



# Global Perspectives Series: Navigating the 2006 Election

## Election Night Viewer's Guide

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## The Ketchum Guide To Election Night,

Have you ever wondered how Tim Russert sounds so smart on Election Night? Where does Jeff Greenfield get his information? What made Tucker Carlson think he could dance?

The answer is: they have a "cheat sheet." And now, you do too. Below are some of the closest races, listed according to when the polls close in these states. This information will help you understand what the outcome of these races may mean in the battle for control of the U.S. Senate and House, and what all of it may mean for Republicans, Democrats and the 2008 Presidential Election.

Keep this cheat sheet handy and impress your friends with wry observations and pithy commentary. If Sean Hannity and Alan Colmes can do it, you can too.

## 6:00 Poll Closing Time (EST)

STATE	RACES TO WATCH	COMMENTARY
<b>Indiana*</b>	<b>IN-2</b> Rep. Chris Chocola (R) v. Joe Donnelly (D) <b>IN-8</b> Rep. John Hostetler (R) v. Brad Ellsworth (D) <b>IN-9</b> Rep. Mike Sodrel (R) v. Baron Hill (D)	Indiana will offer an early sign as to what kind of night it's going to be: a Democratic sweep in this very Republican state, or victory in two out of three of these close races may mean it's curtains for the GOP House majority. But if the GOP holds them all, it may be an uphill climb for the Democrats.
<b>Kentucky*</b>	<b>KY-3</b> Rep. Ann Northup (R) v. John Yarmuth (D) <b>KY-4</b> Rep. Geoff Lewis (R) v. Ken Lucas (D)	Kentucky, a swing state, offers two interesting races: Rep. Ann Northup of Louisville is always targeted by Democrats and always wins. In the Fourth district, Lewis and Lucas have traded this seat back and forth over the past six years... and its anybody's guess who will win this year. Again, a sweep either way could mean something is going on.

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<b>Florida*</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Bill Nelson (D) v. Katherine Harris (R) <b>FL-16</b> Fmr. Rep. Mark Foley (R) v. Tim Mahoney (D) <b>FL-22</b> Rep. Clay Shaw (R) v. Ron Klein (D)	All eyes will be on the Palm Beach County district formerly held by Mark Foley. This is a likely pick-up for the Democrats since Foley's name remains on the ballot. Longtime Congressman Clay Shaw faces another tough battle in Broward County as he hopes to win tonight and will then seek to become Chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee (he's an underdog in that race). And Katherine Harris is a long-shot in her bid to unseat Senator and onetime astronaut Bill Nelson.
<b>Georgia</b>	GA-8 Rep. Jim Marshall (D) v. Mac Collins (R) GA-12 Rep. John Barrow (D) v. Max Burns (R)	Republicans are hoping to gain ground in Georgia as two former congressmen challenge Democratic incumbents. Courts required these districts be re-drawn giving Republicans a better opportunity than they had before.

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<b>New Hampshire*</b>	<b>NH-2</b> Rep. Charles Bass (R) v. Paul Hodes (D)	Democrats have an outside shot at Bass... another early opportunity to look for trends. Are conservatives coming out to support GOP incumbents?
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>SC-5</b> Repa John Spratt (D) v. Ralph Norman (R)	In a strong Republican southern state, the GOP hopes to knock-off Spratt, the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee and a close ally of Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco. Can they do it?
<b>Vermont</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Bernie Sanders (I) v. Richard Tarrant (R)	Liberal Vermont icon Bernie Sanders (an independent, he has said he will caucus with the Democrats) is leaving the House for the Senate. His GOP opponent is a software millionaire. If Sanders wins, it will be fun to watch him on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

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<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. George Allen (R) v. James Webb (D) <b>VA-2</b> Thelma Drake (R) v. Phil Kellam (D)	If you've been reading the news, you know how this race has evolved. It's close now and as population in Northern Virginia increases, the state becomes more evenly balanced. In the House, Republican freshman Drake could lose to Kellam, scion of a well-known Virginia Beach family.

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<b>North Carolina*</b>	<b>NC-11</b> Rep. Charles Taylor (R) v. Heath Shuler (D)	This western NC district has always been worth watching, and now, with former University of Tennessee star quarterback Heath Shuler in the race, it's become a toss-up. In Washington, Shuler is remembered only for his abject failure as the top draft-pick of the Washington Redskins in 1994. Many are surprised Shuler wants to come back to Washington at all.

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<b>Connecticut</b>	<p><b>Sen.</b> Sen. Joe Lieberman v. Ned Lamont (D) v. Alan Schlesinger (R)</p> <p><b>CT-2</b> Rep. Rob Simmons (R) v. Joe Courtney (D)</p> <p><b>CT-4</b> Rep. Chris Shays (R) v. Dianne Farrell (D)</p>	<p>Lieberman lost the Democratic primary to anti-war Democrat Lamont. But most expect Joe to return to the Senate in 2007... and be welcomed by his Democratic colleagues. Poor Alan Schlesinger is not a factor. In the House, two of the most vulnerable Republicans in the nation are in Connecticut.</p>
<b>Illinois</b>	<p><b>IL-6</b> Peter Roskam (R) v. Tammy Duckworth (D)</p>	<p>Longtime GOP Congressman Henry Hyde, who as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee led the effort to impeach President Clinton, is retiring. The race to replace him features a Republican State Senator and former Hyde aide against a Democratic Army National Guard Major, who lost both her legs when she was shot down over Iraq.</p>

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<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Ben Cardin (D) v. Michael Steele (R) <b>Gov.</b> Gov. Bob Ehrlich (R) v. Martin O'Malley (D)	Steele, the Republican African-American Lt. Governor of Maryland is seeking to win this seat for his party. Cardin wants to replace longtime Democratic Senator Paul Sarbanes who is retiring. Cardin is slightly favored. In the Governor's race, incumbent Republican Ehrlich faces a tough race against the well-funded Mayor of Baltimore.
<b>Massachusetts</b>	<b>Gov.</b> Kerrey Healey (R) v. Deval Patrick (D)	Incumbent Governor Mitt Romney is stepping down and seeking the GOP nomination for President. Lt. Governor Healey faces popular and very liberal assistant U.S. Attorney Deval Patrick.
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>Gov.</b> Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D) v. Dick DeVos (R)	Michigan's flagging economy is Granholm's toughest opponent. Yet the state leans to Democrats. The Democratic nominee in 2008 will need Michigan to win the White House.

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<b>Missouri</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Jim Talent (R) v. Claire McCaskill (D)	Freshman Senator Talent was first elected by narrowly defeating Sen. Jean Carnahan (D), wife of the popular Senator and former governor who died in a plane crash. He faces a very tough race against McCaskill, who barely lost her bid to be governor in this important swing state.
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Bob Menendez (D) v. Tom Kean, Jr. (R)	Menendez was appointed by Gov. Jon Corzine (D) to replace him in the Senate (after Corzine replaced former Governor McGreevey... but that's another story). Kean, son of former NJ Governor Tom Kean, has aggressively attacked Menendez' ethics and the attacks are working. Menendez is the most vulnerable Senate Democrat and the race is very close.

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<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Rick Santorum (R) v. Bob Casey (D) <b>PA-6</b> Rep. Jim Gerlach (R) v. Lois Murphy (D)	Santorum, a strong social conservative, is the Democrats' top target in the Senate. He faces State Treasurer Bob Casey, whose late father was a popular governor, in an increasingly Democratic state. Casey will be helped by the presence of Governor Ed Rendell (D) on the ballot, but moderate GOP Senator Arlen Specter owes much to Santorum and will work hard to help him in Specter's Philadelphia base. Watch this one closely.
<b>Tennessee*</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Harold Ford, Jr. (D) v. Bob Corker (R)	In a race for retiring Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's (R) seat, Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., son of a longtime Memphis Congressman, seeks to become the first African American elected to the Senate from the South since reconstruction. Corker is slightly favored going in.
<b>Texas*</b>	<b>TX-22</b> Tom DeLay (R) v. Nick Lampson (D)	Despite the fact that Tom DeLay has resigned from Congress and is not seeking reelection, he cannot get off the ballot. Democrats have nominated former Congressman Nick Lampson. Lampson is favored.

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<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>Gov.</b> Asa Hutchinson (R) v. Mike Beebe (D)	Democratic Attorney General Beebe has an even chance to give Democrats the state house in Arkansas for the first time in 10 years. He faces former Congressman and Bush Administration official Asa Hutchinson.

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<b>Colorado</b>	<b>CO-7</b> Rick O'Connell (R) v. Ed Perlmutter (D) <b>Gov.</b> Bob Beauprez (R) v. Bill Ritter (D)	GOP Representative Bob Beauprez is running for Governor, and Democrats have high-hopes of winning his seat. In the Governor's race, Colorado voters may be looking for a change after eight years under GOP Governor Bill Owens.

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<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>LA-2</b> Rep. Bill Jefferson (D)	New Orleans Congressman Bill Jefferson, who famously stored \$100,000 in bribes wrapped in aluminum foil in his freezer, faces a host of challengers tonight. The top two vote-getters, regardless of party face-off in a December runoff. Will Jefferson be one of them?
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>NM-1</b> Rep. Heather Wilson (R) v. Patricia Madrid (D)	Democrats have sought to defeat Wilson every year since she was first elected in 1998. This time, she faces the state attorney general, who has twice been elected statewide. Still, Wilson keeps squeaking by.
<b>New York</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Hillary Clinton (D) v. John Spencer (R) <b>NY-24</b> Ray Meier (R) v. Michael Arcuri (D) <b>NY-26</b> Rep. Tom Reynolds (R) v. Jack Davis (D)	Will Sen. Clinton win by a "sufficient margin" to meet or exceed expectations as she prepares for an inevitable race for the Presidency? In the House, Rep. Tom Reynolds of Buffalo, Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, is under fire. And Democrats have a chance to win the seat of retiring Republican Sherwood Boehlert in the 24th district.

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<b>Rhode Island</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Lincoln Chaffee (R) v. Sheldon Whitehouse (D)	Can liberal Republican Lincoln Chaffee, son of longtime liberal Republican Senator John Chaffee, survive in 2006 in a solidly Democratic state?
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Gov. Gov. Jim Doyle (D) v. Mark Green (R)	In another Democratic state, a Democratic governor faces a difficult challenge, this time from a popular Congressman. Doyle may be suffering from being compared to still popular former GOP Governor Tommy Thompson, who went on to run the Department of Health and Human Services for President Bush. Democrats need Wisconsin in 2008.

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<b>Iowa</b>	<b>IA-1</b> Mike Whalen (R) v. Bruce Braley (D) <b>Gov.</b> Jim Nussle (R) v. Chet Culver (D)	Democrats expect to win this seat, open due to Republican Rep. Jim Nussle's run for Governor. If they don't, they'll have to win somewhere else they are not expecting. The Governor's race in this "purple" state features Nussle against the son of former Democratic Senator, John Culver
<b>Montana</b>	<b>Sen.</b> Sen. Conrad Burns (R) v. Jon Tester (D)	Conrad Burns is seeking his fourth term in the Senate and faces a difficult campaign. His opponent has focused on Burns alleged ties to lobbyist Jack Abramoff throughout the campaign. Tester, the Democrat, is a farmer and State Senate President.
<b>Nevada</b>	<b>Gov.</b> Jim Gibbons (R) v. Dana Titus (D)	GOP Congressman versus Democratic State Senate Majority Leader in a race to succeed term-limited Republican Governor Guinn. Leans to GOP.

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California		Believe it or not, none of the 53 House races in California is expected to be close. Incumbents (or the party currently holding the seat) should win them all. Blame redistricting and the huge financial advantage incumbents enjoy.
Oregon	<b>Gov.</b> Gov. Ted Kulongoski (D) v. Ron Saxton (R)	This is a very close race (for no obvious reasons) in a state Democrats are counting on for 2008.

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Alaska	<b>Gov.</b> Sarah Palin (R) v. Tony Knowles (D)	Palin gets the nomination over incumbent Gov. Frank Murkowski who won only 19% of the vote, finishing third in the GOP primary. She faces former Governor Knowles in a state that leans Republican, all things being equal. And, if you've made it this far, you are officially a campaign junkie. Now, go to bed.



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