



Are You Primarying a RINO With a RINO?

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When an elected Republican casts a vote we don't like, our first reaction is:

"Primary the RINO"

I have noticed that usually the Republicans entering the primary have no legislative record whatsoever. My question is: **"Without a record, how do you know how THEY will vote come crunch time?"**

It's easy to give the party line when bashing the incumbent, BUT, the challenger has never made a really tough call on the record.

Therefore, before you primary a RINO with a sweet talking challenger, dig in to their history to see if any decisions they have made have been tough or compromised.

Now let's talk about handicapping a race. There is a special election on January 11th, for Florida Congressional District 20. **In view of Virginia and the New Jersey state Senate race, is any race deemed "impossible to win?"**

The late Alcee Hastings held this congressional seat for 30 years in a district which is:

53.4% Black
22.5% Hispanic
18.9% White

290,000 Democrats
60,000 Republicans
112,000 No Party Affiliation

2020... Trump 22% / Biden 77%

The only information I will give about the Republican is:

- 1) Has no money
- 2) Has no name recognition

BUT, neither did the Republican New Jersey Senate candidate.

So how do we weigh the race?

NJ Guy- spent no money, but neither did the Democrat incumbent or the party, as they thought the race was a runaway.

CD 20- the various Democrat candidates in the primary spent \$6 million. The Republican candidates in the primary combined total: \$35,000

In short...an AOC race- win the primary...win the seat.

NJ Guy- number of residents in legislative district... 200,000
20th CD 800,000

Republican primary turnout.... 6,000 voters
Democrat primary turnout..... 49,000 voters

This week, vote by mail ballots will be sent to voters. Approximate breakdown:
Democrats....100,000
Republicans....16,000

To win the election, Democrats simply need to call their voters and tell them to return the ballots. Republicans need to get their voters to the polls. Which is harder?

Beside the vote by mail imbalance, the Democrats have 3 primary races for state house seats on January 11th mostly within the district. So these candidates are making noise to drive their voters to the polls and to return VBM ballots, and Republicans have nothing comparable. So how do we drive turnout?

In addition, we are now in the Christmas season, people buying presents. There is no desire or market to watch political ads if the Republican candidate could afford any.

FINALLY: NJ Guy - district voter registration:
DEM- 57K
GOP- 41K
NPA- 58K

This is not a blow-out DEM district. Compare to CD 20, where all the Republicans PLUS all the NPAs combined, are less voters than the Democrats.

Now you know how to handicap a race

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