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Fresh faces are running as Democratic candidates across the country! Did you know that about half of Democratic nominees for Federal offices and state governors are women?* Next week, we'll talk about that, as well as the remarkable diversity of backgrounds and ideas.

Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm at Bosso's
7 Bisserweg, Grund, Luxembourg-Ville

On Tuesday, Will Bakker will introduce some of the extraordinary candidates who are leading the Blue Wave this November. Around the world, Americans abroad are showing unprecedented interest in midterm elections and we'll talk about why.

The next six weeks are the critical period for Democrats Abroad Luxembourg to reach as many Americans as possible. If you want to be part of this movement, now is the time! We're finding Americans in more places and events than ever, but we still need your help.

Candidates: Honorable Mentions

Beto O'Rourke (TX)	Ayanna Pressley (MA)	Dan Feehan (MN)
Sarah Smith (WA)	Pramila Jayapal (WA)	Xochitl Torres Small (NM)
Katie Porter (CA)	Katie Hill (CA)	Kim Schrier (WA)
Susan Wild (PA)	Abby Finkenauer (IA)	Rob Davidson (MI)
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY)	Carolyn Long (WA)	
Jahana Hayes (CT)	Sean Casten (IL)	
Ro Khanna (CA)	Liz Watson (IN)	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL)	Sharice Davids (KS)	
	Ben Jealous (MD)	



Susan Wild PA-7, Jess King PA-11: Pennsylvania has only ever had seven women serving in the U.S. House of Representatives — 3 were finishing husbands' terms — and has never had a female U.S. Senator. No women currently in Congress. The problem emanates from the bottom up. Its state legislature – natural recruiting ground for higher offices – is only 19 percent female, ranking it 38th.

Democrats' answer: 7 winning D primaries were women. Explicitly citing Trump. Women's March, "why not" 1 Republican running against a woman D (Scanlon vs Kim)

Jacky Rosen: Senator for Nevada

- One-term House Rep, former synagogue president, programmer
- Labor-friendly, pro-choice, gun-control
- Opponent incumbent Dean Heller in nationally-funded, dirty campaign



Not the usual trajectory (lawyer, staffer, state party, or White House position)

Close race but not running to center-right. Nevada versus Missouri (McCaskill) contrast.

Textbook Rove-style lying campaign: doesn't care about veterans, not a real programmer, not a real business owner.

Winning the Senate in 2018

Map from 2012 means incumbent Democrats in Republican-leaning states

Ratings still based on Trump margins in 2016

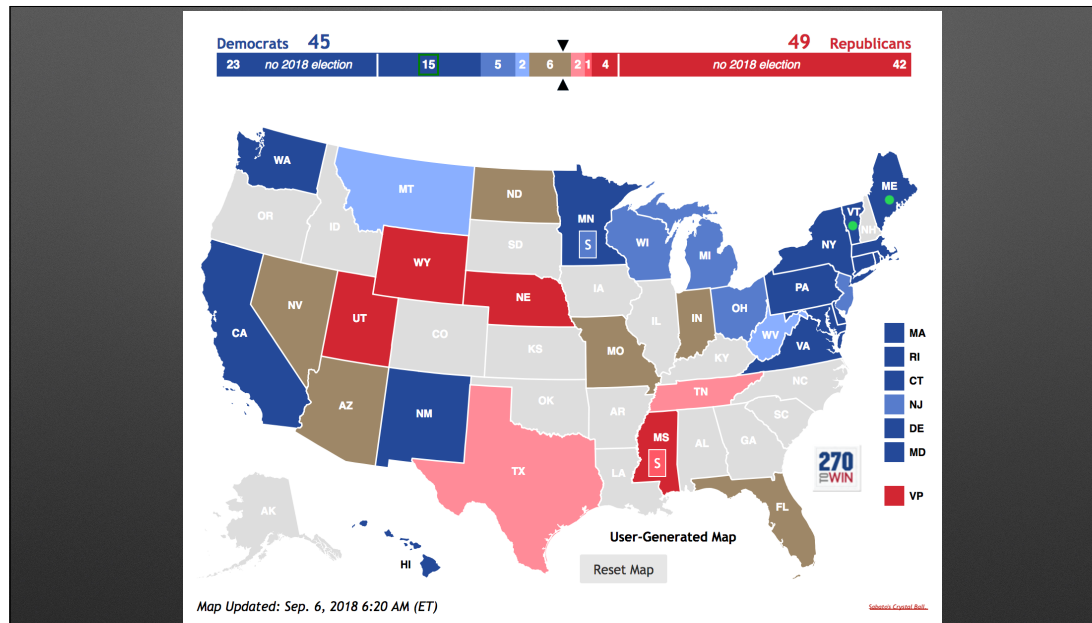
National R targeting Donnelly-Indiana, McCaskill-Missouri, Nelson-Florida

National D looking to Bredesen-Tennessee, O'Rourke-Texas, Sinema-Arizona

Class of 2012: Few opportunities to gain R seats, Ds running without Obama's coattails

10 D incumbents in states that Trump won, but what does that mean?

Difficult candidates: Menendez-NJ, Heitkamp-ND,



Sabato's Crystal Ball — not far from consensus among mainstream

Senator Maria Cantwell for Washington

- Early vote to #StopKavanaugh (with Senator Murray)
- No corporate donations
- Opponent Hutchison supported Trump in 2016, called Cruz “traitor to the party” for failing to endorse



Value of incumbent strong Democrats: making it easier for centrist D and R to vote against Kavanaugh: “In 2006, I voted against the confirmation of Mr. Kavanaugh to serve as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit because I had concerns his judicial philosophy might have been outside the mainstream. His record on the D.C. Circuit Court affirmed those concerns for me.”

Only Sanders, Warren, and Cantrell = Senators not taking corporate donations

Stacey Abrams: Governor of Georgia

- Minority Leader of Georgia House
- Income inequality, Medicaid expansion, education investment
- Opponent's record of voter suppression and campaign of hate and testosterone



As minority leader, voting and progressive causes; no deference to men. Small minority, leveraged divisions among Republicans to avoid “religious-liberty” and anti-gun-control bills and gains in education and public-transport spending

Personal connection: In 2013, DA-Germany's Women's Caucus meeting, over WebEx (uncommon at the time). Gravitas + energy

America's first black female governor would be in Georgia

Ilyse Hogue, head of the abortion-rights group NARAL. “We've seen women run like men a lot, and Stacey is not doing that,” Hogue says. “The script of how you run for office has been determined for eons by white men telling everybody else what to do, and Stacey Abrams said, ‘No, thank you.’”

Brian Kemp: I'll round up illegals in my truck; ad threatening teenager with shotgun

Kobach's Crosscheck; 8 years of aggressive racist policies

Randolph County (elimination of polling places in black areas) is just egregious part. SCOTUS reminder: no oversight due to Shelby County 2013

Andrew Gillum: Governor of Florida

- Mayor of Tallahassee, originally from Miami
- Medicare-for-all, \$15/hr, increase corporate tax rate to fund schools
- Opponent is alt-right bigot who keeps saying quiet parts loud



39yo; upset primary; first African-American gubernatorial nominee in FL

FBI investigation into corruption in Tallahassee city government — specifically, how the city's the community redevelopment agency used taxpayer money... but DeSantis is an asshole

State-level races generally

Resistance to Republican Federal policies

Restoring the laboratories of democracy

Rebuilding the Democratic Party and what it stands for

Redistricting in 2021

Kim Schrier: Representative WA-8

- Pediatrician making first run for office
- Obamacare + lower drug costs
 - Medicare as public option
 - Medicare-for-all
- Paul Ryan's PAC running lies on TV ads; opponent is a bigot



Kim Schrier (WA-8) would be first D from this district EVER. Great story: Issaquah pediatrician Kim Schrier joined three other Virginia Mason doctors for a meeting with an aide to U.S. Rep. Dave Reichert, R-Auburn. At Reichert's Issaquah district office, Schrier and her colleagues argued against the GOP plan, pointing to estimates it would chop health-care access for tens of thousands of people in the 8th Congressional District. Within a week, Reichert voted for it in committee and voted against it after it had enough votes to pass.

Insulin that used to cost \$40 a bottle has jumped to \$260.

Battleground targeted by R for Dino Rossi, wealthy loser. Ad criticizing Schrier for working at a hospital that turns away some people on Medicaid Dino Rossi, who proposed a budget in 2003 that would have eliminated Medicaid coverage for 46,000 kids, and wants to repeal Obamacare. Anti-choice, anti-gay-rights, build the wall — really a text of WA-8 to see whether they are Trump-y.

Honorable mention: Pramila Jayapal WA-7 — arrested for protesting Trump's separation, zero-tolerance policy in Hart Senate building. Equal pay. Had just become a citizen when 9/11/2001, saw hateful response -> started organizing. Proud of organizing Washington Hate Free Zone

I hope you find it appropriate that we commemorate 9/11 this year by applauding Congresswoman Jayapal

What we can do with the House

- President Trump's tax returns
- Trump family businesses — and whether they comply with the Constitution's emoluments clause, including the Chinese trademark grant to the Trump Organization
- Trump's dealings with Russia, including the president's preparation for his meeting with Vladimir Putin
- The payment to Stephanie Clifford — a.k.a. Stormy Daniels
- James Comey's firing
- Trump's firing of U.S. attorneys
- Trump's proposed transgender ban for the military
- Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's business dealings
- White House staff's personal email use
- Cabinet secretary travel, office expenses, and other misused perks
- Discussion of classified information at Mar-a-Lago
- Jared Kushner's ethics law compliance
- Dismissal of members of the EPA board of scientific counselors
- The travel ban
- Family separation policy
- Hurricane response in Puerto Rico
- Election security and hacking attempts
- White House security clearances



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538 forecast down in corner: there's no Blue Wave without our work, still lower chance than of Trump winning

The spreadsheet — which I'm told originated in a senior House Republican office — catalogs more than 100 formal requests from House Democrats this Congress, spanning nearly every committee.

Jess King: Representative PA-11

- First time candidate, non-profit ED
- No PACs, no corporate money: “It’s how we flip districts in Trump country”
- “A Democrat can’t win as a moderate in this district.” — debt-free college, Medicare-for-all, renewable energy
- Problem-solver™ Republican incumbent votes with Trump 95.6% of the time (+15.6)



Executive Director in the area of entrepreneurial small business: living wage, community support

Great Slate, Justice Democrats, national attention

Un-gerrymandered district but still tough for King — test of approach

The US House of Representatives A Constitutional Moment

Power of the purse

Trade policy

Speaker of the House

Anti-corruption bill

Alternative legislation

Impeachment

NO

Obamacare repeal
money for The Wall
cuts to Medicare
cuts to Social Security
underfunding EPA
punitive immigration changes
tax cuts for corporations
Eliminating food stamps
underfunding State Department
tax cuts for the wealthy

STOP this madness

Positive too:

Refuse to fund insanity, wars(?)

Trade policy based on current treaties

House Speaker gets press, shifts narratives; decides committees, what comes to the floor — everything you hate that Paul Ryan has done...

Anti-corruption Bill that is impossible to veto or fail to pass

Repeal of tax cut every 10 days like Rs, or...

- pass legislation that sends message to Americans of what D stands for
- Economic inequality, health care, student loans,
- Intense pressure on Democratic elected Reps to stand for something

Finally, poised for impeachment

Aftab Pureval: Representative OH-1

- Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, elected in 2016
- Pro-choice and pragmatic
- 11-term incumbent opponent, one of 8 Koch candidates; Paul Ryan's PAC racist ads



Won in 2016, upsetting R 100 years seat
Tibetan mother and Indian father

Thought to be safe R seat, redistricted for that purpose

Opponent voted to repeal Obamacare and pre-existing conditions, lying about his record. Ryan's PAC trying to smear as Libyan supporter of Lockerbie bombing (when he was six). Pence is "the greatest vice president of the United States, well, since John Adams."

What you can do from Luxembourg

Find Americans living in Luxembourg to help them request ballots

Remind friends and family in the USA to register to vote & verify

Invite our volunteers to your workplace, club, or meeting

Learn about the candidates in your State and Congressional District

What you can do from Luxembourg

Phonebank to reach Democratic voters living around the world

Contribute time or money to Democrats Abroad Luxembourg or global DA

Become a volunteer who helps Americans request their ballots