National Democratic Prospects, November 1

Prospects are 538-rated and, get ready, they are grim. Note poll quality varies a lot, and CNN (which lots of us listen to) is not at all at the top! Quinnipiac is.

Our experience in 2020 was that somehow GOP voters were not well represented in the polls. The CDTC donated to several candidates up by around 3 points in the polls and all lost. This has led to my recommendation that we treat Dems up to +5 points over their opponents as potentially even, whatever the poll error margin is said to be – and it is often not said. *That makes a range of 0% to +5% the window within which a small nudge can put the candidate over the finish line.* Candidates below the window are lower priority because they have much less chance of winning, and those above the window may also be dropped because they don't need so much help.

Competitive Senate and Competitive Governor – Rough Cut, No Priorities

With this ruthlessly in mind – IF your money and/or grass roots time have limits, here is where Senate and Gov candidates we have rated in the past now stand – Note two have dropped off because they are sliding down well outside our window of opportunity. None of the remaining ones lead by more than 2 points except probably Hassan. So this is still a high-risk list.

GA, Sen Warnock. May require a runoff, which would be dangerous for Warnock as the Libertarian is holding around 1% of the votes.

AZ, Sen Kelly and, hopefully AG Hobbs, candidate for Gov

WI, Gov Evers. Mandala looks pretty unlikely now against Ron Johnson, blast it.

NV, Sen Cortez-Masto, and 2 House races

PA, Fetterman for Senate and PA 17 House, Deluzio. Shapiro has the Gov all but wrapped up.

NH, Hassan for Senate, and Pappas for House.

NC, Recommend diverting effort elsewhere Beasley has been behind a while and is -2.4 or so.

OH, See above. Ryan is way behind.

Details: Nate Silver 538 Projected Chance to Win - Universally Down for Dems. Nov 1.

GA: Warnock now at EVEN to +1.2% ahead. P2. Nate Silver Projection: *Warnock has only a 46% chance of winning, way down from 2 weeks ago.*
Nate Silver Projection: Kelly has a 45% chance of winning, Kemp has a 91% chance to win

AZ: Kelly has slipped again down to +2%. Key in AZ is the chance to take over Gov with Katie Hobbs (former sec of state). She is still in negative territory at -1.8%, but would be a great pickup from Ducey (not running 2022.)
Nate Silver Projection: Kelly has a 65% chance of winning, Hobbs only a 36% chance.

WI: Gov Evers' lead has decreased from +1 point to +.3 points; it's dead even. He's the incumbent so protecting the Gov seat here is critical. Mandala against Senator Ron Johnson has fallen behind again from -3 to -4, possibly

more. The main reason to work WI now is Evers.

Nate Silver Projection: Johnson has a 79% chance to win, Evers has a 49% chance to win.

NV: Senator Cortez-Masto is up slightly, against Laxalt, but it is really dead even.

There are however two (out of 4) promising House races here – Titus and Lea who are both in slightly positive territory.

Nate Silver Projection for Senate: Cortez-Masto has a 42 % chance to win.

NH: Senator Hassan's healthy lead has decreased to somewhere between 0 and +4.1. Rep Papas' lead now up at around +4. Prospects: Very good Hassan, good Papas (based on history).

Nate Silver Projection: Hassan win 72%, down from 80% two weeks ago.

PA: Fetterman has decreased quite a lot – he and Oz are even.   In mid-Oct, PA had 6 House races all over the map, and there's no recent data.

P2. Nate Silver Projection: Fetterman win 54% chance.

NC: Beasley has continued to fall behind in the last two weeks, now down by 2-2.6% to Budd.

Nate Silver Projection: Budd win 80% chance

OH: Ryan has continued to fall. He now trails Vance by 2 points.

Prospects: Fair. P1. Nate Silver Projection: Vance win 79%, way up.

CO: Just to make sure, Bennet clocks in at +10-16 points.

 Nate Silver Projection: Bennet win 92%

Reference, Nate Silver 538, See handy interactive map. https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2022-election-forecast/senate/

And governors https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/2022-election-forecast/governor/