

Election Day 1970

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(Editor's Note: The information used in this article was compiled from various sources during the past two weeks. National polls were used to determine the strengths of the various candidates.)

From Maryland to California, in Illinois and Tennessee and in as large a state as New York to as small a state as Rhode Island, today is a special day. Election Day 1970.

Every four years, the first Tuesday in November takes on significance. Elections are held across America for offices ranging from the President of the United States to the solicitor for the smallest county in the country.

At two-year intervals between the Presidential elections, a phenomena of a different kind takes place. The first Tuesday in November becomes known as the day for off-year elections. The voters do not go to the polls in quite the numbers as in Presidential election years, but the results are just as important if not more so. For off-year elections serve as a portent—a foreshadowing of things to come.

During the past few decades the party of the President has usually lost seats in Congress during the off-year vote. This year, with the Republicans of Richard Nixon in the hole to begin with (57 to 43 edge for Democrats in Senate, 245 to 189 for Democrats in House of Representatives), the vote may possibly turn out different from recent history.

Vice President Spiro Agnew and the President himself have been criss-crossing the country, hitting the vulnerable points of America and attempting to sway the voters necessary to make a dent in the Democrats' Congressional edge. Agnew admitted Sunday that the Republicans were not going to be as successful as they had hoped (i.e. take control of the Senate), but he expected the Grand Old Party to pick up a few seats in both houses of Congress and at least cut the Democrats' margin.

The fall elections of 1970 have been marked by the "politics of fear," in the words of New York Times columnist

James Reston, who charged Agnew and Nixon with playing on the present polarity of America to their advantage.

The Nixon Administration has supported almost anyone wearing the drapes of the GOP, except for one very notable exception in New York. Today will bear proof of whether or not the President has captured the people of America as much as he claims.

For the Republicans, the issues have been de-escalation of the Vietnam War, attack against crime in the streets and attack on the "radiclib" who are bent on "tearing the fibers of America," in the words of Agnew.

For Democrats, the issue has been economy, economy, economy.

The initial battles for the election of 1972 have been fought this fall. The

retain his Senate seat over Republican challenger Joseph Spaulding. Republican Francis Sargent is leading former Boston mayor Kevin White (D) in the governor's race.

New York

Perhaps the most intriguing of the nation's races, the Senatorial race here features three candidates. Incumbent Republican Charles Goodell was given the brush-off by the national GOP leadership for his "radiclib" moves in Congress. A favorite of the nation's youth because of his stance against the Vietnam War, Goodell is predicted to lose by a wide margin. Polls show the present leader in the race to be Democrat Richard Ottinger, tagged a liberal, but many fear the split between Ottinger and Goodell will give the seat to Conservative James

(R). The Nixon administration is expected to give a hard final push here to retain a seat in the Senate the Republicans vitally need.

Michigan

Democrat Phillip Hart is favored to defeat the Republican challenger, Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Mrs. Romney was given a hard push by the Nixon Administration but polls recently show Hart getting 67 percent of the vote.

Ohio

One of the nation's closer Senate races is between millionaire Howard Metzenbaum (D) and Robert Taft, Jr. (R). Taft, another in the long line of the politically potent Taft family, is five points down in the latest polls, but he is attacking crime vehemently in the hope of pulling the race out.

Virginia

Harry Byrd, Jr., independent and supported by the Nixon Administration is favored to win here over Ray Garland (R) and George Rawlings (D).

Tennessee

One of the most important Senate races in the nation pits incumbent Democrat Albert Gore against William Brock, a Republican who has received a great deal of support from the Nixon Administration. The President considers this race a crucial one in attaining support for his policies in Congress. Gore is presently given a slight edge to retain his seat.

Texas

Democrat Lloyd Bentsen and Republican George Bush are hitting each other hard in this key race. The Democrats have a large majority in the state but Bush is attracting large numbers of Democratic voters. The race promises to be very close.

California

George Murphey (R), former song-and-dance man, and John Tunney, son-of-former Heavyweight Champ Gene, have been waging a tight race with incumbent Murphey falling behind in the polls. A victory here would be a big win for the Democrats and the Kennedyesque Tunney could pull it out over the age-ridden Murphey.

Ronald Reagan should defeat handily Jess Unruh, the Democratic challenger, in this law'n-order state.

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results will be of great importance.

Following is a look at some of the key races across the country:

Maryland

Democrat incumbent Joseph Tydings is fighting for his life against Republican challenger J. Glenn Beall, Jr. for the Senate seat here. Agnew has been pressing particularly hard for Beall in the state which he formerly governed. Polls here favor Tydings retaining his seat but the race promises to be close.

Connecticut

Thomas Dodd is running as an independent for the Senate seat he held for six years, after being defeated in the Democratic primary. Opponents Joseph Duffy (D) and Lowell Weicker, Jr. (R) have been extending a liberal line. Polls here indicate the winner may have less than a 500,000 vote margin.

Massachusetts

Edward Kennedy is heavily favored to

Buckley, brother of William F. This race is considered one of the most important by the Nixon Administration, who would like to see a man of their politics inherit the seat held by Robert Kennedy before his death.

The governor's race in the Empire State has attained a great deal of interest as it pits three-term Nelson Rockefeller (R) against former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg (D). Goldberg has picked up points recently in polls but is still running far behind.

Minnesota

Hubert Humphrey is favored to win over Republican Clark MacGregor in the Minnesota Senate race. Humphrey leads in the polls by 14 points.

Illinois

Adlai Stevenson III, son of the Presidential candidate in 1952 and 1956, is pushing hard for the Senate seat here against incumbent appointee Ralph Smith

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