

SOUTH CAROLINA BLUES FEDERAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE



October 2020

Election Happenings

The next Federal election will be held on November 3, 2020. COVID-19 has impacted the election regarding campaigns going virtual, expectations of what voter turnout will be, and incumbent performance. Campaigns have postponed in-person rallies and fundraising events and have gone to digital outreach and virtual fundraisers. Before the outbreak voter turnout was expected to be high, but now absentee and mail-in voting policies have expanded. Incumbents will most likely be judged on how they responded to the crisis.

SENATE

Democrats would need to gain 4 seats or 3 seats and the Presidency to win the Senate. Out of the 35 seats up for re-election, 12 are currently held by Democrats and 23 are currently held by Republicans. 10 states have vulnerable Senate seats. Those include Alabama between incumbent Doug Jones (D) and challenger Tommy Tuberville (R), Arizona between incumbent Martha McSally (R) and challenger Mark Kelly (D), Colorado between incumbent Cory Gardner (R) and challenger John Hickenlooper (D), Georgia between David Perdue (R) and challenger Jon Ossoff (D), Georgia's special election including candidates such as Kelly Loeffler (R), Iowa with Joni Ernst (R) and Theresa Greenfield (D), Kansas with Rep. Roger Marshall (R) and Barbara Bollier (D), Maine between incumbent Susan Collins (R) and challenger Sara Gideon (D), Michigan with Gary Peters (D) and John James (R), Montana with Steve Daines (R) and Steve Bullock (D), and North Carolina between incumbent Thom Tillis (R) and challenger Cal Cunningham (D).

HOUSE

There are 20 vulnerable House seats. Republicans would need to flip 18 seats to regain control of the House. They are listed here by how likely they are to flip according to National Journal.

TX-28: Rep. Will Hurd (R)
GA-7: Rep. Rob Woodall (R)
NM-2: Rep. Xochitl Torres Small (D)
OK-5: rep. Kendra Horn (D)
SC-1: Joe Cunningham (D)
TX-22: Rep. Pete Olson (R)
TX-24: Rep. Kenny Marchant (R)
IN-5: Rep. Susan Brooks (R)
IA-1: Rep. Abby Finkensuer (D)
NY-22: Rep. Anthony Brindisi (D)

NY-11: Rep. Max Rose (D)
ME-2: Rep. Jared Golden (D)
NY-2: Rep. Peter King (R)
IL-13: Rep. Rodney Davis (R)
IA-3: Rep. Cindy Axne (D)
NE-2: Rep. Don Bacon (R)
PA-10: Rep. Scott Perry (R)
MN-7: Rep. Collins Peterson (D)
NY-24: Rep. John Katko (R)
CA-25: Rep. Mike Garcia (R)

PRESIDENTIAL

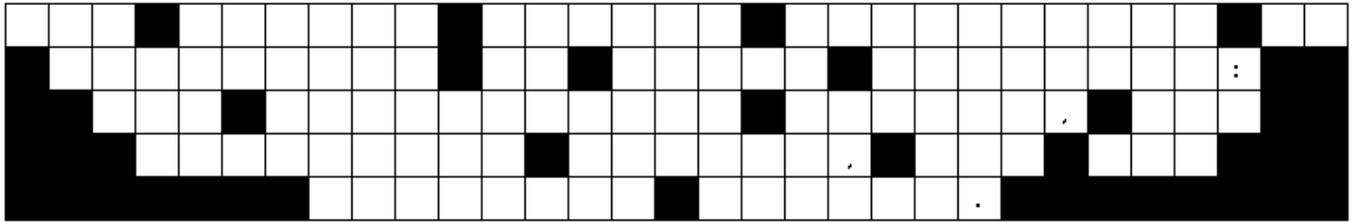
President Trump's handling of COVID-19, shifting demographics in key states, suburban districts, and campaigning in a pandemic are all playing huge roles in the presidential election. Historically, Presidents who were up for re-election during a recession were impacted negatively. Six Presidents since 1912 have faced a recession within two years before their reelection bid. Five of those six lost.

As far as campaign finance, President Trump has raised \$415 million, spent \$302 million, and has \$121 million cash on hand. Biden has raised \$328 million, spent \$230 million, and has \$99 million cash on hand.

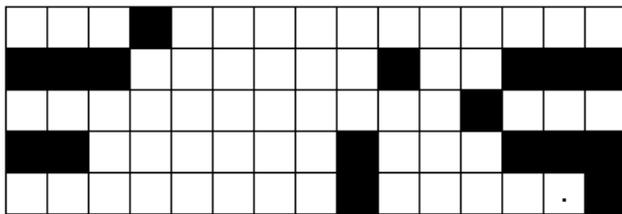
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Political Fun

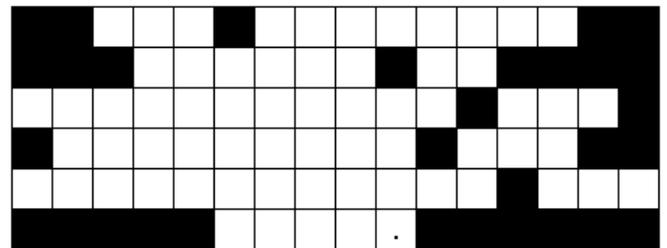
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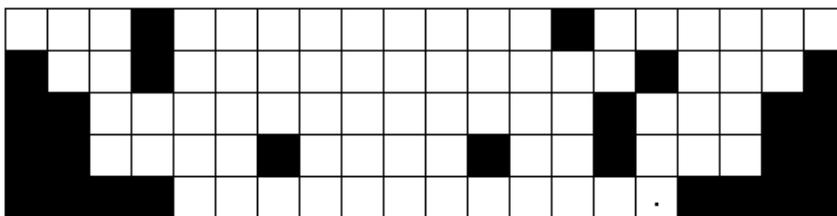
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ANSWER

The United States Government is comprised of three branches: the Legislative branch, the Executive branch, and the Judicial Branch. |

The Legislative branch is responsible for making and altering laws. | The Judicial branch is responsible for enforcing and interpreting the laws.

| The Executive branch is responsible for implementing the laws made by the legislature.