

Why the Democrats Face an Uphill Battle in the Senate

Right now, Republicans control the Senate by a slim 51-49 margin. So, Democrats need to flip just two seats currently held by the GOP in order to win control.

That may not sound too hard, but it's being considered a long shot. Here's why.

Democrats are defending 26 of the 35 Senate elections on Tuesday, which means they have a lot more on the line. In fact, 10 of those races are taking place in states President Trump won in 2016, and Republicans are expecting to take several of those seats away from Democrats in states like North Dakota and Missouri.

In other words, the GOP could actually expand their control over the Senate by quite a bit. Meanwhile, Democrats are fighting hard to take seats that have been held by Republicans in Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Tennessee.

Other states worth watching include: Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, West Virginia, Wisconsin and even New Jersey.

Republicans automatically retain control of at least 42 of their Senate seats that are not up for election this year, so it will be difficult but not impossible for Democrats to win the majority.

What's Firing up Voters

Voters on both sides of the aisle appear to be highly motivated this time around. While Trump's win in 2016 galvanized the left, some of the polls show there may be backlash against the way Democrats treated Brett Kavanaugh

during his Supreme Court confirmation battle.

“The whole fight over Kavanaugh, due process issues and innocent until proven guilty, have made a difference in the polls,” CBN Political analyst John Waage said.

The sudden emergence of a huge caravan of migrants heading toward the U.S. border just before the election has also fired up both bases, but especially conservatives who are concerned about border security. {eo}

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