

Open Left 2008 House Forecast, by Chris Bowers

Final Update: 9:45 p.m. eastern, November 3rd

Final Projection: Democratic Net Gain of 21-27

Best Guess: Democratic Net Gain of 24

Polls: Bolded and underlined polls were taken within tl the last three weeks

2006 = Margin in 2006

PVI = Parting Voting Index. Provided by the Cook Political Report. Shows the partisan leanings of the district in presidential elections.

Open? = Open Seat?; Frosh = Freshman?; Repeat? = 2nd time challenger has run?

Cash on hand numbers are in thousands of dollars

Republican Held Seats

Democratic Pickups: 27-31

Likely D: 4

Pickups: 4

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
FL-24	Suzanne Ksomas	Tom Feeney	<u>D+23</u>	16%	R+3				\$356	\$736	Shockingly, this one is over
IL-11	Debbie Halvorson	Martin Ozinga	<u>D+13, D+21</u>	10%	R+1	X			\$275	\$176	Not so shockingly, this one is also over
NY-13	Mike McMahon	Robert Stranieri		14%	D+1	X			\$483	\$2	Vito Fosella's district
NY-25	Dan Maffei	Dale Sweetland	D+18	2%	D+3	X		X	\$599	\$137	Really "likely" Democratic

Lean D: 15

Pickups: 12-13

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
AK-AL	Ethan Berkowitz	Don Young	<u>D+6, D+8, D+6</u>	17%	R+14				\$384	\$276	Alaska Dems looking good, even with Palin
AZ-01	Ann Kirkpatrick	Sydney Hay		7%	R+2	X			\$306	\$124	Sydney Hay is the Randy Graf of 2008
CO-04	Betsy Markey	Marilyn Musgrave	D+9	3%	R+9				\$382	\$798	Slow fundraising threatens Markey
FL-08	Alan Grayson	Ric Keller	<u>D+11</u>	7%	R+3				\$310	\$983	I actually never doubted Grayson would win
MI-07	Mark Schauer	Tim Walberg	D+8, D+10	5%	R+2		X		\$856	\$692	Incumbents don't win when they trail by 8
MI-09	Gary Peters	Joe Knollenberg	<u>D+7</u>	6%	R+0				\$472	\$1,947	Now the NRCC has entirely pulled out
NJ-03	John Adler	Chris Myers	<u>D+8</u>	17%	D+3	X			\$1,276	\$288	NJ polls notoriously undercount Dems
NJ-07	Linda Stender	Leonard Lance	D+9, R+2	1%	R+1	X		X	\$602	\$258	NJ polls notoriously undercount Dems
NM-01	Martin Heinrich	Darren White	<u>D+4</u>	0%	D+2	X			\$328	\$678	Ahead in the polls, blue district
NM-02	Harry Teague	Edward Tinsley	<u>D+4</u>	20%	R+6	X			\$147	\$456	New Mexico wave heating up
NY-29	Eric Massa	Randy Kuhl	D+7, D+7, D+5	4%	R+5			X	\$401	\$375	Massa poised to win rematch
NC-08	Larry Kissell	Robin Hayes	<u>D+5, D+8</u>	0%	R+3			X	\$250	\$1,113	Kissel also poised to win rematch
OH-15	Mary Jo Kilroy	Steve Stivers	<u>D+6, D+8</u>	0%	R+1	X		X	\$570	\$570	Kilroy came within 1,000 votes last time
OH-16	John Boccieri	Kirk Schuring	D+10, D+8	18%	R+4	X			\$464	\$128	A welcome surpruse
VA-11	Gerry Connolly	Keith Fimian	D+31, D+4	11%	R+1	X			\$646	\$719	Even Republican polls show Dem lead here

Toss-up: 12

Pickups: 6

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AL-02	Bobby Bright	Jay Love	<u>R+2, D+7</u>	40%	R+13	X			\$66	\$307	Republicans not even safe here
CA-04	Charlie Brown	Tom McClintock	<u>R+9, D+6</u>	3%	R+11	X		X	\$457	\$94	Conflicting polls, I have a bad feeling
CT-04	Jim Himes	Chris Shays	<u>Even, D+3</u>	3%	D+5				\$441	\$1,790	Shays has remarkable staying power
ID-01	Walt Minnick	Bill Sali	<u>D+7, D+5</u>	5%	R+19		X		\$177	\$202	Minnick leading, but uber red district unnerves me
IL-10	Dan Seals	Mark Kirk	<u>D+6, R+6</u>	6%	D+4			X	\$240	\$1,815	Huge cash deficit threatens Seals here
IN-03	Michael Montagano	Mark Souder	<u>D+3, R+5, R+9</u>	8%	R+16				\$31	\$552	DCCC in for \$500K
MN-06	Elwyn Tinklenberg	Michele Bachmann	<u>R+1, D+2</u>	8%	R+5		X		\$357	\$1,368	Extremely tight, but I think Bachman's done
NV-03	Dina Titus	Jon Porter	<u>Even, D+2</u>	1%	D+1				\$246	\$836	On the "death list," but polls are close
OH-01	Steve Driehaus	Steve Chabot	D+2, R+2	6%	R+1				\$362	\$829	This could finally be a breakthrough year in Ohio
PA-04	Kathy Dahlkemper	Phil English	<u>R+2, D+7</u>	12%	R+2				\$275	\$394	English weak in '06, now he faces a stronger challenge
VA-05	Tom Periello	Virgil Goode	<u>R+3</u>	19%	R+6				\$321	\$686	Periello closing fast
WA-08	Darcy Burner	Dave Reichert	<u>D+4, Even</u>	2%	D+2			X	\$771	\$1,194	Burner pulls ahead, but smears still flying fast

Lean R: 26 Pickups: 5-7

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
AL-03	Joshua Segall	Mike Rogers	R+9	22%	R+4				\$96	\$746	Its neat that Alabama has three competitive seats
AZ-03	Bob Lord	John Shadegg	R+10	19%	R+6				\$150	\$923	Even if we lose, Shadegg will retire making Lord 2010 fav
CA-50	Nick Leibham	Brian Bilbray	R+2, R+13	11%	R+5		X		\$334	\$382	It wouldn't be a tease seat if we didn't come close
FL-13	Christine Jennings	Vern Buchanan	R+11	0%	R+4		X	X	\$315	\$276	Stolen in 2006, but doesn't look like justice will occur
FL-18	Annette Taddeo	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R+7	24%	R+4				\$111	\$1,125	Taddeo picking up speed
FL-21	Raul Martinez	Lincoln Diaz-Balart	R+1, R+14	18%	R+6				\$1,118	\$1,743	Non-partisan poll is the one at R+14
FL-25	Joe Garcia	Mario Diaz-Balart	R+3	16%	R+4				\$373	\$1,132	Even internal D polls have MDB ahead
IA-04	Becky Greenwald	Tom Latham	R+5, R+22	14%	D+0				\$24	\$775	An emerging race short on cash
KY-02	David Boswell	Steve Guthrie	R+10, D+6	10%	R+13	X			\$232	\$680	These deep red Kentucky seats are getting boring
LA-04	11/4 primary runoff	11/4 primary runoff		40%	R+7	X			NA	NA	This will be a post-eelction digestif
MD-01	Frank Kratovil	Andy Harris	R+4	38%	R+10	X			\$518	\$749	Outgoing Rep Gilcrest will work for Kratovil
MN-02	Steve Sarvi	John Kline	R+4	16%	R+3				\$136	\$676	Old internal poll hasn't been followed-up
MN-03	Ashwin Madia	Erik Paulsen	R+5	30%	R+1	X			\$995	\$1,011	On the death list, but Paulsen closing hard
MO-09	Judy Baker	Blaine Luetkemeyer	R+5	25%	R+7	X			\$43	\$326	Crazy right-wing primary might deflate Rep vote
NE-02	Jim Esch	Lee Terry	R+1, R+4, R+10	10%	R+9			X	\$266	\$514	I'm bearish here, but numbers hard to argue with
NV-02	Jill Derby	Dean Heller	R+13, R+3	6%	R+8		X	X	\$246	\$406	Not all rematches improve the 2nd time
NJ-05	Dennis Shulman	Scott Garrett	R+7	11%	R+4				\$279	\$571	This seat always threatens to move up, but a longshot
NY-26	Alice Kryzan	Christopher Lee	R+14	4%	R+3	X			\$115	\$327	Kryzan doesn't get WFP line. Fusion voting!
OH-02	Victoria Wulsin	Jean Schmidt	R+7, D+1, R+8	2%	R+13		X	X	\$305	\$347	non-campaign polls show Schmidt lead
PA-15	Sam Bennett	Charlie Dent		10%	D+2				\$245	\$763	Lack of polling worries me
SC-01	Linda Ketner	Henry Brown	R+5, R+11	22%	R+10				\$206	\$1,166	Part of DCCC red to blue program
TX-07	Michael Skelly	John Culberson	R+5, R+7	20%	R+16				\$1,141	\$744	Polls keep getting better, surprisingly
TX-10	Larry Joe Doherty	Michael McCaul	R+4	14%	R+13				\$221	\$598	Doherty was a TV star
VA-02	Glenn Nye	Thelma Drake	R+5	2%	R+6				\$349	\$707	Drake pulling away
VA-10	Judy Feder	Frank Wolf		16%	R+5			X	\$648	\$1,007	Feder has lots of cash for a rematch
WY-AL	Gary Trauner	Cynthia Lummis	R+4, R+6	0%	R+19	X		X	\$596	\$202	Trauner struggling to break 44%

Likely R: 20 Pickups: 0-1

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
CA-03	Bill Durston	Dan Lungren	R+20, R+3	22%	R+7			X	\$189	\$680	Wildly conflicting polls, but Republican heavily favored
CA-26	David Dreir	Russ Warner	R+12	19%	R+4				\$119	\$1,721	Dreir's huge warchest will probably save him
CA-46	Debbie Cook	Dana Rohrabacher		23%	R+6				\$30	\$498	Would be largest ideological shift in a House seat
FL-09	Bill Mitchell	Gus Bilirakis	R+23	12%	R+4		X		\$32	\$653	This is not a note
FL-10	Bob Hackworth	Bill Young	R+17	32%	D+1				\$9	\$876	We should be doing better in a Dem seat like this
FL-15	Steve Blythe	Bill Posey		12%	R+4	X			\$9	\$220	Blythe has little money, but did win primary anyway
IL-06	Jill Morgenthaler	Peter Roskam	R+30	2%	R+3		X		\$161	\$1,103	Local Dem machine always loses this one
IL-13	Scott Harper	Judy Biggert	R+25	16%	R+5				\$333	\$833	
IL-18	Colleen Callahan	Aaron Schock	R+29	34%	R+5	X			\$53	\$466	
KY-04	Michael Kelley	Geoff Davis	R+21	7%	R+12				\$7	\$842	
LA-01	Jim Harlan	Steve Scalise	R+11	81%	R+18	X			\$88	\$130	Jindall's old seat
MO-06	Kay Barnes	Sam Graves	R+18	25%	R+5				\$304	\$522	Seems to be slipping away
NC-05	Roy Carter	Virginia Foxx	R+10	14%	R+15				\$32	\$965	
NC-10	Daniel Johnson	Patrick McHenry	R+15	24%	R+15				\$398	\$362	
OH-07	Sharen Neuhardt	Steve Austria	R+24	22%	R+6	X			\$215	\$280	Downticket Dems could help Obama in Ohio
OH-14	William O'Neill	Steve LaTourette		19%	R+2				\$55	\$857	Maybe O'Neill can catch Ohio wave
PA-06	Bob Roggio	Jim Gerlach	R+29	2%	D+2				\$701	\$216	Gerlach seems like he will have to be districted out
PA-18	Steve Odonnell	Tim Murphy		16%	R+2				\$103	\$1,095	
SC-02	Rob Miller	Joe Wilson	R+12	26%	R+9				\$20	\$243	
WV-02	Anne Barth	Shelly Moore Capito	R+14	14%	R+5				\$245	\$1,054	

Democratic Held Seats

Losses: Losses: 4--6

Likely R: 2

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District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
FL-16	Tim Mahoney	Tom Rooney	<u>R+26</u>	1%	R+2		X		\$371	\$189	Mahooney is an idiot and an embarrassment
TX-22	Nick Lampson	Peter Graham Olson	<u>R+17</u>	10%	R+15		X*		\$1,176	\$469	This time, an opponent will be on the ballot

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Losses: 1

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PA-11	Paul Kanjorski	Louis J. Barletta	<u>R+6</u>	44%	D+5				\$1,350	\$251	Kanjorski looks finished. We'll win it back in 2010

Lean D: 6

Losses: 1-2

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
AL-05	Parker Griffith	Wayne Parker	<u>D+8</u>	100%	R+6	X			\$127	\$255	Fight to replace the worst House Dem of all
AZ-05	Harry Mitchell	David Schweikert		5%	R+4		X		\$547	\$150	Big surprsie last time
GA-08	Jim Marshall	Rick Goddard	<u>D+4, D+17</u>	2%	R+8				\$1,098	\$480	Permanently endangered Marshall
KS-02	Nancy Boyda	Lynn Jenkins	<u>D+7</u>	4%	R+7		X		\$622	\$553	The internal poll silence is defeaning
NH-01	Carol Shea-Porter	Jeb Bradley	<u>D+2, D+5</u>	4%	R+0		X	X	\$508	\$166	Shea-Porter pulls ahead
PA-12	John Murtha	William Russell	<u>D+2, D+5</u>	22%	D+5				\$591	\$0	Murtha sticks foot in mouth, now endangered

Likely D: 27

Losses: 0-1

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	D Cash	R Cash	Notes
AZ-08	Gabrielle Giffords	Timothy Bee	D+24	12%	R+1		X		\$917	\$255	DCCC has pulled out
CA-11	Jerry McNerney	Dean Andal	<u>D+11</u>	6%	R+3		X		\$1,022	\$850	McNerney has been a bit of a wanker in office
CT-05	Chris Murphy	David John Capiello		12%	D+4		X		\$1,084	\$469	Murphy is one of the best freshman of all
GA-12	John Barrow	John Stone		0%	D+2				\$546	\$33	Perfunctory inclusion
GA-13	David Scott	Deborah Honeycutt		38%	D+10				\$240	\$317	Surprising cash deficit for Scott
IL-08	Melissa Bean	Steve Greenberg		7%	R+5				\$1,014	\$45	I'm almost sad Bean isn't threatened more
IL-14	Bill Foster	Jim Oberweis		5%	R+5		X	X	\$692	\$324	Big, unmatched DCCC ad buy
IN-02	Joe Donnelly	Luke Puckett	<u>D+14</u>	8%	R+4		X		\$559	\$18	Will probably finish within 20%
IN-08	Brad Ellsworth	Gregory Goode		22%	R+9		X		\$735	\$44	Perfunctory inclusion
IN-09	Baron Hill	Michael Sodrel	<u>D+15</u>	4%	R+7		X*	X	\$685	\$264	This is their 4th matchup. Hill leads 2-1
KS-03	Dennis Moore	Nick Jordan	<u>D+11</u>	30%	R+4				\$380	\$430	Always a potential threat, but never materializes
KY-03	John Yarmuth	Anne Northup	<u>D+16</u>	3%	D+2		X	X	\$763	\$764	Once you go Yarmuth, you never go back
LA-06	Don Cazayoux	Bill Cassidy	<u>D+17</u>	3%	R+7		X	X	\$124	\$477	3rd party candidate might endanger Cazayoux
ME-01	Chellie Pingree	Charles Summers	<u>D+21, D+11</u>	30%	D+6	X			\$137	\$93	Pingreee top help form Responsible Caucus
MN-01	Tim Walz	Brian Davis	D+18	6%	R+1		X		\$1,083	\$318	the only Bush Dog I raised money for. Embarrassing.
MS-01	Travis Childers	Greg Davis	D+12	7%	R+10		X	X	\$302	\$178	The second special election win this year
NH-02	Paul Hodes	Jennifer Horn	<u>D+34, D+14</u>	8%	D+3		X		\$563	\$110	Hodes cruising
NY-19	John Hall	Kieran Lalor		2%	R+1		X		\$742	\$75	Dance with me...
NY-20	Kirsten Gillibrand	Sandy Treadwell		6%	R+3		X		\$1,498	\$855	Most expensive campaign in the nation coming up
NY-24	Michael Arcuri	Richard Hanna		9%	R+1		X		\$316	\$181	Ah, Update New York in the autum
OH-18	Zack Space	Fred Dailey		24%	R+6		X		\$930	\$81	Space continues to be very strong in this district
OR-05	Kurt Schrader	Mike Erickson	<u>D+24</u>	11%	D+1	X			\$233	\$42	Republican scandal plagued
PA-04	Jason Altmire	Melissa Hart	D+12, D+12	4%	R+3		X	X	\$1,174	\$812	Bush Dog Altmire vs. hard right Hart. Awesome.
PA-08	Patrick Murphy	Tom Manion		0%	D+3		X		\$2,215	\$370	Murphy should hold this district as long as he wants
PA-10	Chris Carney	Chris Hackett	<u>D+15</u>	6%	R+8		X		\$581	\$331	Carney actually doesn't look that threatened right now
TX-23	Ciro Rodriguez	Lyle Larson		9%	R+4		X*		\$717	\$194	It seems impossible to predict elections with Ciro
WI-08	Steve Kagen	John Gard	D+11	2%	R+4		X		\$669	\$608	Lots of Dems pulling away now

* = Currently held by a freshman who has served multiple, consecutive terms