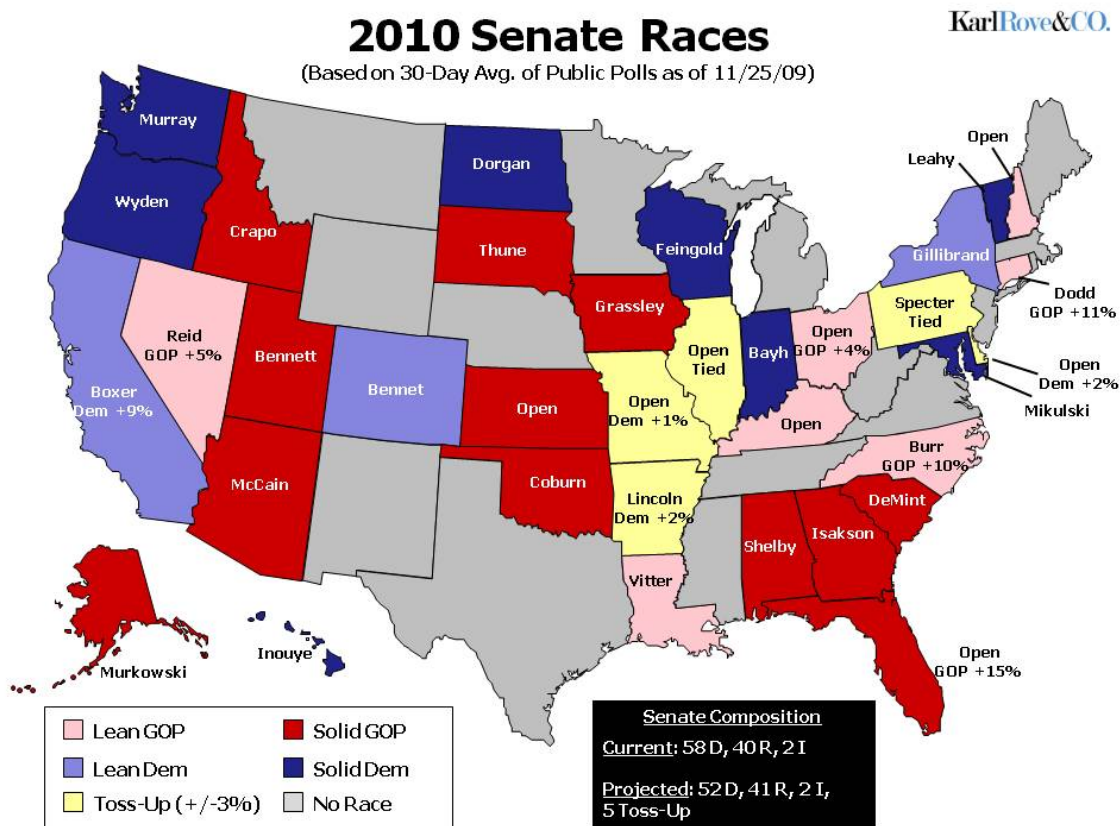


## Polling News & Notes

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**Introducing the 2010 Senate Map:** The midterm elections are still nearly one year away, but polling is in full swing for many of the more competitive Senate races. Obviously, polls are only snapshots in time and events are likely to change the political environment over the next year, but what can the early polls tell us about the likely results of the midterm Senate elections?

Averaging the most recent month of polls for the most competitive Senate races shows that at this point, Republicans would be likely to pick up seats by defeating Democratic incumbents in Nevada and Connecticut, with another four seats now held by Democrats—Arkansas, Delaware, Illinois, and Pennsylvania—and one held by a Republican, Missouri, considered toss-ups (i.e., within 3 points in either direction).



Examining the Senate race landscape also shows how difficult it will be for Republicans to regain control of the Senate next year. Even winning all four toss-up races, Republicans would need to pick up five more seats to establish a majority, which would require sweeping the three other vulnerable Democratic seats (California, Colorado, and New York) plus two more seats. Even so, at this point, Republicans appear likely to make substantial gains next year. Be sure to check back at [www.rove.com](http://www.rove.com) in the months ahead for regular updates to the 2010 Senate map.