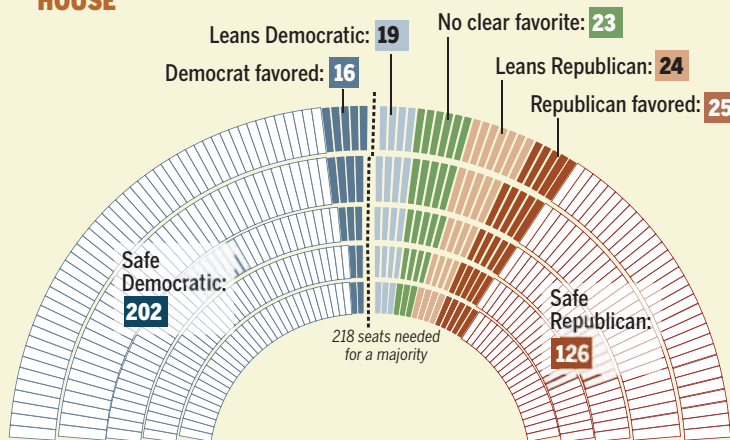


# CQ's Current Projections

There has never been any real doubt that the Democrats would hold their House and Senate majorities on Nov. 4; the only question has been how many seats the party would gain. Now, a week before Election Day, CQ's ratings of each of this year's 470 congressional contests show the Democrats on course to pick up at least five —

and possibly 10 or more — seats in the Senate, putting a “filibuster-proof” majority of 60 in their sights. In the House, holding almost all the seats that are leaning their way, winning a majority of the tossups and upsetting a large handful of Republicans would give the Democratic majority a gain comfortably in the double digits.

## HOUSE



### PROJECTED:

Democrats: 237 • Republicans: 175 • Tossups: 23

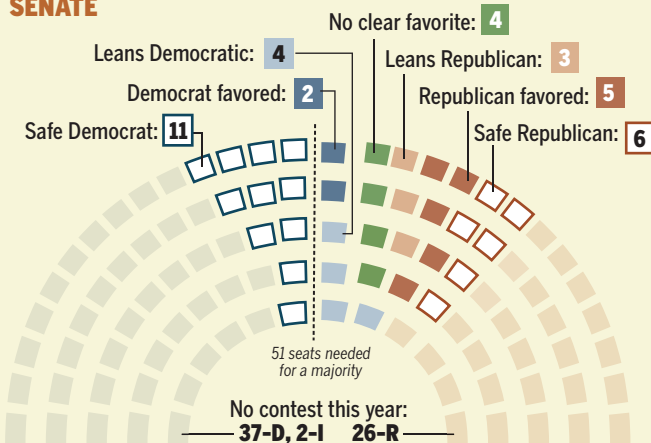
### CURRENT:

Democrats: 235 • Republicans: 199 • Vacancy: 1

Congressional Quarterly defines its rankings this way:

**No clear favorite:** A true tossup in which neither party has established a definite lead. **Leans:** One party has a slight edge, but the contest remains highly competitive, and an upset is a viable possibility. **Favored:** One party has a strong lead and appears likely to win, but an upset cannot be completely ruled out. **Safe:** One party is such a heavy favorite that a loss is virtually impossible.

## SENATE



### PROJECTED:

Democrats: 54 • Independents: 2 • Republicans: 40 • Tossups: 4

### CURRENT:

Democrats: 49 • Independents: 2 • Republicans: 49