

Key Senate Seats Up For Grabs

The *Wall Street Journal* explains, “Both national parties are making the case that momentum is on their



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side. Democrats see loyalists becoming more energized.”

According to Democratic Senator Bob Menendez, “As voters home in on their decision, they see these stark contrasts and a real choice.”

Walsh states, “I don’t think it should surprise anyone that as the election draws nearer, polls will tighten up as voters come home to their respective parties.” He adds, however, “But a key factor in a lot of these races will be enthusiasm.”

Overall, both political parties have proven to be wholly unpopular in the polls, which is also a contributing factor to the fluctuating popularity of individual candidates, as voters shift between the two parties. Brown notes, “Neither party is running on their own platform They’re running on how bad the other side is.”

Republicans are in the precarious position of having to acquire 10 seats currently held by Democrats, with 11 seats in play, in order to gain a 51-49 Senate majority. While three of the 11 seats have been tallied for Republicans, the other eight seats are too close to call.

The intensity of the midterm elections is best exemplified by the hard-hitting political advertisements seen and heard in recent weeks on television, radio and the Internet. Advertisements have ranged from comparing President Obama to the Grim Reaper to likening Christine O’Donnell to a witch. Politicians from both sides have proven unafraid to pack a punch.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, “The volatility of the Senate campaigns contrasts with a more settled pattern in the House races, where most analysts believe the national political climate has locked in significant GOP gains.”

Dick Morris, political analyst and former campaign consultant to President Bill Clinton, continues to assert that the Republicans will see enormous gains in November.

In fact, Morris asserts, “Many Democrats are retreating from their party positions and are running as Republicans. In West Virginia, Senate candidate and Democratic governor Joe Manchin has an ad in which he is loading his rifle and aiming at a distant tree. He says that he will defend Second Amendment rights, will fight ‘to repeal the bad parts of Obamacare,’ and will fight cap-and-trade because it is ‘bad for West Virginia.’ With that, he hits the bull’s-eye on the target pinned to the unfortunate tree.”

According to Morris, the Democrats had nothing to offer in their campaigns but tired “personal attacks and attempts to depict themselves as conservatives.”

He concludes, “Voters are realizing the bankruptcy of the Democratic candidates and are turning to the Republicans in ever-increasing numbers.”



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