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Threat to Our Democracy of Partisan Bigotry



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SCOTUS 2010



Partisan Bigotry Fueled by Super PACs

- Super PACs are independent expenditure committees that may spend unlimited money from corporations, unions, assns. and individuals for or against political candidates.
- As of Oct 30, 2022, 2,415 super PACs have reported total receipts of \$2,510,179,619 and total independent expenditures of \$1,297,605,337 in the 2021-2022 cycle.
- Conservatives 65%, Liberals 32%, Other 3%

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Non-party groups 1990-2010 \$750M

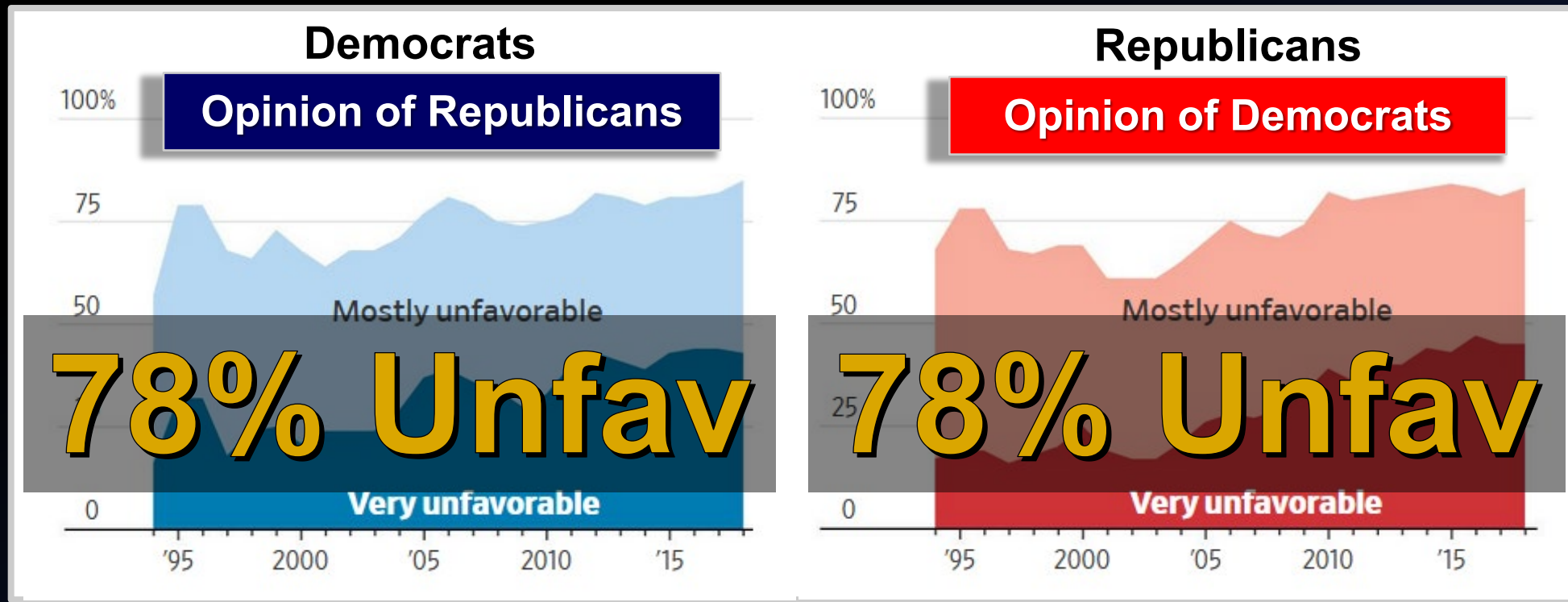
Non-party groups since 2010 \$4.5B

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**NC 2020 Tillis/Cunningham
\$298.6M Spent; \$222M Outside NC**

Democrats/Republicans: Opinions of Each Other



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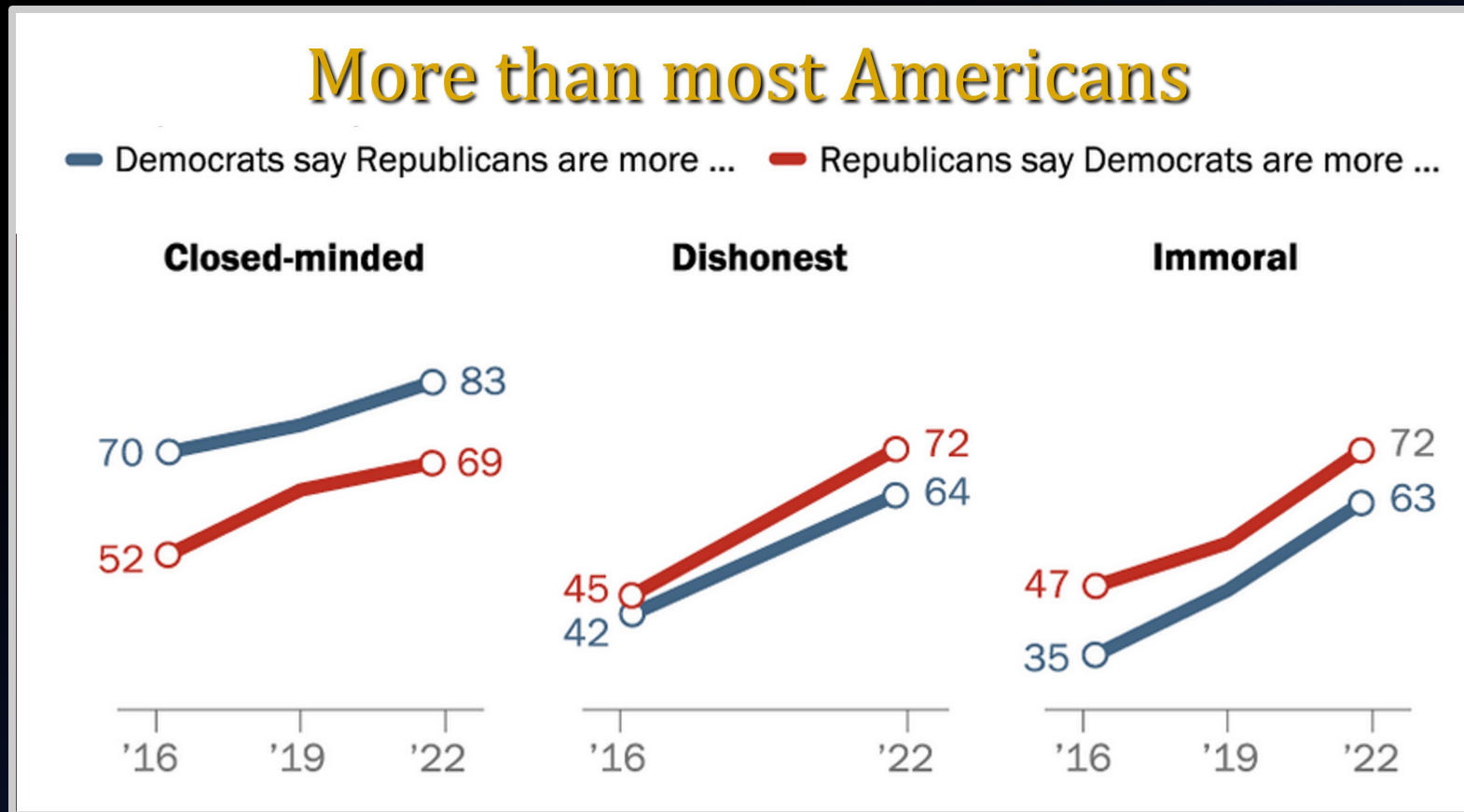


Pew Research Center

90% of Democrats and Democratic leaners have unfavorable views of the Republican Party, while an identical share of Republicans and Republican leaners have unfavorable opinions of the Democratic Party.

Pew Research Center Study, January 2022

Other Party is Closed-minded, Dishonest, Immoral



August 2022

Democrats Say Biggest Threats to Democracy Are ...



Republicans Say Biggest Threats to Democracy Are ...



Will the Other Party's Agenda Destroy America?



October 2022 Survey

(ASKED OF DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS) The Republican Party's agenda poses a threat that if not stopped will destroy America as we know it

ASKED - October 2022+

DEMOCRATS - October 2022+...

INDEPENDENTS - October 2022+.....

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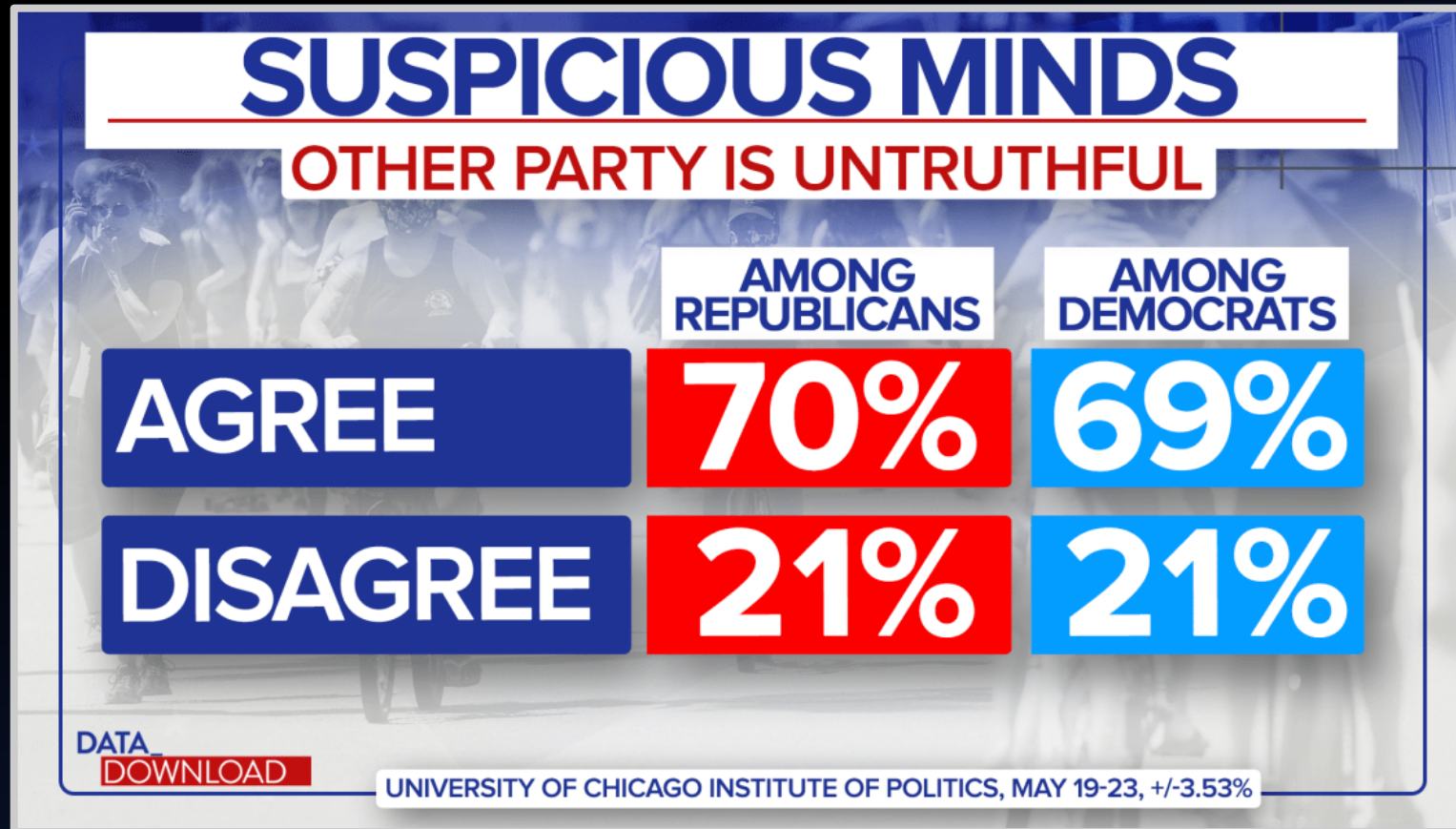
REPUBLICANS - October 2022+ [REDACTED]

INDEPENDENTS - October 2022+.....

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters

<u>Total Well</u>	<u>Total Not Well</u>	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Smwt Well</u>	<u>Not Too Well</u>	<u>Not Well At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>
74	24	4	2	13	2	
81	17	5	24	8	2	
54	44	2	32	18	6	2
		81%				
70	29	52	18	18	1	
79	20	61	18	8	1	
43	56	27	20	36	1	
		79%				

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“From want of acquaintance the people, without intending it, became estranged, jealous, suspicious. They misjudged each others' motives. They misrepresented each others' beliefs and purposes. They suspected each other of dishonesty and ill-will.”

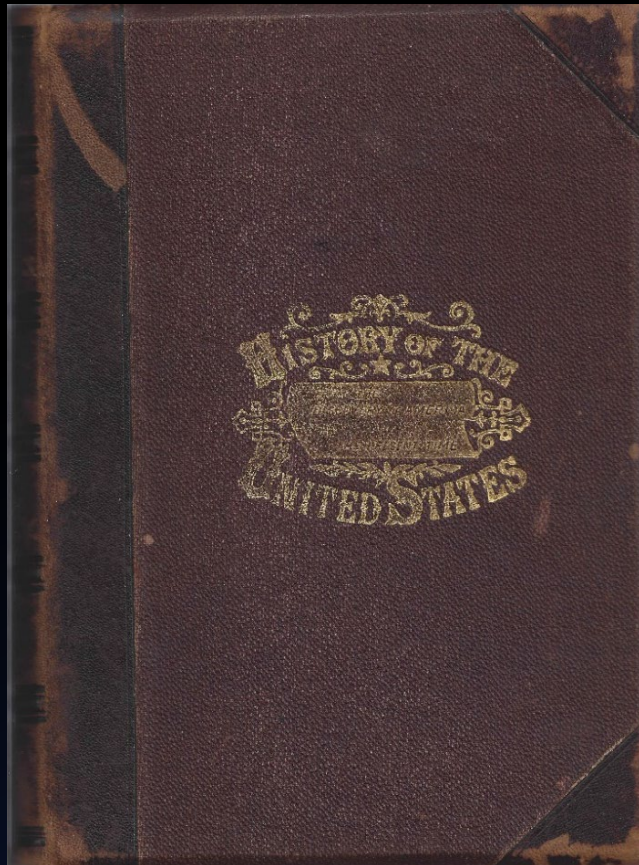
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“Many ambitious and scheming men had come to the front, taken control of the political parties and proclaimed themselves the leaders of public opinion. Their purposes were wholly selfish. The welfare of the country was of no value.”

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“Many works were published whose popularity depended wholly on the animosity existing between the two [sides]. Such books were filled with ridicule and falsehood. The beliefs of one [side] were held up to the contempt and scorn of the people of the other.”

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History of the United States

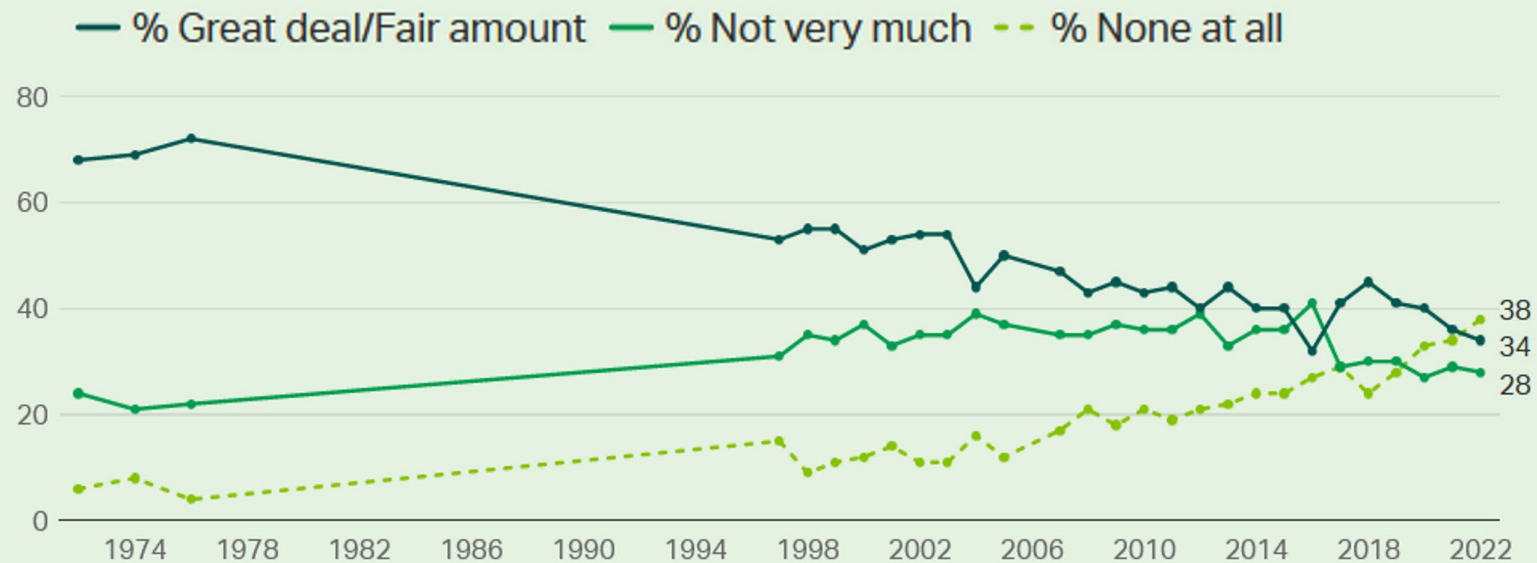
John Clark Ridpath, 1876

- Estranged, jealous, suspicious
- Ambitious demagogues
- Publications filled with ridicule

Americans' Trust in News Media Near Record Low

GALLUP

Americans' Trust in Mass Media, 1972-2022



October 18, 2022

38%

None at all

28%

Not very much

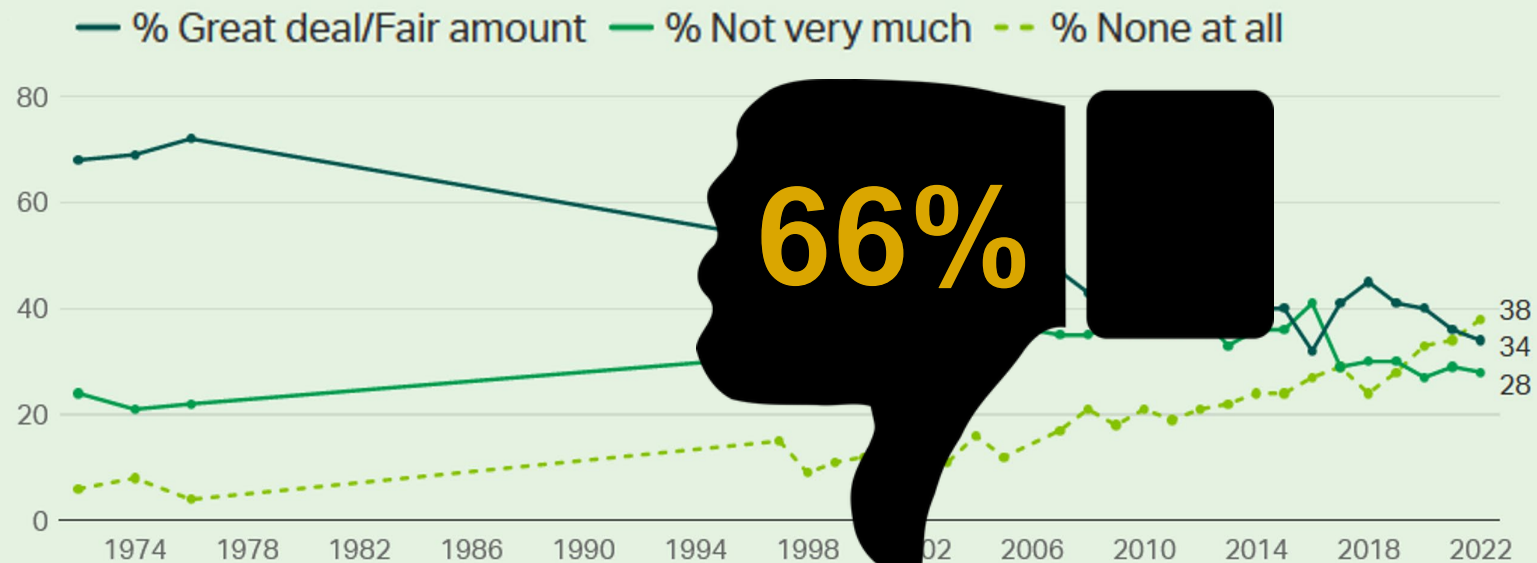
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LEFT BIAS

These media sources are moderately to strongly biased toward liberal causes through story selection and/or political affiliation. They may utilize strong loaded words (wording that attempts to influence an audience by using appeal to emotion or stereotypes), publish misleading reports, and omit information reporting that may damage liberal causes. Some sources in this category may be untrustworthy.

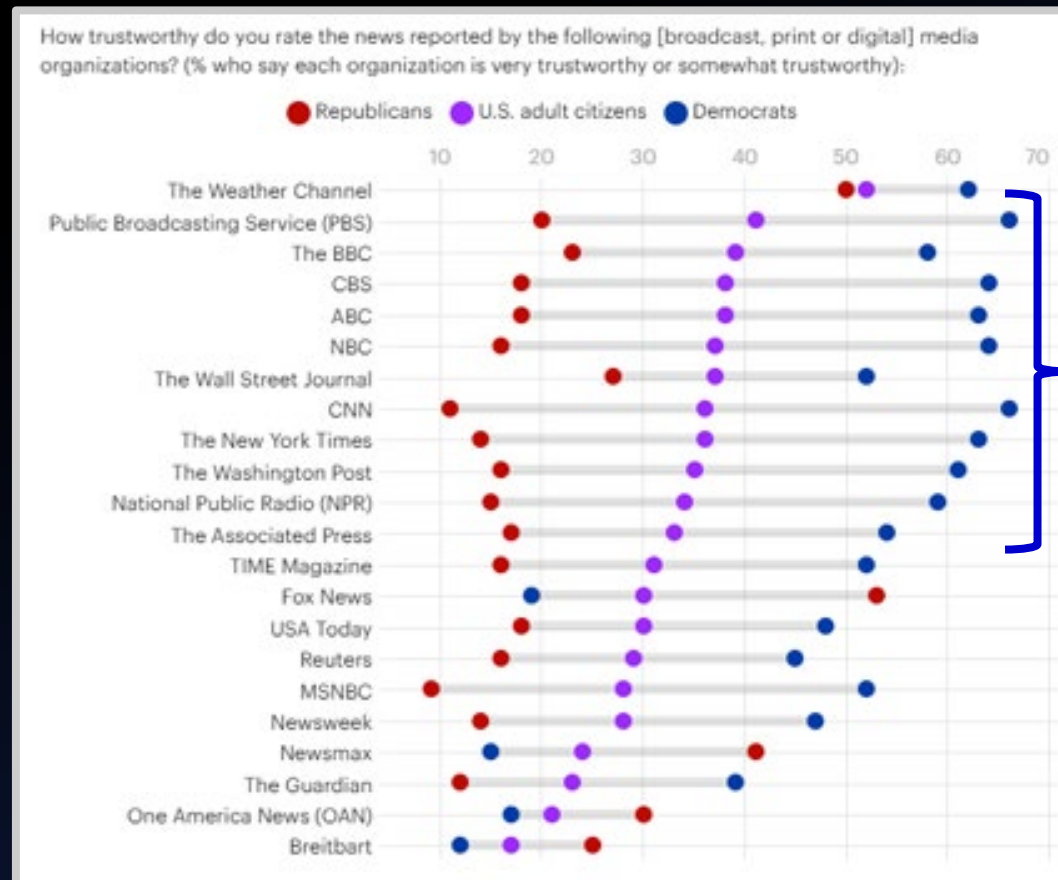
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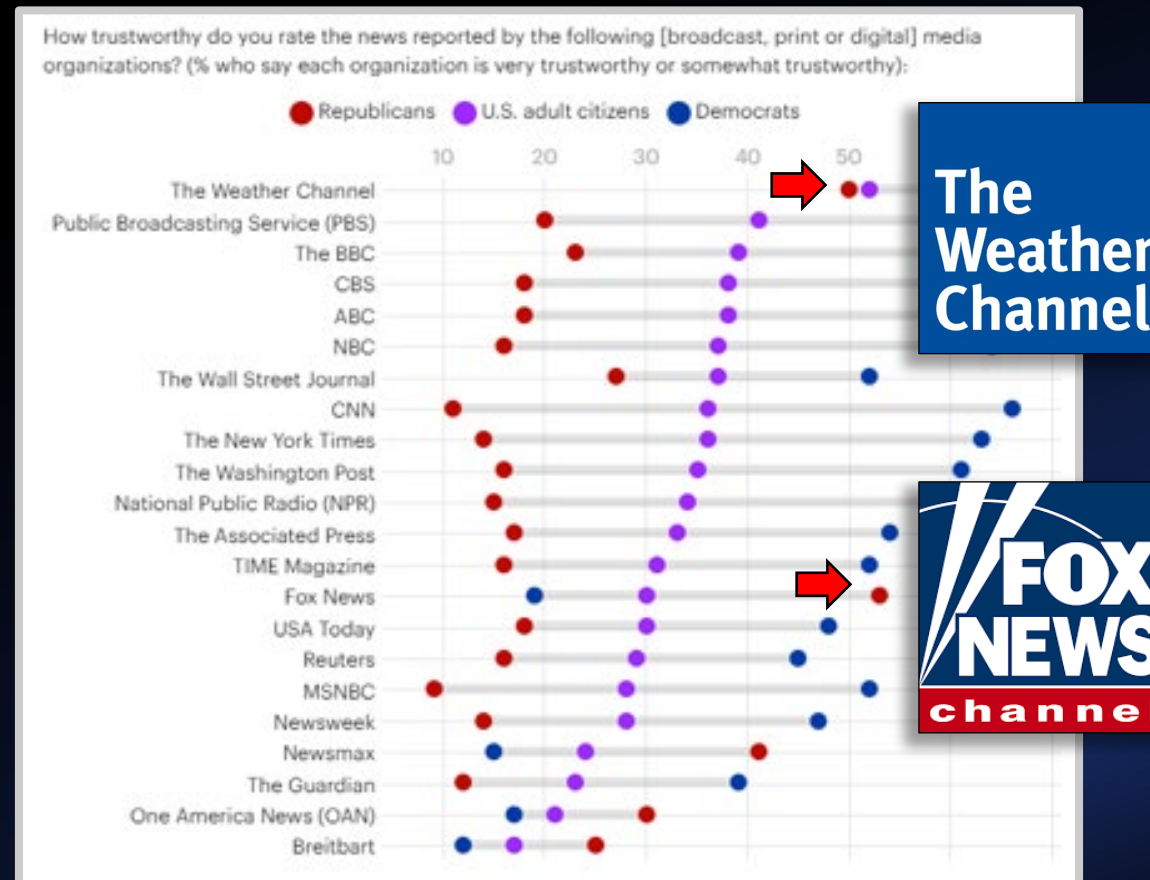
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News Media Trusted by Democrats/Republicans



PBS
CBS
ABC
NBC
CNN
NY TIMES
WAPO

News Media Trusted by Democrats/Republicans





Q11 If you could send one message with your vote this year so the people who win the election know what you mean with your vote, in a SHORT phrase, what would that message be?+* (CODED VERBATIM RESPONSES)

→	Be More Effective/Productive/Do More	14
	Fix The Economy/Reduce The Cost Of Living	14
	Protect Women's Rights.....	10
→	More Bipartisanship/Work For The People	9
→	Save This Country/Turn This Country Around.....	8
→	Honesty/Integrity/Trust Matter	7
→	Focus On The Problems Within United States	6
→	Listen To You	
	Get Rid Of T	
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	Border/Immig	
	More Person	
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	We Need Co	
	Get Rid Of B	
	Climate Cha	
	Uphold The	
	Black Lives	
	Anti-Republic	
	Energy Inde	
	Anti-Democr	
	Other	
	Nothing.....	
	Don't Know..	
	Refused.....	

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US House of Representatives



House Majority 218
222 Democrats; 213 Republicans
John Davis Forecast: GOP 239; Dems 196

History Favors GOP Takeover of Congress in 2022

- Since World War II, the party holding the White House has lost an average of 4 Senate seats and 26 House seats
- Net 1 Republican US Senate gain = 51/49 GOP majority
- Net 5 Republican US House gains = 218-seat GOP majority
- Since 1962, only 3 midterm elections when party in White House lost fewer than 5 seats. Each time the president's job approval above 60% (Kennedy '62, Clinton '98, Bush '02)

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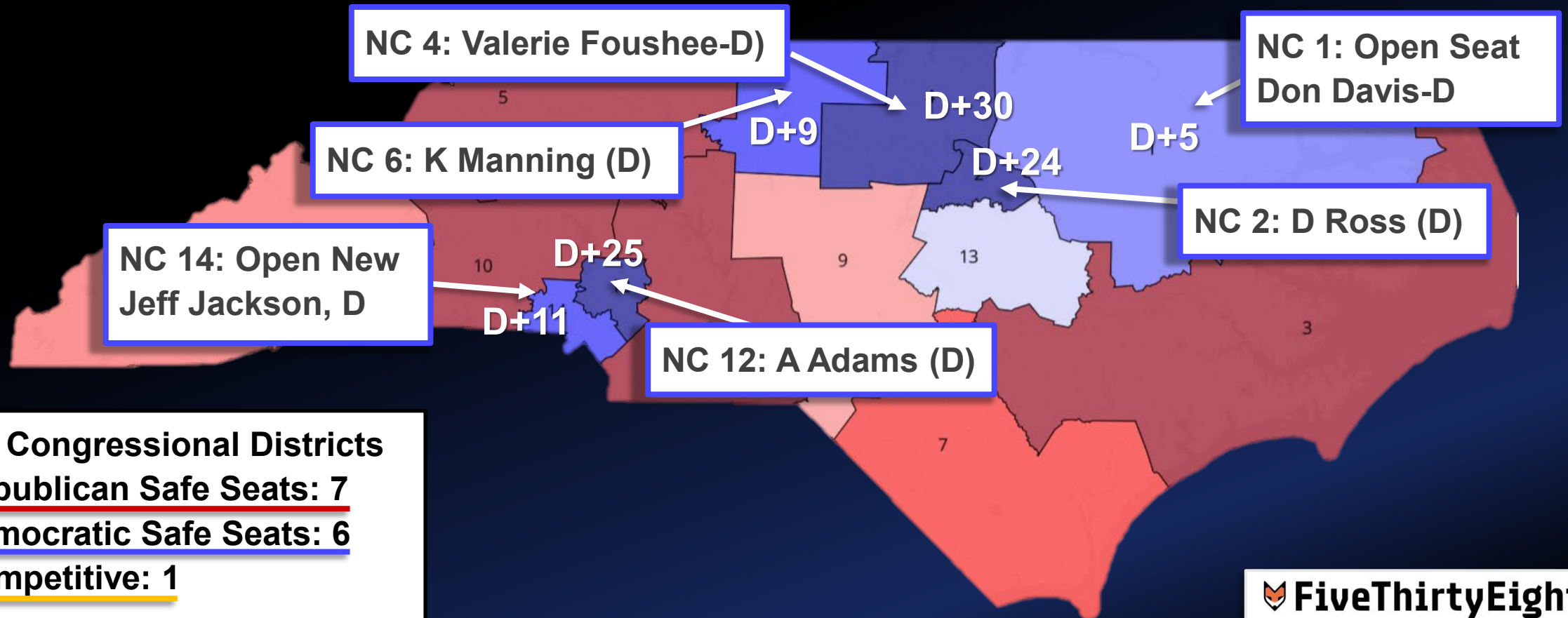
GOP Has Political Winds at Their Back in 2022

GALLUP

November 1, 2022

Year (President)	Presidential approval	Congressional approval	U.S. satisfaction	Economic conditions (net positive)	Seat loss or gain, president's party
Average	51	30	35	9	-23
2022 (Biden)	40	21	17	-35	n/a
2018 (Trump)	41	21	33	43	-40
2014 (Obama II)	44	20	27	-6	-13
2010 (Obama I)	45	21	22	-31	-63
2006 (G.W. Bush II)	38	26	35	22	-30
2002 (G.W. Bush I)	63	50	48	2	6
1998 (Clinton II)	66	44	60	60	5

NC's 14 NC Congressional Districts: 6 Safe DEM



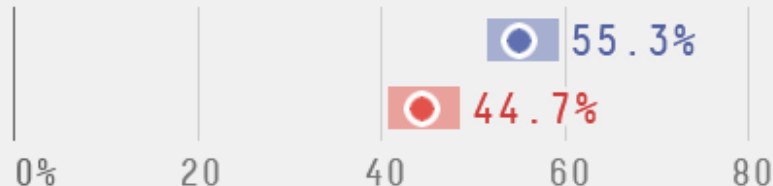
NC's 14 NC Congressional Districts: 6 Safe DEM

NC Congressional Districts
Republican Safe Seats: 7
Democratic Safe Seats: 6
Competitive: 1

North Carolina 1st **SOLID D**

CANDIDATE	CHANCE OF WINNING
Don Davis (Dem.)	96 in 100
Sandy Smith (Rep.)	4 in 100

FORECASTED VOTE SHARE



NC 1: Open Seat
Don Davis-D

NC's 14 NC Congressional Districts: 7 Safe GOP

NC 5: V Foxx (R)

R+13

NC 10: P McHenry (R)

R+8

R+22

NC 11: Chuck Edwards (R)

R+20

NC 9: R Hudson (R)

R+6

NC 3: G Murphy (R)

R+15

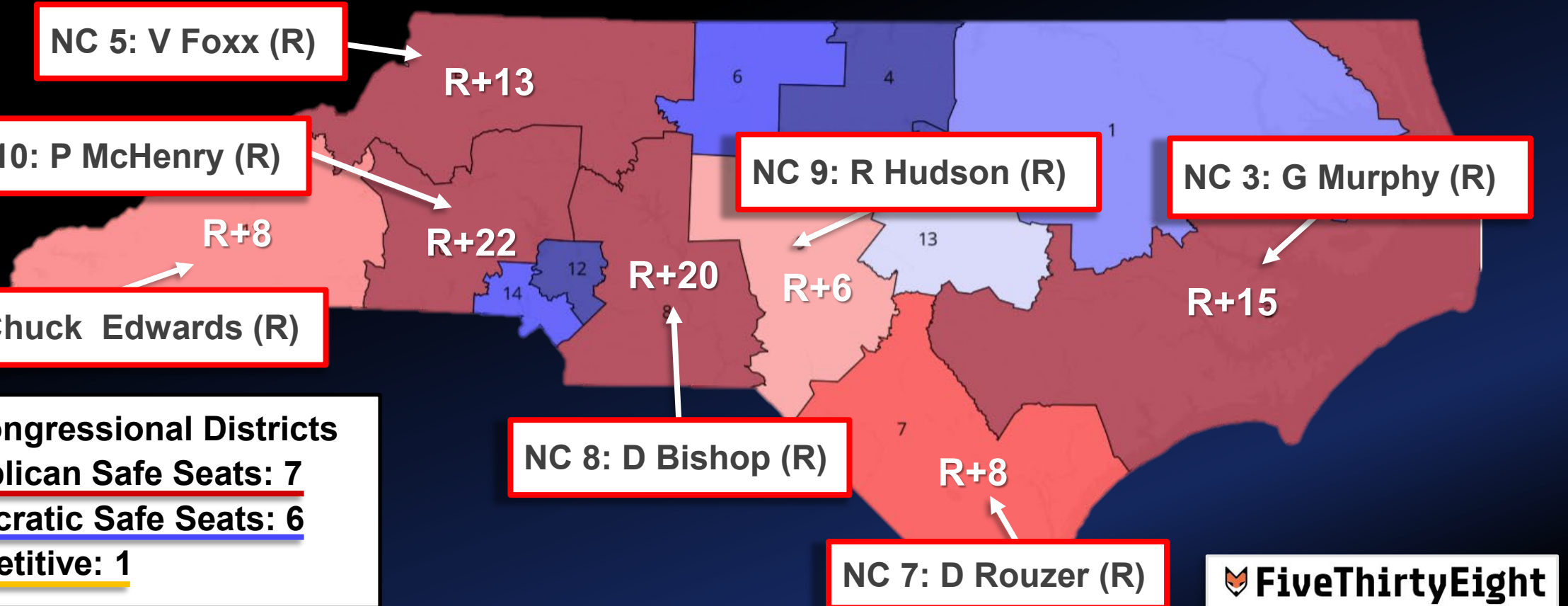
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NC 8: D Bishop (R)

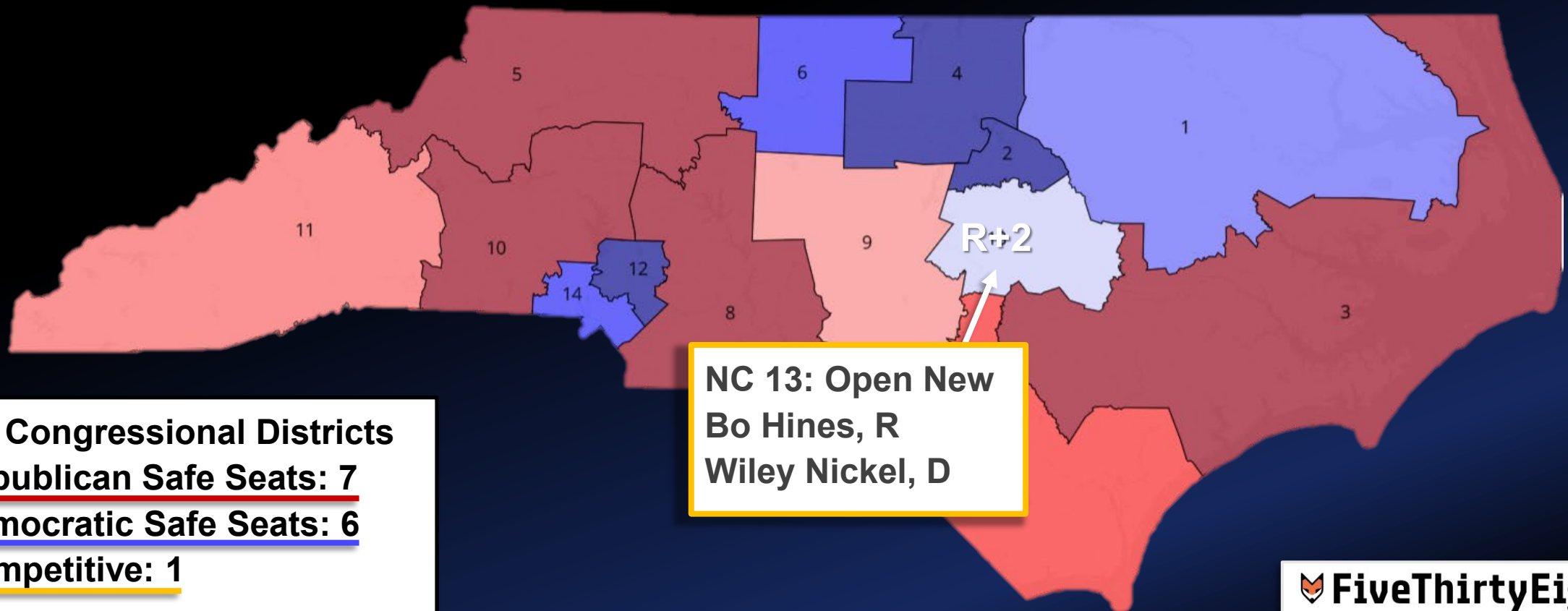
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NC 7: D Rouzer (R)

 FiveThirtyEight

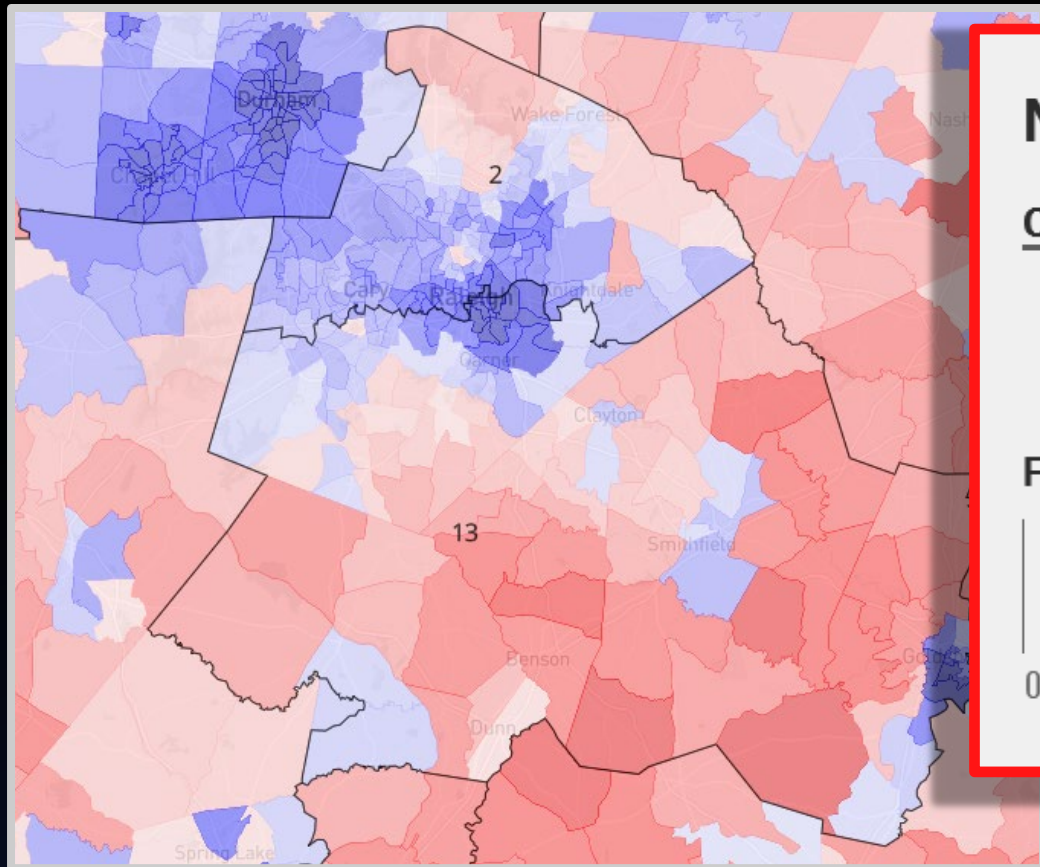


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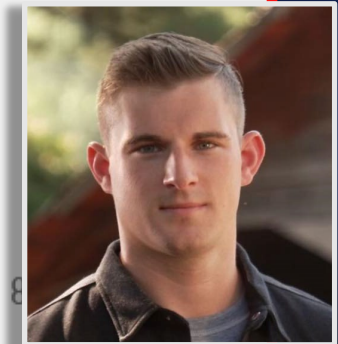
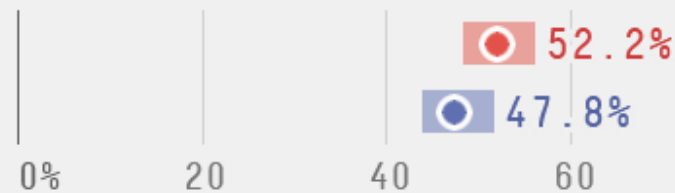
US 13 Only Competitive NC Congressional District



North Carolina 13th LIKELY R

CANDIDATE	CHANCE OF WINNING
Bo Hines (Rep.)	77 in 100
Wiley Nickel (Dem.)	23 in 100

FORECASTED VOTE SHARE



US Senate



Senate Majority 51
50 Democrats; 50 Republicans
John Davis Forecast: GOP 53; Dems 47

North Carolina US Senate Race

Cheri Beasley



Married w/twin boys; Wake Cnty
Fmr Chief Justice NCSC
Elected statewide '08, '14, '22
Rutgers; U Tenn JD; Duke LLM

Ted Budd



Married w/3 children; Davie Cnty
Gun Shop Owner; Family Farm
3-Term Mbr of Congress
App State; Wake Forest MBA

Total Raised Oct 19, 2022

- Cheri Beasley raised \$33.9M
- Ted Budd raised \$12.5M

Outside Spending 2022

\$5.6M Support; \$44.3M Opposed
\$21M Support; \$15.2M Opposed

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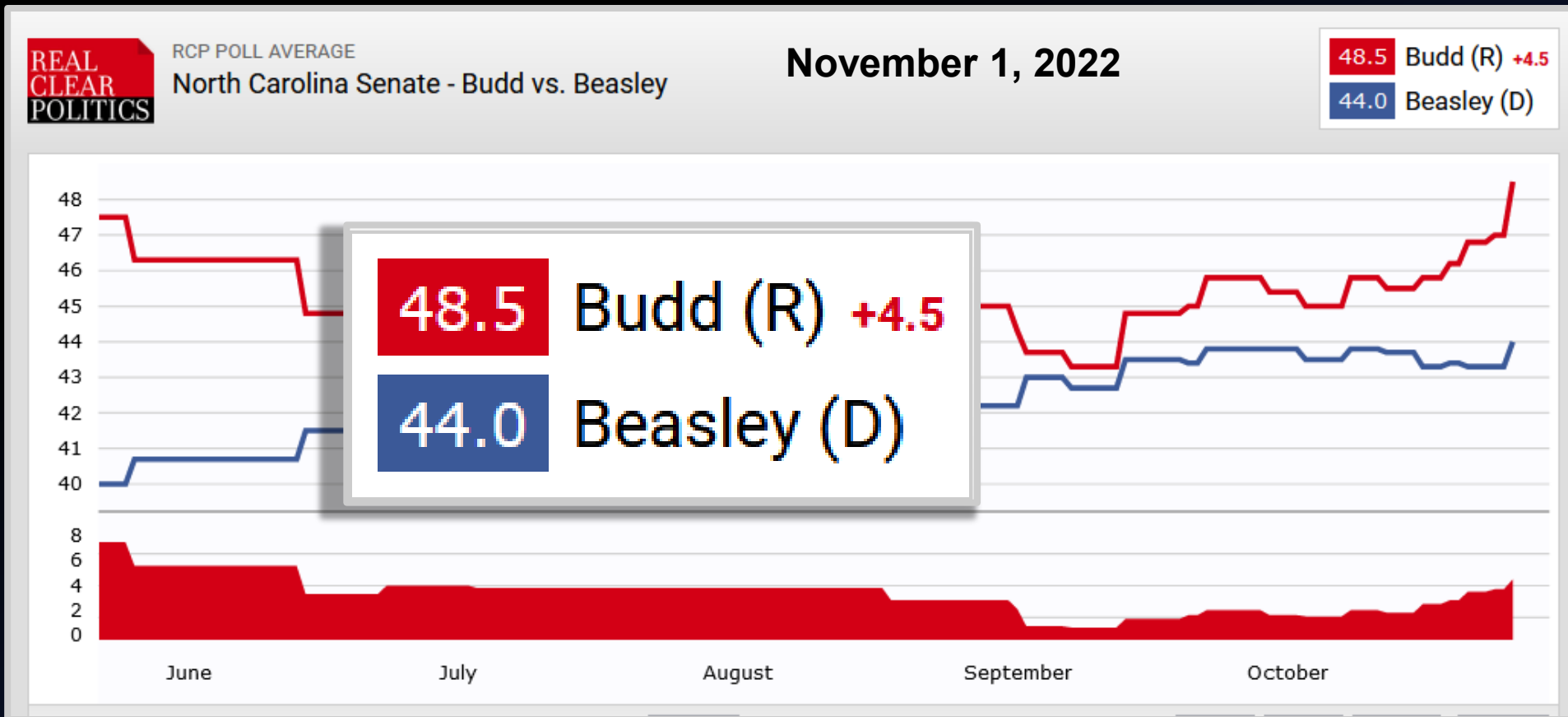


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\$54.7M

\$77.8M

North Carolina US Senate Race



US Supreme Court



**Historic 6-3 Conservative Advantage
First Black Female Justice in 2022
Implications for Contentious Issues**

Supreme Court of the United States



Supreme Court of the United States



SCOTUS 2021-2022: Historic Conservative Bloc

- SCOTUS 6-3 conservative (all 6 GOP nominees);
6 Catholics, 2 Protestants, 1 Jew
- US is 45% Protestant, 22% Catholic, 2% Jewish
- SCOTUS 2021-2022 eliminated federal abortion guarantee, expanded 2nd Amendment and religious rights,
and limited U.S. govt's power to curb climate change

SCOTUS 2021-2022: Historic Conservative Bloc

The New York Times

BREAKING NEWS

The Supreme Court limited the E.P.A.'s ability to regulate power plant emissions in a major ruling with potential impact well beyond the climate.

The New York Times

June 27, 2022

Supreme Court Sides With Coach Over Prayers on 50-Yard Line

Joseph Kennedy, a former high school football coach in Bremerton, Wash., had a constitutional right to pray on the field after his team's games, the justices ruled.



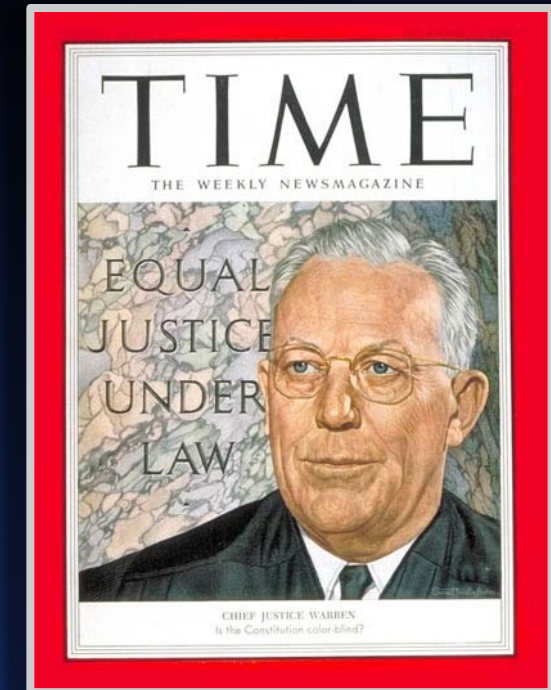
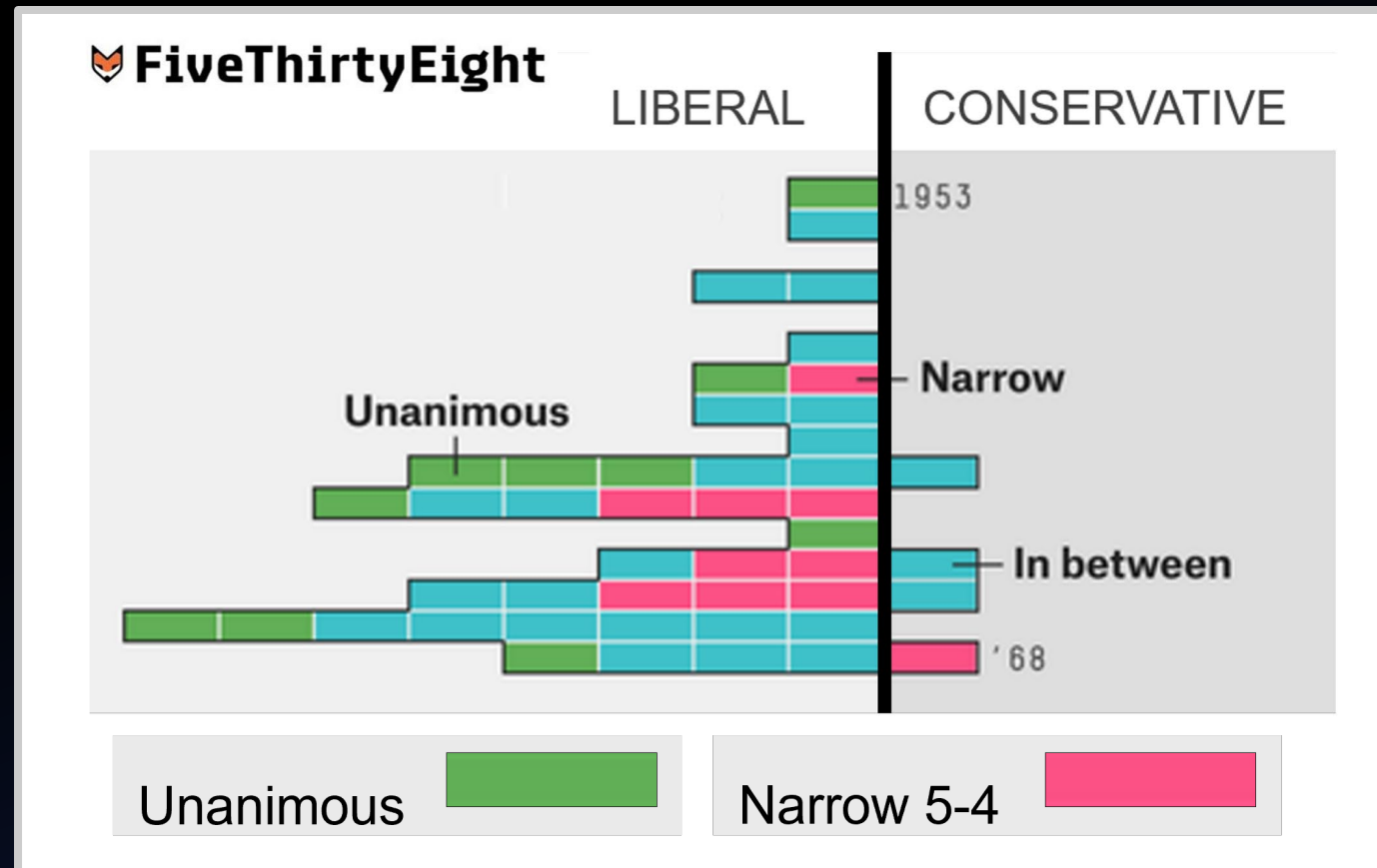
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The Supreme Court rules 8-1 that GOP lawmakers in North Carolina can intervene in litigation to defend a state voter-ID law. The NAACP is challenging the law, and the NC attorney general (a Democrat) is defending it. GOP legislators want to intervene anyway. **SCOTUS** says they can.

SCOTUS Precedent-Altering Cases to Watch

- **Race/Affirm Action:** Stu for Fair Admissions at UNC and Harvard say Affirm Action discriminates against Asians
- **Elections/Gerrymandering:** NC case Moore v. Harper (only the state legis, not courts, have final say on maps)
- **Environment:** Idaho case may limit EPA on wetlands regs
- **LGBTQ Rights:** Colorado website designer says no to creating websites for same-sex weddings

Precedent-Altering Decisions: Warren Court 1953-1968



Chief Justice Earl Warren

North Carolina Supreme Court



4-3 Democratic Majority
Two Races, Both Democratic Justices
If GOP Wins One, Court Flips to 4-3 Republican

North Carolina Supreme Court 2022 Races

						
PAUL NEWBY (R)	ROBIN HUDSON (D)	SAM ERVIN IV (D)	MICHAEL MORGAN (D)	ANITA EARLS (D)	PHIL BERGER JR (R)	TAMARA BARRINGER (R)
2027 (ret.)	Retiring	2022	2024	2026	2028	2028
						
	2022	2022				

North Carolina Supreme Court 2022 Races



Lucy Inman, D-Wake

- Judge, NC Court of Appeals
- NC State; UNC Sch of Law, 1990
- Fmr Civil Litig Atty; Superior Ct Judge

Richard Dietz, R-Wake

- Judge, NC Court of Appeals
- Wake Forest Law, 2002; Duke Law LLM
- Fmr Appellate Atty; Kilpatrick Stockton

PAUL NEWBY (R)
2027 (ret.)

ROBIN HUDSON (D)
2022 (ret.)

2022

2022

MICHAEL MORGAN (D)
2024

ANITA EARLES (D)
2026

PHILIP BERGER JR (R)
2028

TAMARA BARRINGER (R)
2028

North Carolina Supreme Court 2022 Races

Trey Allen		Sam Ervin IV (D)		Sam Ervin IV (D)		Trey Allen		Trey Allen	
									
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2022		2022		2022		2022		2022	
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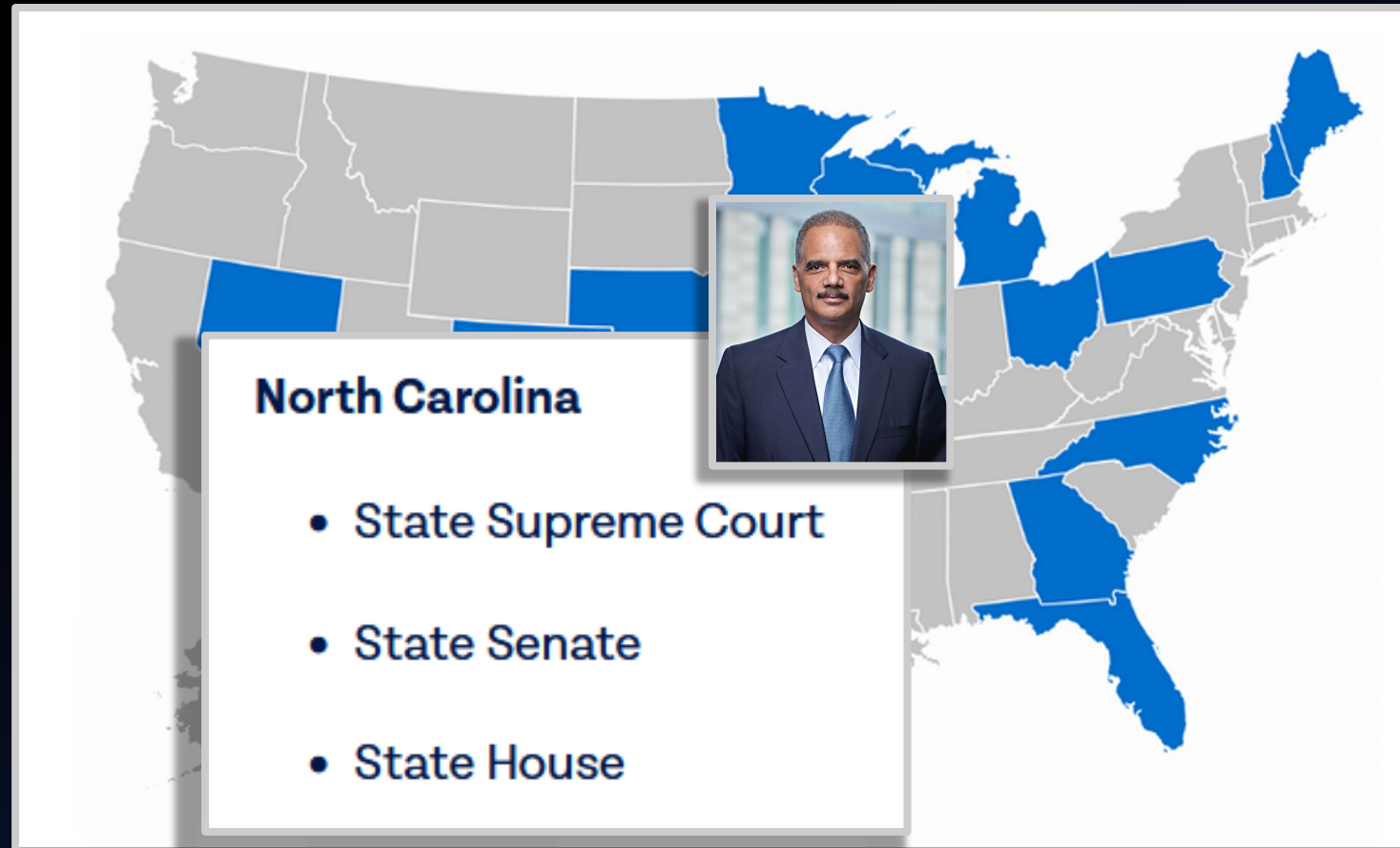
Sam Ervin, IV, D-Burke

- Justice, NC Supreme Court
- Davidson; Harvard Law Sch, 1981
- Fmr NC Utilities Comm and Ct of Appeals

Trey Allen, R-Robeson

- Gen'l Counsel, Admin Office of the Courts
- UNC Pembroke; UNC Sch of Law, 2000
- US Marine Corp Judge Advocate

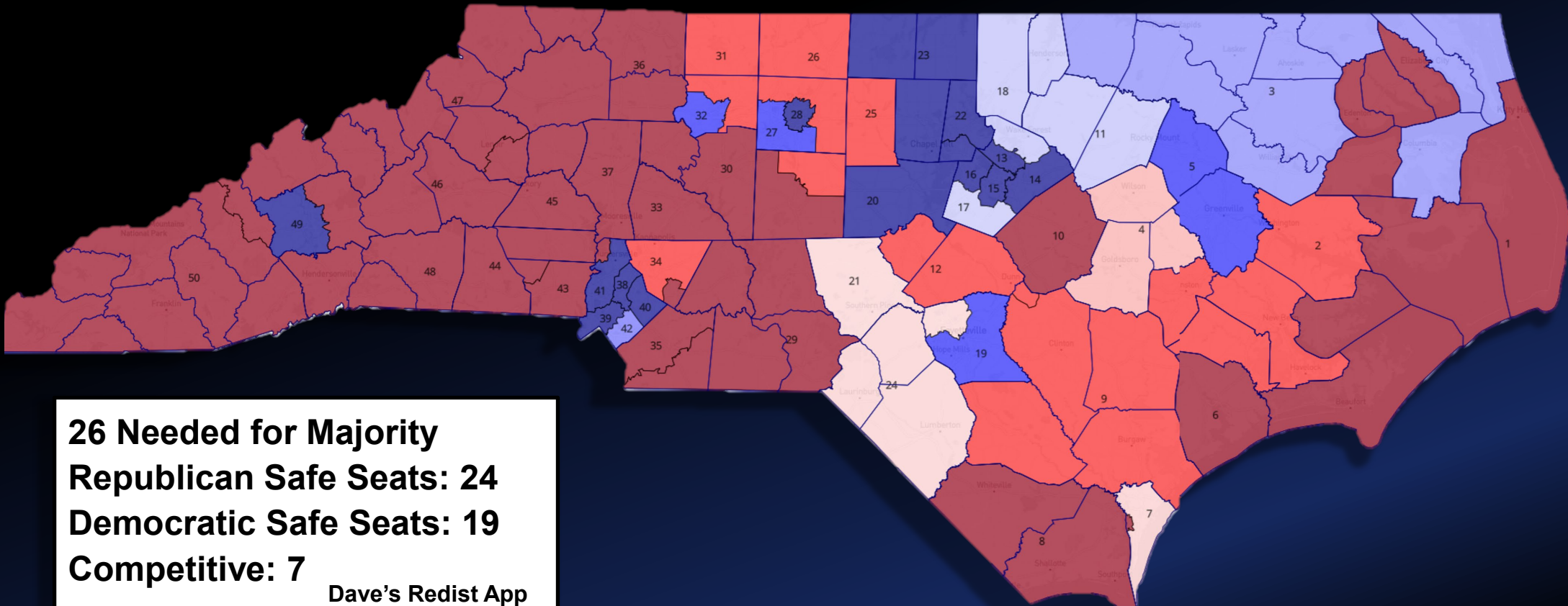
Nat'l Democratic Redistricting Comm 2022 Targets



2022 State Legislative Chambers: GOP 61; Dems 37

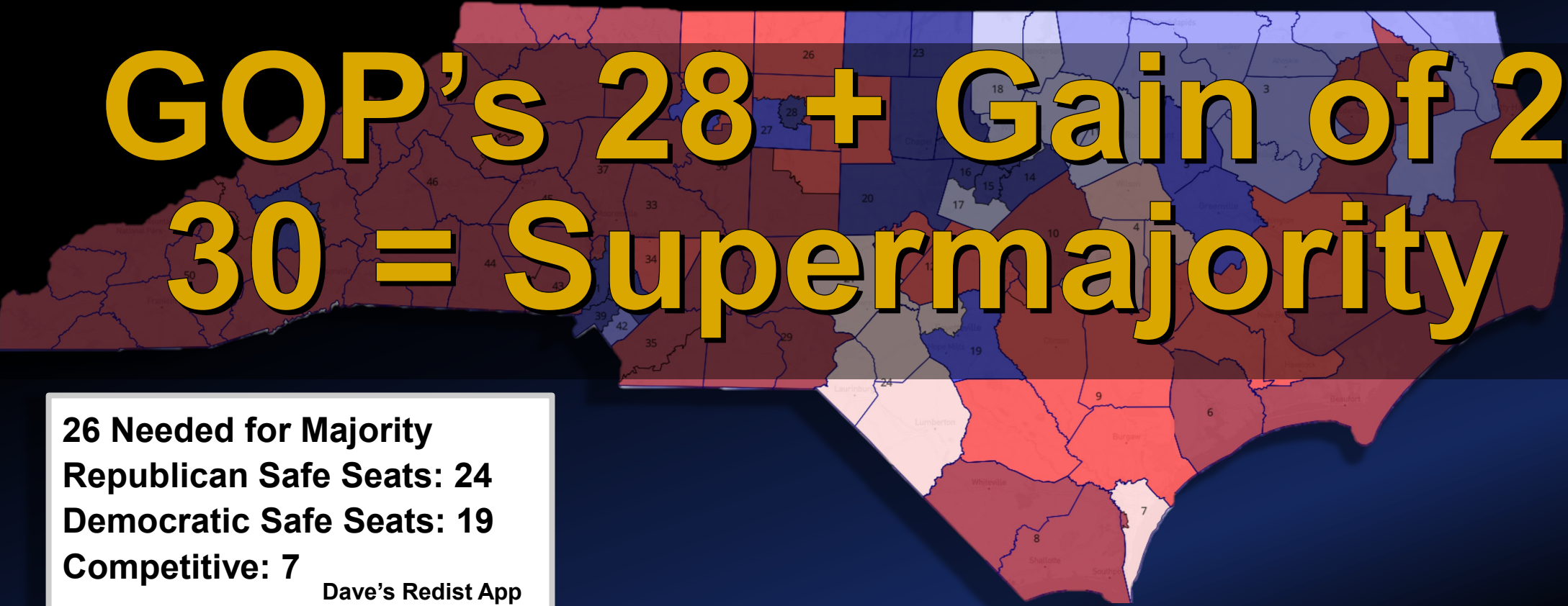
- In 2020, Forward Majority, allied with NDRC, spent more than \$32 million to flip state legislative chambers in Florida, Texas, Arizona and North Carolina .
- NDRC's failure to flip state legislative chambers led to shift in focus to litigating maps in friendly state courts

NC's 50 Senate Districts 2022



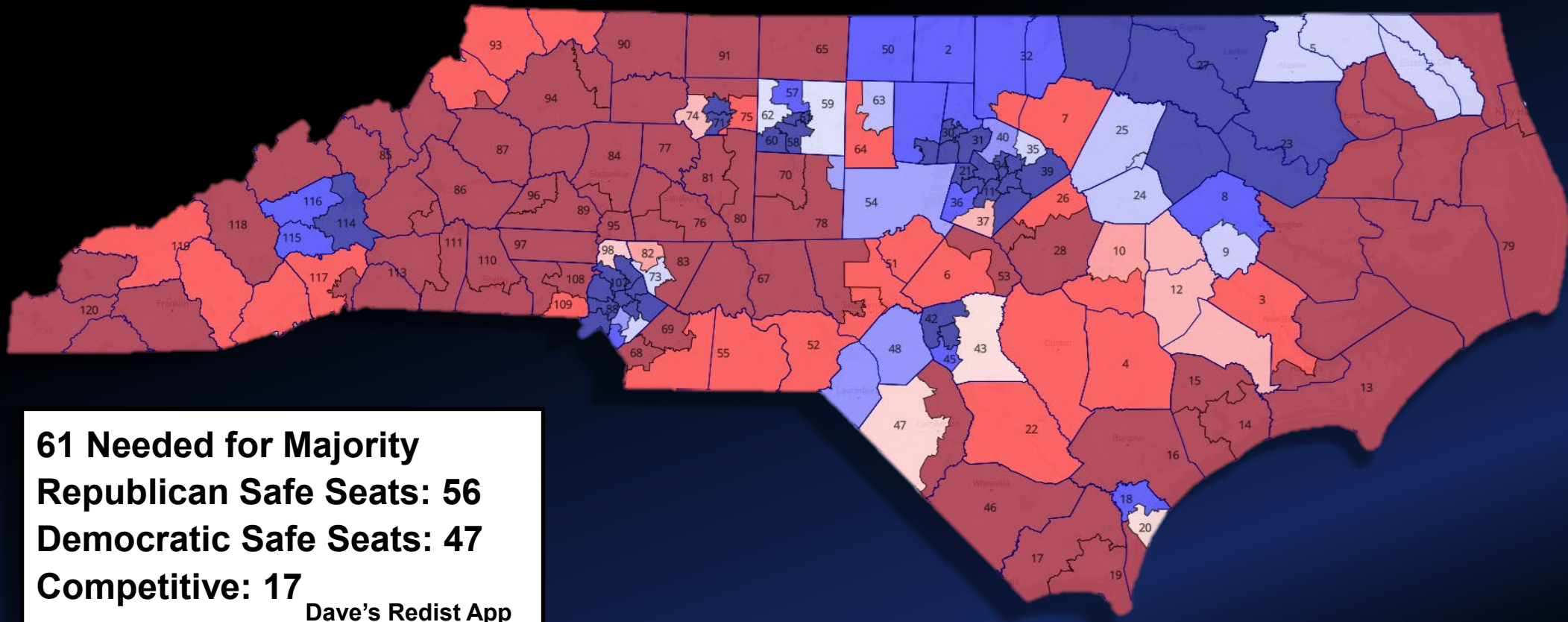
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**GOP's 28 + Gain of 2
30 = Supermajority**

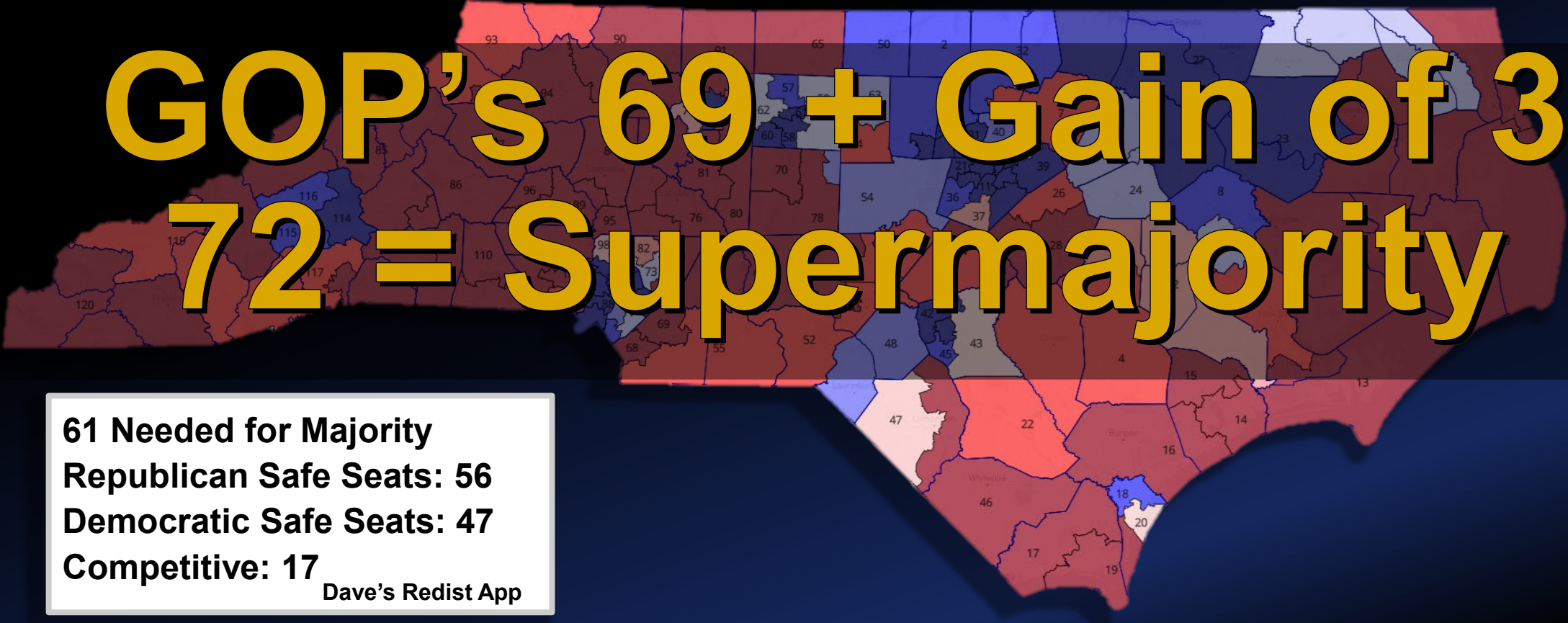
A map of North Carolina divided into 50 Senate districts. The districts are color-coded: dark red for Republican-leaning, blue for Democratic-leaning, and light pink for competitive. The map shows a clear partisan split, with the GOP controlling the majority of districts. The text 'GOP's 28 + Gain of 2 30 = Supermajority' is overlaid in large yellow font.

26 Needed for Majority
Republican Safe Seats: 24
Democratic Safe Seats: 19
Competitive: 7
Dave's Redist App

NC's 120 House Districts 2022



NC's 120 House Districts 2022



The map shows North Carolina divided into 120 House districts. The districts are color-coded: red for Republican-leaning, blue for Democratic-leaning, and grey for competitive. The text 'GOP's 69 + Gain of 3' is overlaid on the map, indicating the projected Republican seat count. The text '72 = Supermajority' is also overlaid, indicating the number of seats needed for a supermajority.

GOP's 69 + Gain of 3
72 = Supermajority

61 Needed for Majority

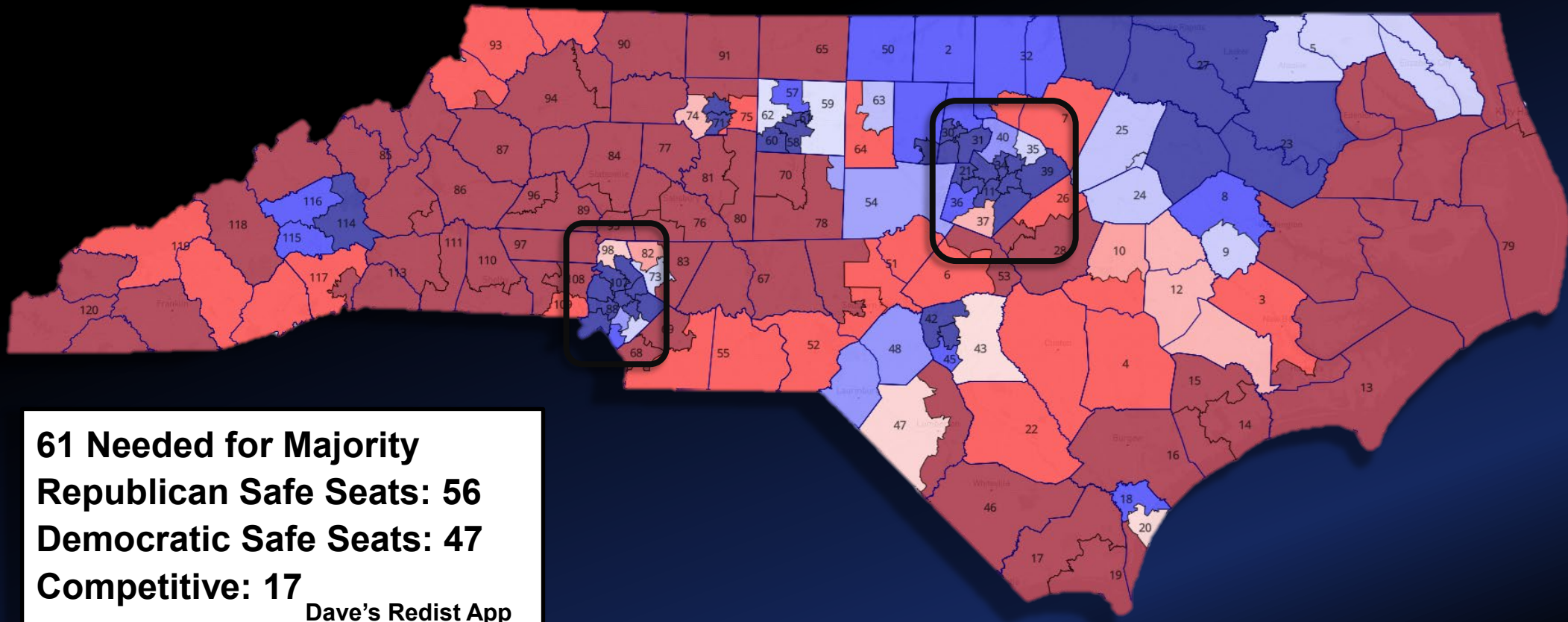
Republican Safe Seats: 56

Democratic Safe Seats: 47

Competitive: 17

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NC's 120 House Districts 2022







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17 NCGA MBRS

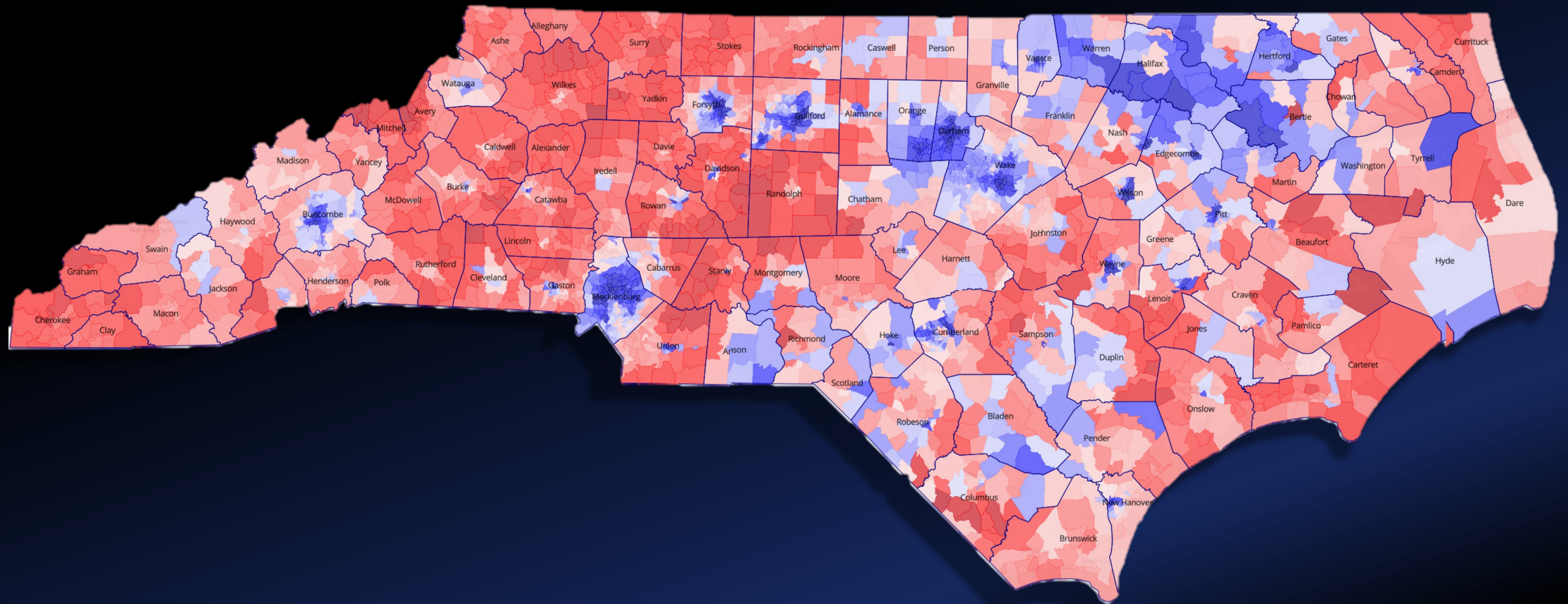
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**Rep. Erin Pare**


**Rep. John Bradford**



Democratic Blue Islands in Red Sea of GOP Precincts



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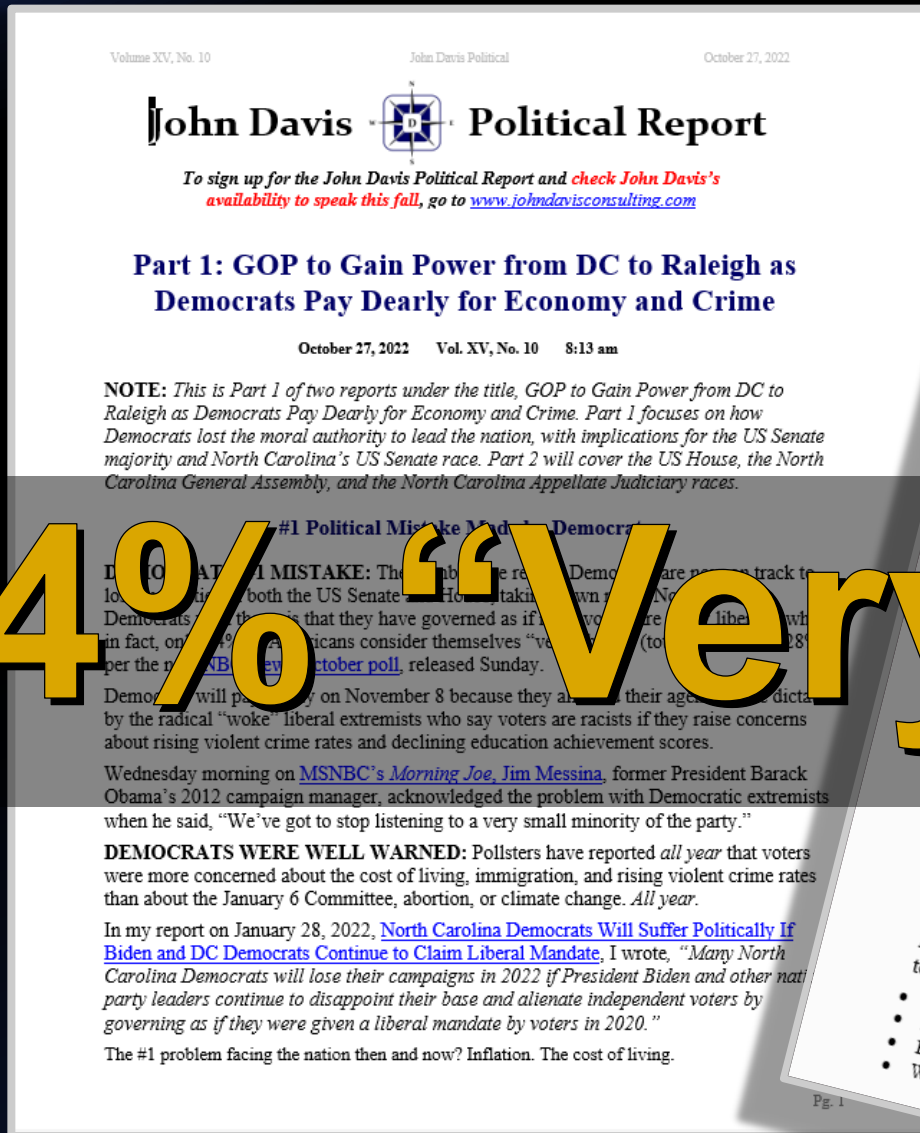


35 Statewide Races

GOP 50.1%

DEM 49.3%

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14% "Very Liberal"

A Nation Disrupted by Transformative Change

- **Older generations are disrupted politically by younger generations demanding their own priorities and values**
- **Everything disrupted by internet and artificial intelligence**
- **Exclusive knowledge sources (universities, libraries, corps) disrupted by universal access to all knowledge**
- **America's 20th Century economic/military dominance disrupted by globalization of wealth and power**

A Nation Disrupted by Transformative Change

- White Anglo-Saxon patriarchy disrupted politically by women and minorities demanding equal opportunity
- Corporate campaign \$ disrupted by *Citizens United*
- 20th Century Democrat leaders in civil rights, feminism and Great Society socialism disrupted by new liberal voices
- 20th Century American traditions/social norms disrupted by cultural diversification and liberalization

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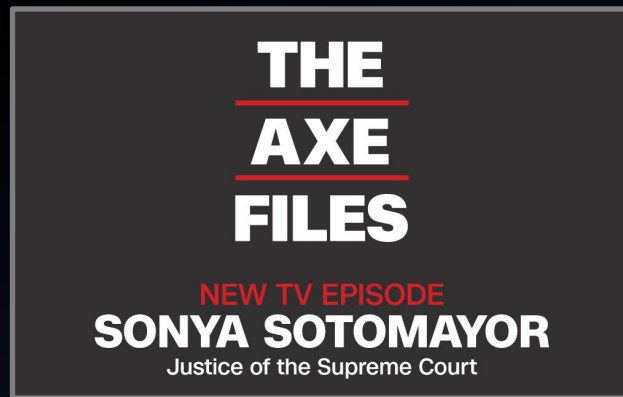
- **Republican establishment disrupted by Donald Trump and his anti-establishment MAGA base**
- **Trump disrupted by DOJ/FBI, Democrat judges and DAs disrupted by a conservative SCOTUS**
- **Speaker Pelosi disrupted by caucus dissidents who are disrupted by Senate Republicans**
- **News/opinion sources disrupted by social media**

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US Supreme Court Model
“The nine of us are now a family.”

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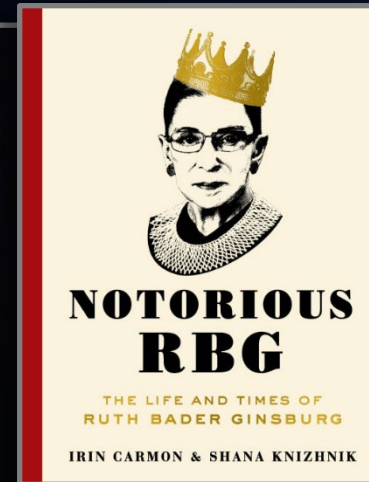


**THE
AXE
FILES**

NEW TV EPISODE
SONYA SOTOMAYOR
Justice of the Supreme Court

“When you’re charged with working together for most of the remainder of your life, you have to create a relationship,” Sotomayor said. “The nine of us are now a family.”

The Odd Couple: Justices Scalia and Ginsberg

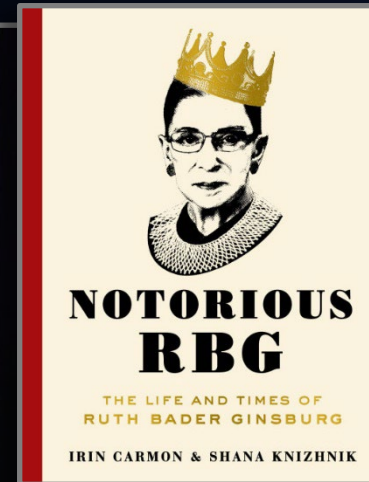
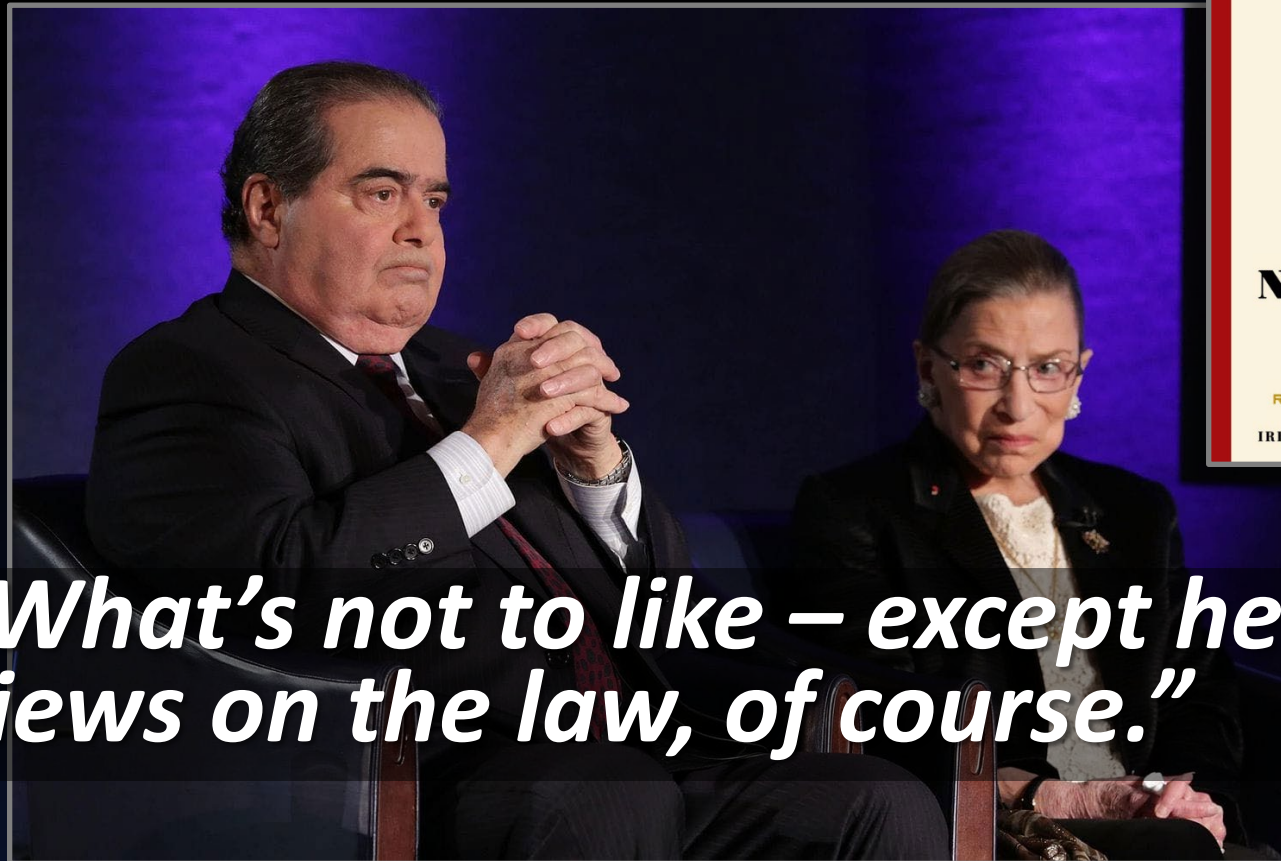


Lowest agreement rate of any two
Only 7% agreement on 5-4 decisions

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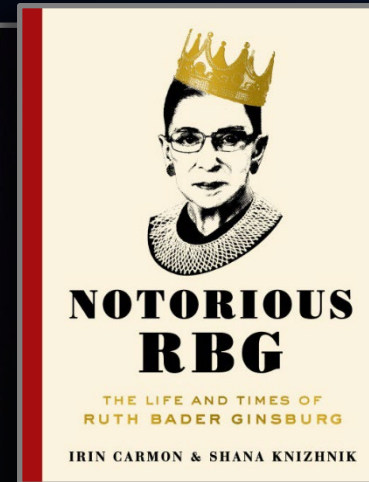
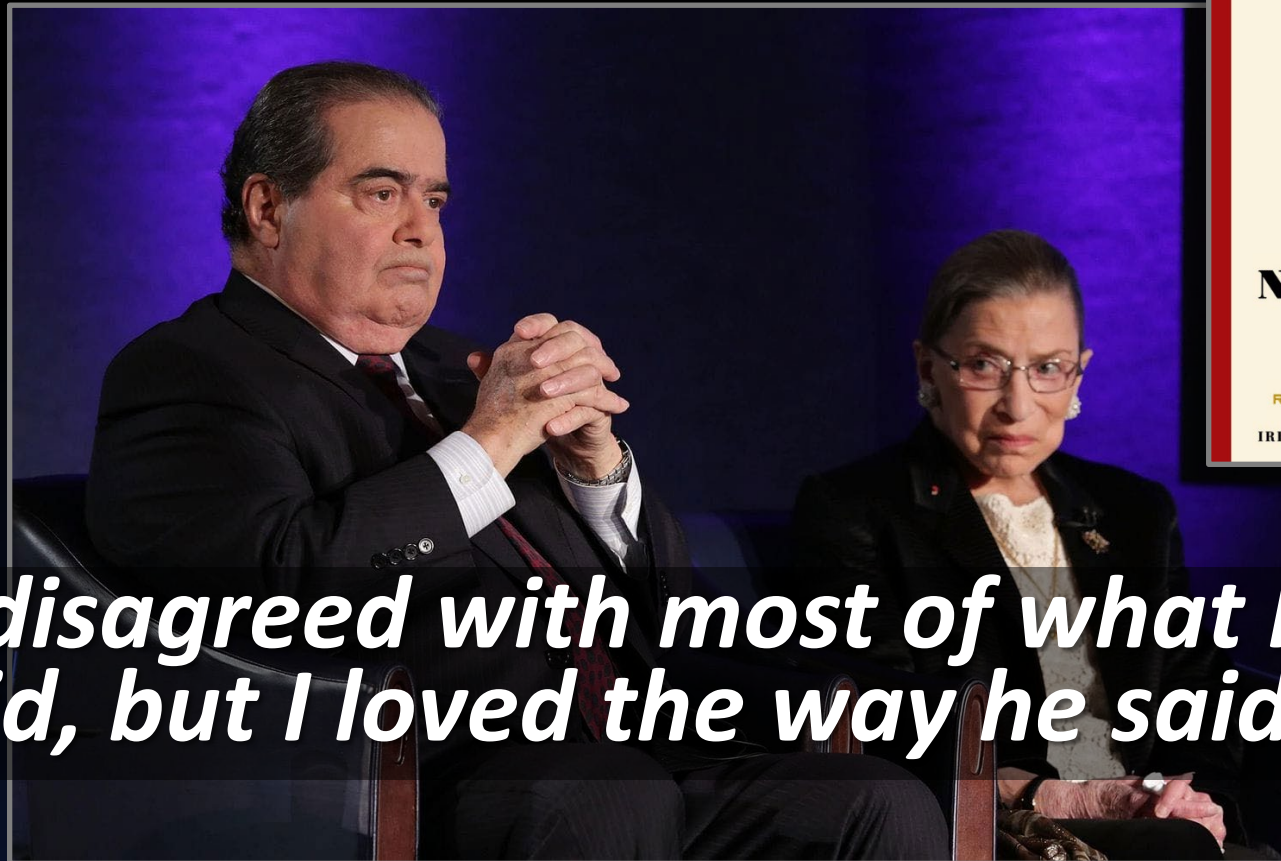


The Odd Couple: Justices Scalia and Ginsburg



“What’s not to like – except her views on the law, of course.”

The Odd Couple: Justices Scalia and Ginsburg



“I disagreed with most of what he said, but I loved the way he said it.”

The Odd Couple: Justices Scalia and Ginsburg



***“I never heard them
talk about anything
political or ideological,
because there would
be no point.”***

*Ginsburg’s grandson, Paul Spera,
Washington Post, February 13, 2016*

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“Nino kills it. Marty cooks it.”

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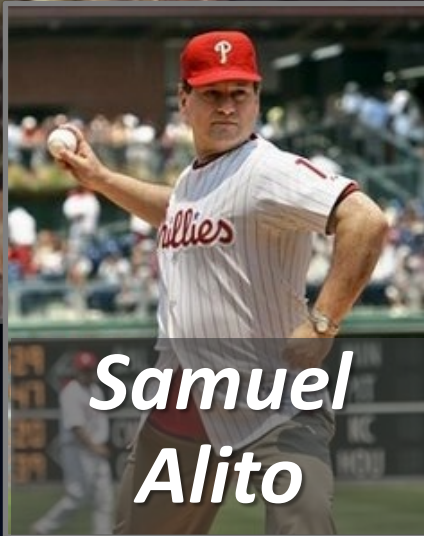


Collegiality

**U.S. SUPREME COURT ODD HUNTING BUDDIES:
LATE CONSERVATIVE JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA &
CURRENT LIBERAL JUSTICE ELENA KAGAN!**
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“This idea of purity and you’re never compromised, and you’re always politically woke you should get over that quickly.”



“The world is messy. There are ambiguities. People who do really good stuff have flaws.”

“If all you’re doing is casting stones, you’re not going to get very far. That’s not activism.

That’s not bringing about change.”

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