Open Left 2008 House Forecast, by Chris Bowers
Current Projection: Democratic Pickup of 12-18 seats
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Polls: Bolded and underlined polls were taken within th the last month. More recent polls are shown first.
2006 = Margin in 2006
PVI = Parting Voting Index. Proovided 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?

Republican Held Seats
Democratic Pickups: 19-24
Lean Democratic: 8 **Pickups: 6--7**

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	Dem Cash	Rep Cash	Notes
AK-AL	Ethan Berkowitz	Don Young	**D+10,** D+15, D+11	17%	R+14				$461,265	$398,716	Young's primary win seals this seat for Dems
IL-11	Debbie Halvorson	Martin Ozinga	D+11	10%	R+1	X			$916,636	$669,590	Solid poll lead
NJ-03	John Adler	Chris Myers		17%	D+3	X			$1,463,747	$155,406	Open seat, blue district, big cash lead, blue year
NJ-07	Linda Stender	Leonard Lance		1%	R+1	X		X	$1,200,228	$80,792	Stender nearly won against the old incumbent in 2006
NM-01	Martin Heinrich	Darren White	**D+5**	0%	D+2	X			$354,165	$634,307	Expensive primary hides Heinrich's money edge
NY-13	9/9 primary	9/9 primary		14%	D+1	X			NA	NA	Vito Fosella's district
NY-25	Dan Maffei	9/9 primary		2%	D+3	X		X	$961,671	NA	Really "likely" Democratic
VA-11	Gerry Connolly	Keith Fimian	D+31	11%	R+1	X			$275,490	$1,039,479	Massive Dem poll advantage

Toss-up: 19 **Pickups: 9-10**

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AZ-01	Ann Kirkpatrick	Sydney Hay		7%	R+2	X			$668,177	$257,408	Hay weak in primary against late entrant
CA-04	Charlie Brown	Tom McClintock	D+2	3%	R+11	X			$675,194	$112,724	Would have been a lock of Doolittle won the primary
CO-04	Betsy Markey	Marilyn Musgrave	**D+7**, D+7	3%	R+9				$580,064	$1,155,899	This could finally be the year Musgrave goes down
CT-04	Jim Himes	Chris Shays		3%	D+5				$1,444,353	$1,698,104	Can't count Shays out
FL-21	Raul Martinez	Lincoln Diaz-Balart	**D+2**	18%	R+6				$1,079,068	$1,755,490	Both DCCC and NRCC spending heavily here
IL-10	Dan Seals	Mark Kirk	R+7	6%	D+4			X	$1,175,621	$2,856,960	Expensive, blue district rematch
KY-02	David Boswell	Steve Guthrie	D+2	10%	R+13	X			$45,206	$661,199	Shocking poll result in deep red open seat
MI-07	Mark Schauer	Tim Walberg	**R+3**	5%	R+2		X		$928,686	$855,137	Wingnut Walberg won the seat via primary in 2006
MN-03	Ashwin Madia	Erik Paulsen	**R+3**	30%	R+1	X			$738,148	$1,123,805	Madia bids to become youngest House member
MO-09	Judy Baker	Blaine Luetkemeyer	**D+2**	25%	R+7	X			$139,514	$140,659	Crazy right-wing primary might deflate Rep vote
NV-03	Dina Titus	Jon Porter	R+3	1%	D+1				$553,462	$1,277,180	Titus narrowly lost Gobernor's race in 2006
NY-29	Eric Massa	Randy Kuhl		4%	R+5			X	$652,281	$618,864	Impressive fundraising for Massa
NC-08	Larry Kissell	Robin Hayes	**R+5,** R+10	0%	R+3			X	$231,583	$1,174,366	Weak Kissel funds, huge DCCC buy, recount rematch
OH-15	Mary Jo Kilroy	Steve Stivers	D+3	0%	R+1	X		X	$1,163,267	$879,753	If it wasn't Ohio, it would be Lean D
OH-16	John Boccieri	Kirk Schuring		18%	R+4	X			$531,015	$348,939	Money edge gives hope
PA-03	Kathy Dahlkemper	Phil English	D+1	12%	R+2				$127,866	$786,983	English and Dent both posted weak, Weldon-like
PA-15	Sam Bennett	Charlie Dent		10%	D+2				$353,774	$686,686	results against little opposition in 2006
WA-08	Darcy Burner	Dave Reichert	R+6, R+6	2%	D+2			X	$1,248,377	$916,401	Reichert won primary by 4.1%
WY-AL	Gary Trauner	Cynthia Lummis	D+3	0%	R+19	X		X	$701,691	$247,497	Cubin's retirement gives R's a chance to hold seat

Lean R: 19 **Pickups: 4--5**

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AL-02	Bobby Bright	Jay Love	**R+17, D+10, D+10**	40%	R+13	X			$280,720	$90,887	Wildly conflicting, non-partisan polls
FL-08	Alan Grayson	Ric Keller		7%	R+3				$344,793	$935,186	Hard-running Grayson defying expectations
FL-13	Christine Jennings	Vern Buchanan	R+18, R+14	0%	R+4		X	X	$595,286	$1,572,879	Jennings was robbed in 2006, but lags now
FL-24	Suzanne Ksomas	Tom Feeney	R+19	16%	R+3				$936,025	$795,051	Great cash for Ksomas, but still uphill
FL-25	Joe Garcia	Mario Diaz-Balart	R+5	16%	R+4				$700,983	$1,044,586	Surprisingly not targeted by DCCC
LA-04	Paul Carmouche*	Three R's*		40%	R+7	X			$388,774	$911,311*	Expect a December runoff
MD-01	Frank Kratovil	Andy Harris	R+16, R+9	38%	R+10	X			$454,027	$609,482	Outgoing Rep Gilcrest will work for Kratovil
MI-09	Gary Peters	Joe Knollenberg	**R+7**	6%	R+0				$1,082,325	$1,891,010	A 2nd big Michigan pickup opportunity
MO-06	Kay Barnes	Sam Graves	R+4, R+10	25%	R+5				$936,012	$962,423	Insert note here
NV-02	Jill Derby	Dean Heller	R+5, R+14	6%	R+8		X	X	$314,138	$984,007	Derby slow fundraising for rematch
NM-02	Harry Teague	Edward Tinsley		20%	R+6	X			$111,530	$75,303	Couldbe a Dem New Mexico sweep this year
NY-26	9/9 primary	9/9 primary		4%	R+3	X			NA	NA	Hopefully, Crazy Jack Davis will lose the primary
OH-01	Steve Driehaus	Steve Chabot		6%	R+1				$631,440	$1,311,547	A huge disappointment in 2006
OH-02	Victoria Wulsin	Jean Schmidt	R+8	2%	R+13		X	X	$378,084	$393,028	As long as Schmidt is the R nominee, OH-02 is in play
OH-07	Steve Austria	Sharen Neuhardt	R+6	22%	R+6	X			$361,244	$108,408	Yet another open seat where we have a shot
PA-06	Bob Roggio	Jim Gerlach		2%	D+2				$259,946	$761,611	Gerlach seems like he will have to be districted out
TX-10	Larry Joe Doherty	Michael McCaul	R+6, R+9	14%	R+13				$259,792	$489,054	Doherty was a TV star
VA-02	Glenn Nye	Thelma Drake	R+16, R+9	2%	R+6				$409,413	$682,076	Nye starts from behind, but this seat has potential
VA-10	Judy Feder	Frank Wolf		16%	R+5			X	$812,122	$849,391	Feder has lots of cash for a rematch

Likely R: 22 **Pickups: 1-2**

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AL-03	Joshua Segall	Mike Rogers	R+21	22%	R+4				$408,058	$1,119,516	Its neat that Alabama has three competitive seats
AZ-03	Bob Lord	John Shadegg		19%	R+6				$706,523	$1,354,246	Shadagg was out, but got pulled back in
CA-26	David Dreir	Russ Warner	R+12	19%	R+4				$124,896	$1,903,654	Dreir's huge warchest will probably save him
CA-50	Nick Leibham	Brian Bilbray	R+18	11%	R+5		X		$266,654	$528,170	Permanent Dem tease
FL-09	John Dicks	Gus Bilirakis		12%	R+4		X		$323,141	$642,970	This is not a note
FL-15	Steve Blythe	Bill Posey		12%	R+4	X			$8,789	$309,989	Blythe has little money, but did win primary anyway
FL-18	Annette Taddeo	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	R+27	24%	R+4				$457,105	$1,893,392	Unfortunate poll numbers
ID-01	Walt Minnick	Bill Sali		5%	R+19		X		$444,133	$250,248	In almost any other seat, Sali would be toast
IL-06	Jill Morgenthaler	Peter Roskam	R+30	2%	R+3		X		$230,898	$1,213,439	Local Dem machine always loses this one
IL-13	Judy Biggert	Scott Harper		16%	R+5				$300,061	$680,447	
IL-18	Colleen Callahan	Aaron Schock		34%	R+5	X			$155,412	$299,341	
IN-03	Michael Montagano	Mark Souder	R+27	8%	R+16				$351,701	$323,339	
KY-04	Michael Kelley	Geoff Davis	R+13	7%	R+12				$7,152	$842,021	Poll keeps this on the chart
MN-02	Steve Sarvi	John Kline	R+20	16%	R+3				$98,239	$647,193	
MN-06	Elwyn Tinklenberg	Michele Bachmann		8%	R+5		X		$225,238	$1,297,364	NRCC rewarding Bachmann's lunacy with $600K
NC-10	Daniel Johnson	Patrick McHenry	R+11	24%	R+15				$218,504	$410,742	This would be sweet, but district is deep red
NJ-05	Dennis Shulman	Scott Garrett		11%	R+4				$258,381	$649,003	This seat always threatens to move up, but a longshot
OH-14	William O'Neill	Steve LaTourette		19%	R+2				$46,541	$870,849	
PA-18	Steve Odonnell	Tim Murphy		16%	R+2				$113,674	$1,014,842	
TX-07	Michael Skelly	John Culberson	R+18	20%	R+16				$1,050,314	$550,228	
VA-05	Tom Periello	Virgil Goode	R+34	19%	R+6				$519,631	$834,417	Too bad on the poll here. Periello rocks.
WV-02	Anne Barth	Shelly Moore Capito		14%	R+5				$353,449	$1,237,145	

Democratic Held Seats

Losses: 6--7

Toss-up: 4 **Losses: 2**

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AL-05	Parker Griffith	Wayne Parker	**D+5**	100%	R+6	X			$351,838	$362,783	Fight to replace the worst House Dem of all
FL-16	Tim Mahoney	Tom Rooney		1%	R+2		X		$1,172,122	$828,766	Mahoney is really weak. I bet he loses. And IDK
NH-01	Carol Shea-Porter	Jeb Bradley	R+6	4%	R+0		X	X	$748,529	$475,348	Shea-Porter is weak, but I really hope she hags on.
TX-22	Nick Lampson	Peter Graham Olson		10%	R+15		X**		$1,148,414	$261,203	This time, an opponent will be on the ballot

Lean D: 12 **Losses: 3--4**

District	Democrat	Republican	Polls	2006	PVI	Open?	Frosh?	Repeat?	Dem	Rep	Notes
AZ-05	Harry Mitchell	David Schweikert		5%	R+4		X		$1,372,464	$520,990	Big surprsie last time
CA-11	Jerry McNerney	Dean Andal		6%	R+3		X		$1,375,936	$663,038	McNerney has been a bit of a wanker in office
GA-08	Jim Marshall	Rick Goddard		2%	R+8				$1,372,279	$488,888	Permanently endangered Marshall
IL-14	Bill Foster	Jim Oberweis		5%	R+5		X	X	$442,934	$547,191	Big, unmatched DCCC ad buy
IN-09	Baron Hill	Michael Sodrel	D+7, D+11	4%	R+7		X**	X	$1,160,436	$379,522	This is their 4th matchup. Hill leads 2-1
KS-02	Nancy Boyda	Lynn Jenkins	**D+7**	4%	R+7		X		$891,725	$489,211	Huge shock last time, but looks decent right now
LA-06	Don Cazayoux	Woody Jenkins*		3%	R+7		X	X	$37,924	$381*	One of the three special election wins this year
MS-01	Travis Childers	Greg Davis		7%	R+10		X	X	$160,976	$53,915	The second special election win this year
OR-05	Kurt Schrader	Mike Erickson		11%	D+1	X			$231,044	$400,430	Republican scandal plagued
PA-04	Jason Altmire	Melissa Hart		4%	R+3		X	X	$1,574,058	$624,665	Bush Dog Altmire vs. hard right Hart. Awesome.
PA-10	Chris Carney	Chris Hackett	**D+4, D+27**	6%	R+8		X		$1,149,938	$266,816	Carney actually doesn't look that threatened right now
WI-08	Steve Kagen	John Gard	D+4	2%	R+4		X		$926,653	$649,354	It depresses me that this one is so close

Likely D: 16 **Losses: 1**

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AZ-08	Gabrielle Giffords	Timothy Bee	D+28	12%	R+1		X		$2,077,845	$687,703	Giffords is a major disappointment
CT-05	Chris Murphy	David John Cappiello		12%	D+4		X		$1,901,250	$710,645	Murphy is one of the best freshman of all
GA-12	John Barrow	John Stone		0%	D+2				$1,109,165	$8,116	Perfunctory inclusion
IL-08	Melissa Bean	Steve Greenberg		7%	R+5				$1,553,840	$104,691	I'm almost sad Bean isn't threatened more
IN-08	Brad Ellsworth	Gregory Goode		22%	R+9		X		$779,312	$50,214	Perfunctory inclusion
KS-03	Dennis Moore	Nick Jordan		30%	R+4				$1,140,136	$615,996	Always a potential threat, but never materializes
KY-03	John Yarmuth	Anne Northup	D+10, D+17	3%	D+2		X	X	$1,001,635	$819,449	Once you go Yarmuth, you never go back
MN-01	Tim Walz	Brian Davis		6%	R+1		X		$1,210,917	$376,718	the only Bush Dog I raised money for. Embarrassing.
NH-02	Paul Hodes	Robert Clegg	D+19	8%	D+3		X		$972,670	$156,556	Hodes cruising
NY-19	John Hall	9/9 primary		2%	R+1		X		$1,267,621	NA	Dance with me…
NY-20	Kirsten Gillibrand	Sandy Treadwell		6%	R+3		X		$2,802,708	$1,269,243	Most expensive campaign in the nation coming up
NY-24	Michael Arcuri	Richard Hanna		9%	R+1		X		$726,716	$408,951	Ah, Update New York in the autum
OH-18	Zack Space	Fred Dailey		24%	R+6		X		$1,141,980	$112,437	Space continues to be very strong in this district
PA-08	Patrick Murphy	Tom Manion		0%	D+3		X		$2,238,787	$504,960	Murphy should hold this district as long as he wants
PA-11	Paul Kanjorski	Louis J. Barletta		44%	D+5				$2,174,387	$321,880	Kanjorski has scandal problems
TX-23	Ciro Rodriguez	Lyle Larson		9%	R+4		X**		$1,193,176	$279,507	It seems impossible to predict elections with Ciro

** = Louisiana has an open primary system, where the top two vote getters, regardless of their party, head to a run-off*
*** = Currently a freshman, but served multiple, non-consecutive terms*