



# 2022 Midterm Elections and Health Care: Landscape Overview and What to Watch

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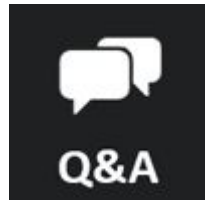


# Agenda

- ★ Introduction 5 mins
- ★ “Who is the Older Voter?” 10 mins
- ★ Landscape Overview: 2022 Midterm Elections 25 mins
  - Federal Overview
  - State Overview
- ★ Elections and State Advocacy Opportunities 10 mins
- ★ Question & Answer 10 mins

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- ★ Webinar is being recorded.
- ★ Link to the recording will be provided to all attendees in a post-webinar email from United States of Care.
- ★ Questions can be submitted at anytime using the Q&A button on your bottom toolbar.



## Panelists



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# “Who is the Older Voter?”





## Resources from AARP

Our latest “She’s the Difference” poll focusing on women 50+:

<https://www.aarp.org/research/topics/politics/info-2022/shes-the-difference-likely-voters-50-plus-survey-october-2022.html>

Our battleground state polls:

[www.aarp.org/voterpolls22](http://www.aarp.org/voterpolls22)

Our state election guides: [www.aarp.org/electionguides](http://www.aarp.org/electionguides)

# Landscape Overview: 2022 Midterm Elections



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## How Media is Framing This Cycle

**KFF Health Tracking Poll July 2022: Inflation Tops Voters' Priorities, But Abortion Access Resonates For Key Voting Blocs**

**KFF**



**Economy is top voting issue for GOP voters; Democrats rate several issues as very important, led by health care**

**POLITICO-Harvard poll: Gun policies, along with abortion, inflation and economy, are top concern for voters**

**POLITICO**

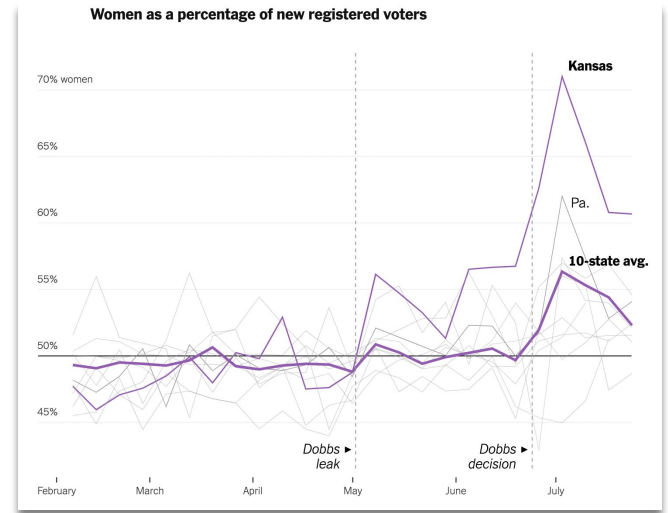
**Bloomberg**

**Political Ad Spending for Midterms Is Set to Hit Record \$9 Billion**

## Key Trends

★ Strong Response to Supreme Court Ruling on *Dobbs*:

- KS: More than 70 percent of newly registered voters were women.
- PA: More than 40,000 people registered to vote in the 2 months following the decision v. 30,000 in the 2 months prior



★ Early Voting Already Underway (Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>)

- 15 states
  - AZ, CA, IL, IN, ME, MI, MN, MT, NE, NM, OH, SD, VA, VT, WY

★ Spending

- Individual Democrats have outraised Republicans
  - Republican PACs and National Committees have outraised Dems
- Republicans are outspending Democrats
- Most expensive races (Senate)
  - AZ, GA, OH, PA, WI



1. New York Times. After Roe's End, Women Surged in Signing Up to Vote in Some States. [Link.](#)
2. NCSL. Early In-Person Voting. [Link.](#)
3. Open Secrets. 2022 federal midterm elections spending on track to top \$9.3 billion. [Link.](#)
4. Market Watch. Democrats raise more money than Republicans in 9 out of 10 competitive Senate races, channeling voter 'energy' after Roe overturned. [Link.](#)

# Federal Midterm Election Forecasts

**35** Senate seats up for election

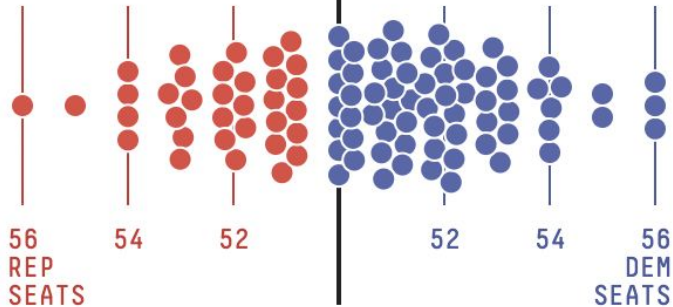
**435** House seats up for election

## 2022 Senate Forecast

UPDATED 17 MINUTES AGO

Republicans win  
**34 in 100**

Democrats win  
**66 in 100**

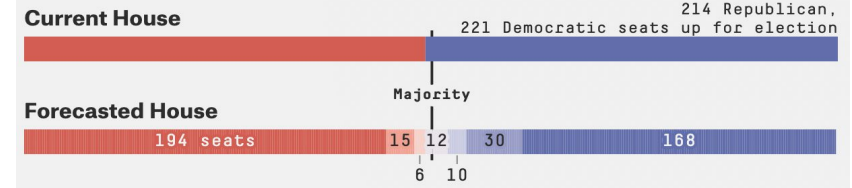
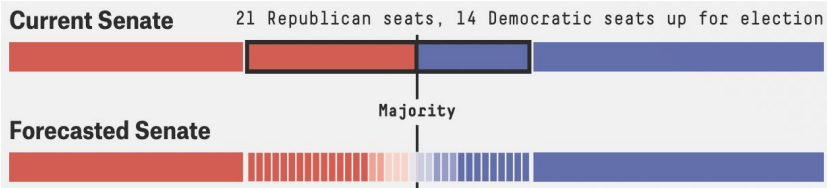
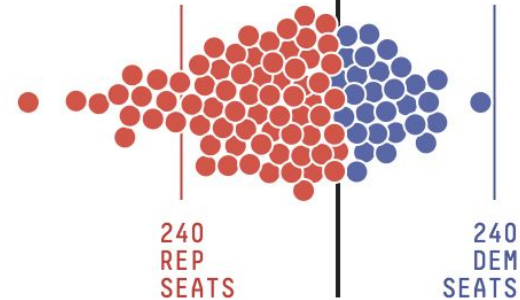


## 2022 House Forecast

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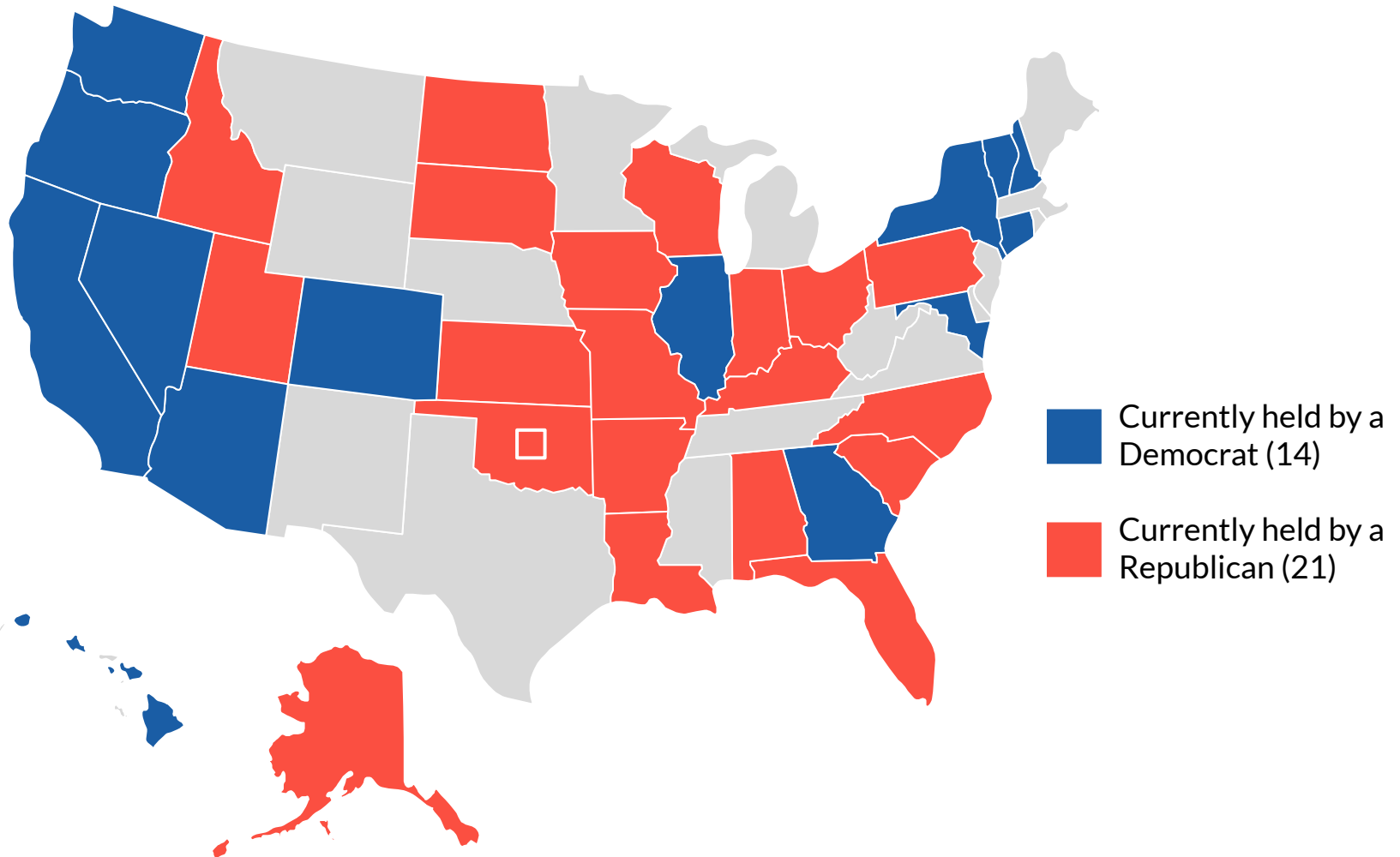
Republicans win  
**71 in 100**

Democrats win  
**29 in 100**



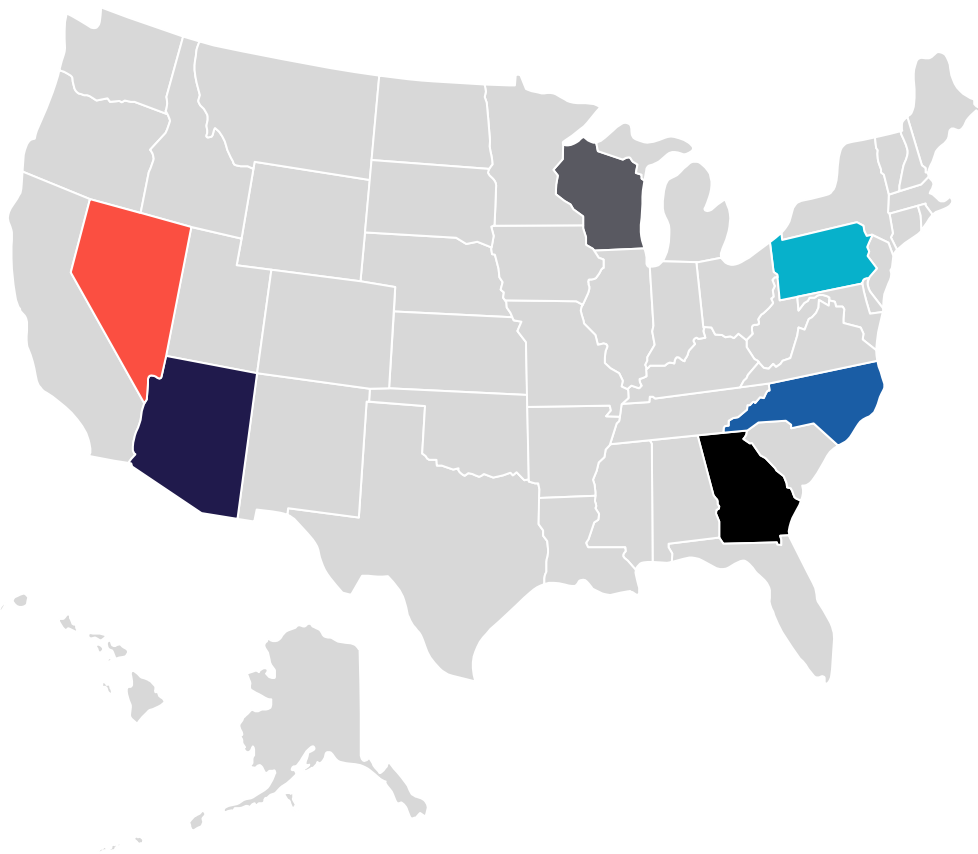
1. FiveThirtyEight.com 2022 Election Forecast, Senate. Oct. 12, 2022. [Link](#).
2. FiveThirtyEight.com 2022 Election Forecast, House. Oct. 12, 2022. [Link](#).

# 35 Senate Seats Up This Cycle



1. 270toWin.com. 2022 Senate Election Forecast. Oct. 12, 2022. [Link](#).  
Note: Oklahoma has two Senate races.

# Competitive Senate Races



**AZ** Mark Kelly (D)\*  
Blake Masters (R)

**GA** Raphael Warnock (D)\*  
Herschel Walker (R)

**NC** Cheri Beasley (D)  
Ted Budd (R)

**NV** Catherine Cortez Masto (D)\*  
Adam Laxalt (R)

**PA** John Fetterman (D)  
Mehmet Oz (R)

**WI** Mandela Barnes (D)  
Ron Johnson (R)\*



1. Manatt Health, "What Will the Midterm Elections Mean for Healthcare?" Sept. 28, 2022.

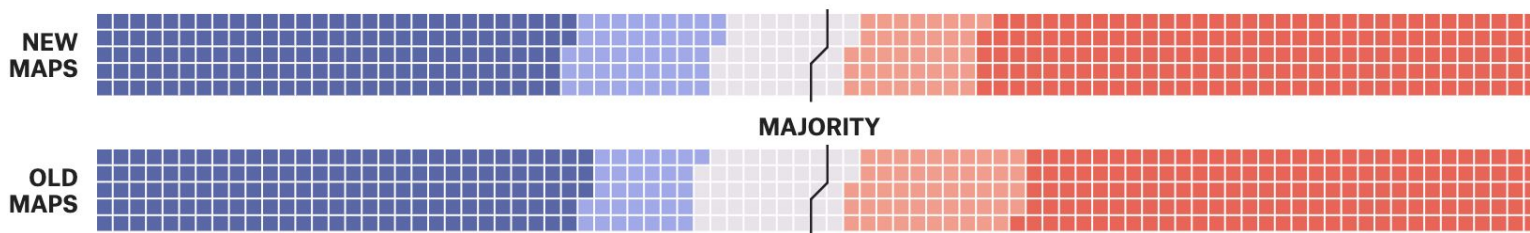
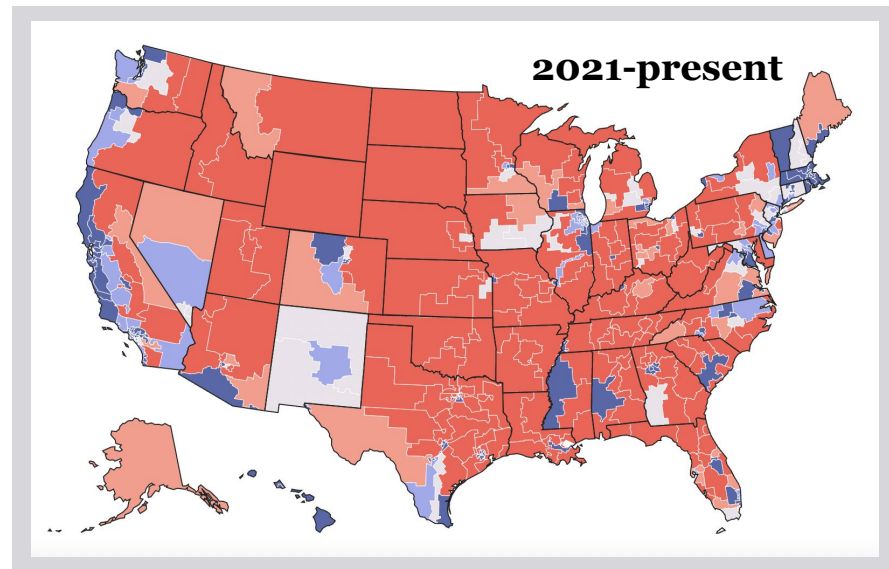
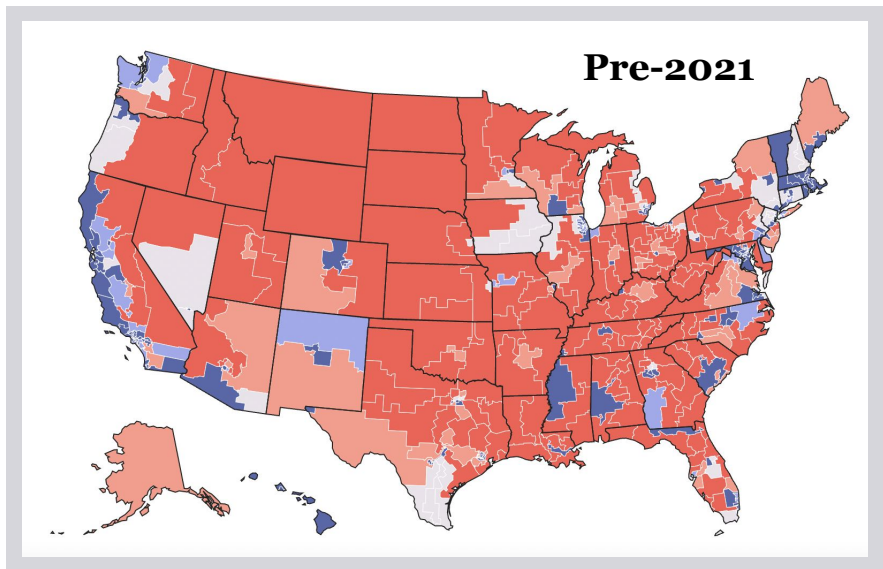
\*Incumbent

# House of Representatives

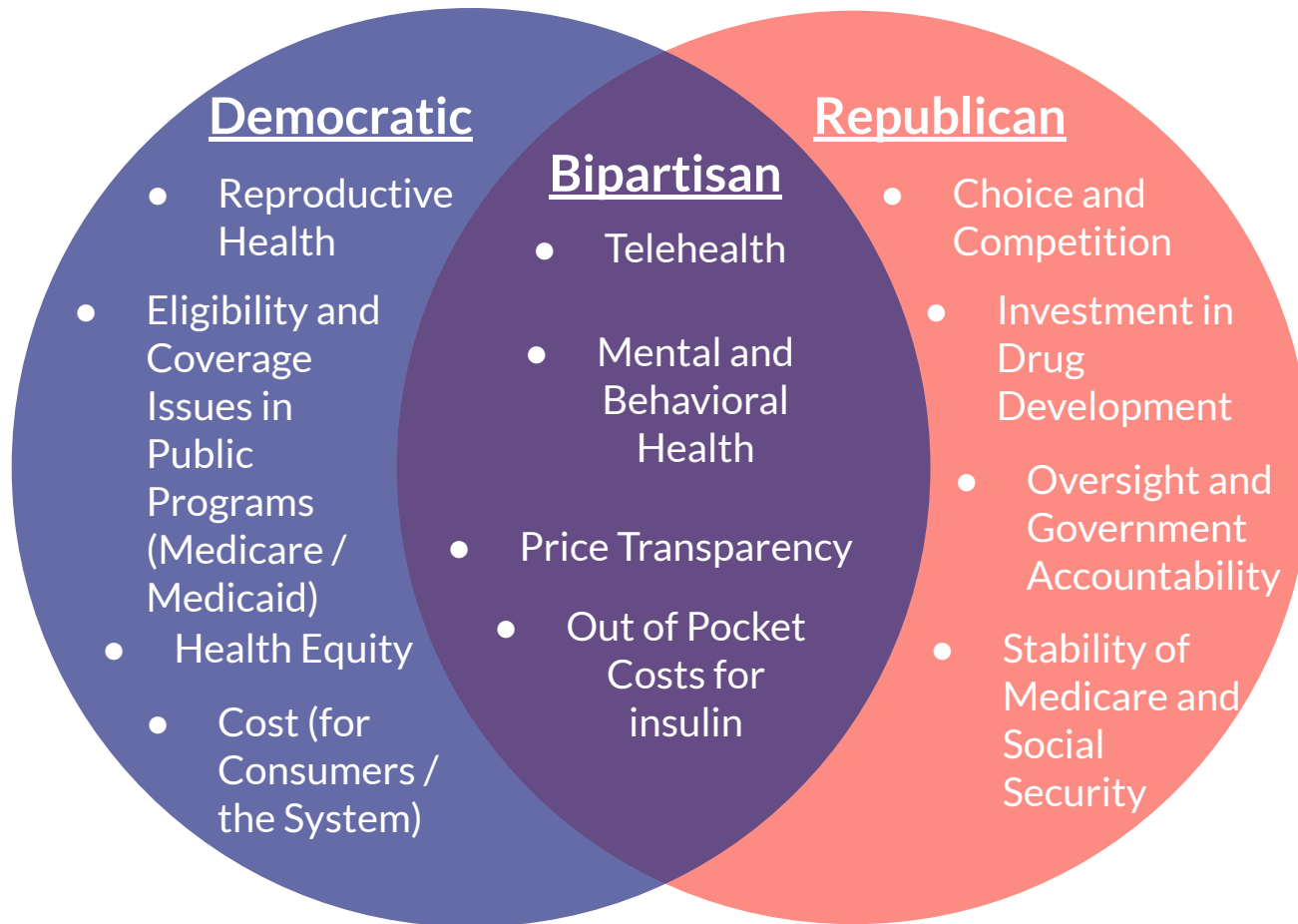
## 10 Most Vulnerable House Members

- ★ Rep. Tom O'Halleran (AZ-2), -0.2%
- ★ Rep. Cindy Axne (IA-3), -0.6%
- ★ Rep. Tom Malinowski (NJ-7), -2.4%
- ★ Rep. Elaine Luria (VA-2), -0.2%
- ★ Rep. Mary Peltola (AK-At-Large), +0.8%
- ★ Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-7), +4.1%
- ★ Rep. David Valadao (CA-22), -0.6%
- ★ Rep. Steve Chabot (OH-1), +6.6%
- ★ Rep. Don Bacon (NE-2), +7.4%
- ★ Rep. Mike Garcia (CA-22), +0.4%

# Redistricting



# Key Health Priorities: Federal





# Potential Scenarios

	Current Forecast (as of 10/12) <sup>1</sup>	Leadership and Committee Implications	Implications for the Lame Duck <sup>2</sup>	Implications for Health Priorities
<b>Dems Hold Onto Both Chambers</b>	29 out of 100 simulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker: Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff, Steny Hoyer, or Hakeem Jeffries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual budget or stopgap bill</li> <li>Codify right to same-sex and interracial marriage</li> <li>Election reform</li> <li>Congressional stock trading</li> <li>Senate confirmation of federal judges (44 nominees)</li> <li>Jan. 6 Committee final report</li> <li>Defense bill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status Quo</li> <li>Reproductive Health</li> <li>Health Equity</li> <li>Finish Job of the IRA (Medicare DVH, "M omnibus," etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>SPLIT: Dems Lose House, Keep Senate</b>	37 out of 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaker: Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)</li> <li>Ways &amp; Means: Vern Buchanan (FL-16) *</li> <li>Energy &amp; Commerce: Michael Burgess (TX-26)</li> <li>Education &amp; Labor: Virginia Foxx (NC-5)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Use of Reconciliation</li> <li>Lean Into Bipartisan Health Issues (e.g., Telehealth, Mental and Behavioral Health, Price Transparency, etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>SPLIT: GOP Takes Senate, Dems Keep House</b>	<1 out of 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)</li> <li>Senate Finance: Mike Crapo (R-IN)</li> <li>Senate HELP: Rand Paul (R-KY)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversight on IRA, COVID-19</li> <li>Eliminating Repro Funding</li> <li>Tough Votes Forcing Biden Veto</li> </ul>
<b>GOP Takes Both Chambers</b>	33 out of 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senate Majority Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)</li> <li>House Speaker: Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)</li> </ul>		

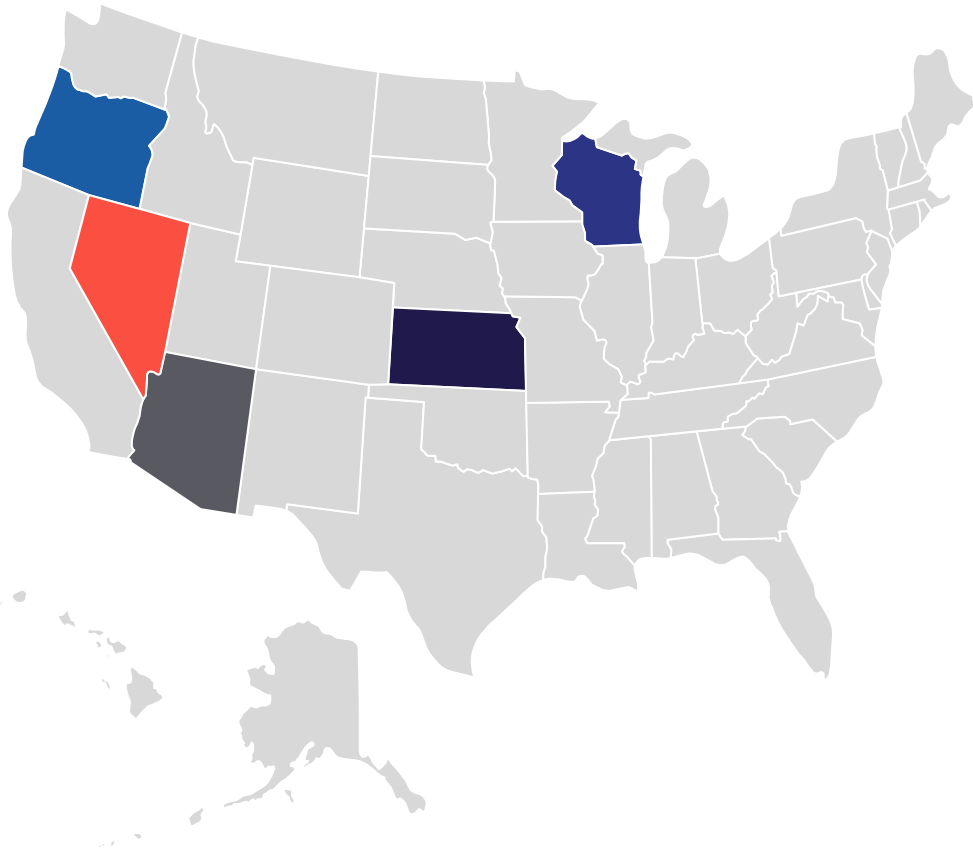


1. FiveThirtyEight.com Simulation Models, Updated Oct. 12, 2022. [Link](#).  
 2. Axios, Congress Barrels Towards Extremely Busy Lame Duck Session. Sept. 29, 2022. [Link](#).

\* Note: May also include other contenders like Adrian Smith (NE-3) and Jason Smith (MO-8)

- ★ Federal elections have significant implications for national health policy.
  - There will be a lot of focus and media attention on federal elections in the coming months, but state elections are just as important.
- ★ States are where policymaking happens at a pace much faster than at the federal level.
  - Many states have a lot at stake this election, especially when it comes to addressing key voting issues like the economy and inflation, abortion and reproductive health access, and Medicaid expansion.
  - From Oregon to Kansas to Maine, incumbent and hopeful elected officials in states across the country are battling for control in state legislatures and Governor offices.

# Governor Races



**OR**

Tina Kotek (D),  
Christine Drazan (R),  
Betsy Johnson (I)

**NV**

Steve Sisolak (D)\*  
and Joe Lombardo  
(R)

**AZ**

Kari Lake (R) and  
Katie Hobbs (D)

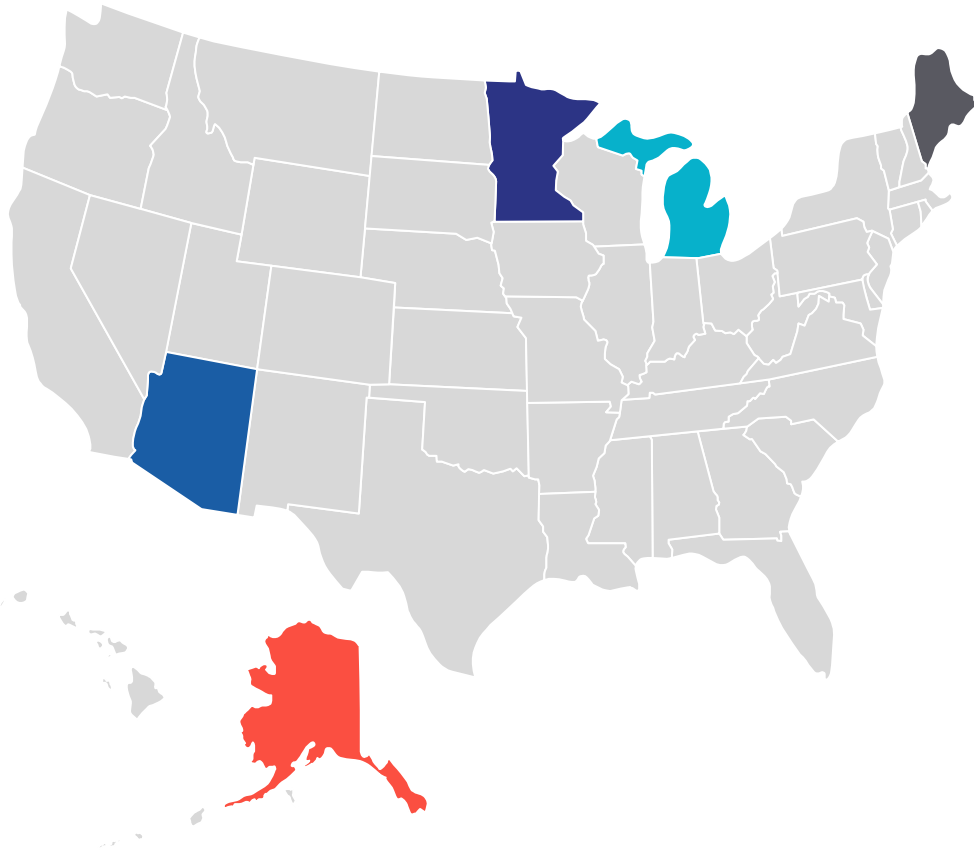
**KS**

Laura Kelly (D)\* and  
Derek Schmidt (R)

**WI**

Tony Evers (D)\* and  
Tim Michels (R)

# State Legislatures



**ALASKA**

**ARIZONA**

**MAINE**

**MICHIGAN**

**MINNESOTA**

# Key Issues: State

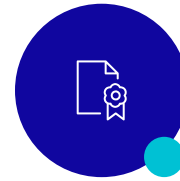
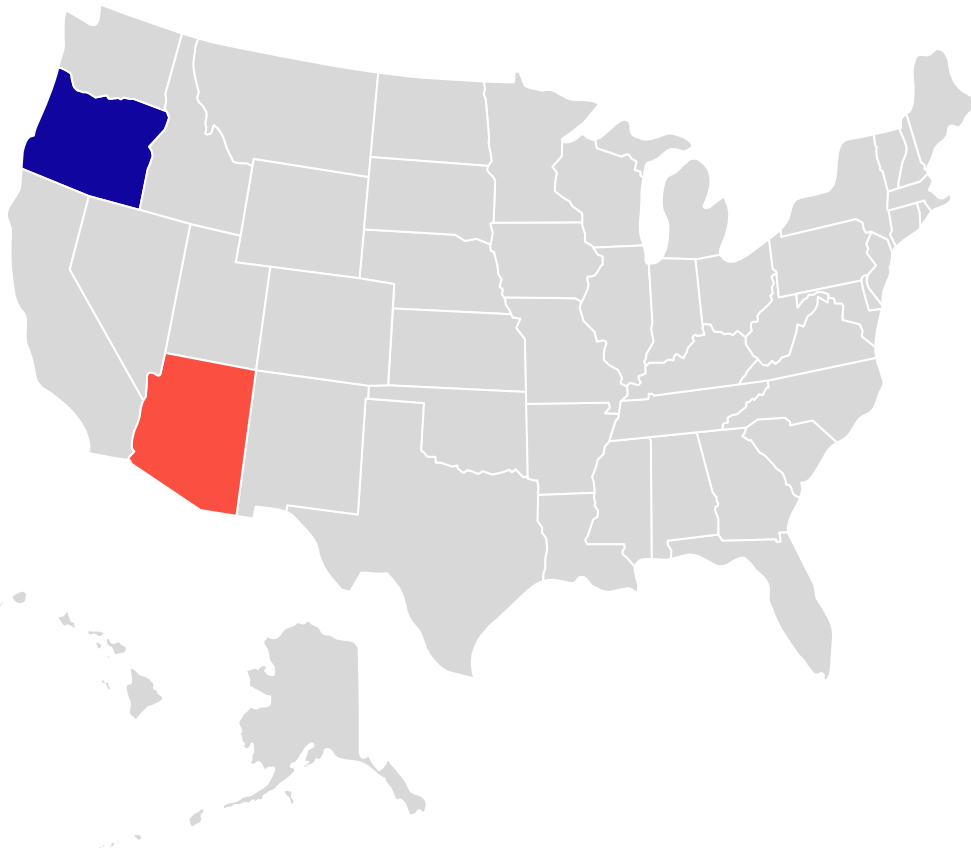
“How important will each of the following issues be to your vote for Congress this year?”

1. Economy & Inflation

2. Gun Policy

3. Varies: abortion access, public safety & crime, immigration, education, or climate change

# States to Watch



## Oregon

The state has historically been a leader in state-led health care efforts, however this will slow due to significant turnover of elected officials, the loss of institutional knowledge, and potential change in party leadership.



## Arizona

Redistricting will force advocates to face additional challenging dynamics when advancing healthcare issues, however if the governor is Democratic, executive actions may be more viable than in the past

# Elections and State Advocacy Opportunities



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## Health Policy Trends of Interest to State Elected Officials

Rx costs

Access to  
Care

Workforce

Mental Health

Economic  
outlook?

Telehealth

PHE  
Unwinding

Reproductive  
Care

Financial  
toxicity

Health System  
Costs

Medicaid



# Priorities for Patient Advocacy Groups



Partnership to Protect Coverage  
Consensus Healthcare Reform  
Principles

Health Insurance Must be:

- ★ Affordable
- ★ Accessible
- ★ Adequate and Understandable

(Endorsed by 40+ patient groups)

## Key Issues to Watch in States Where Movement May Happen in 2023

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Health System  
Costs

Medicaid

A photograph of a man kissing a woman on the cheek, overlaid with a teal color filter. The man is on the right, wearing a light-colored checkered shirt, and the woman is on the left, wearing a dark top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

Question?

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