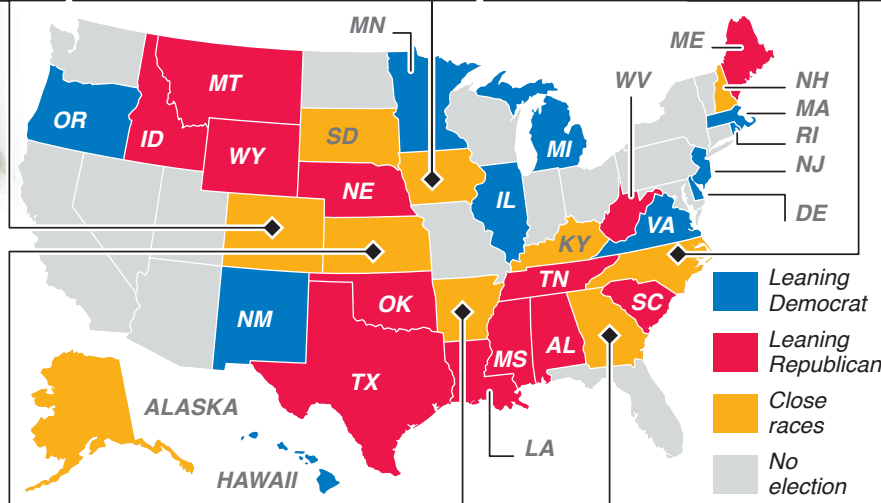


N. CAROLINA – Hagan v Tillis

Incumbent Democratic Senator **Kay Hagan**, elected in 2008 amid wave of support for **Barack Obama** in conservative state, in tight race with **Thom Tillis**, speaker of state House of Representatives



100 seats, 51 seats needed for majority, 36 races at stake
Republicans need six seats to regain control



KANSAS – Roberts v Orman

Republican incumbent **Pat Roberts**, first elected to Senate in 1996, faces first independent candidate, businessman **Greg Orman**, whose chances have been boosted by withdrawal of Democratic Party candidate



ARKANSAS – Pryor v Cotton

Democrat Senator **Mark Pryor**, first elected to Senate in 2002, faces Republican congressman **Tom Cotton** – veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan and among most conservative members of House



GEORGIA – Nunn v Perdue

Non-profit executive **Michelle Nunn**, daughter of long-time U.S. Senator **Sam Nunn**, is trying to become first Democratic U.S. senator elected in Georgia since 2000. She faces businessman **David Perdue**