

### 2010 Elections Results Webinar

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### **About SACE**

- The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) has been a leading voice for energy reform to protect the quality of life and treasured places in the Southeast for the past 25 years. Founded in 1985, SACE is the only regional organization primarily focused on developing clean energy solutions throughout the Southeast.
- Since its formal inception in 1985, SACE has grown from a small group of individuals into a dynamic organization, with five offices across the Southeast and initiatives at federal, state and local levels. SACE continues to expand organizationally, to address the needs of a rapidly changing planet.
- As we look towards the future, SACE's commitment to preserve, restore and protect our environment through the use of innovative technology, grassroots and grasstops education, and pioneer policy work remains steadfast.



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### Midterm Election Stakes

- National:
- ○37 Senate seats
- o435 Congressional seats
  - State:
- o37 Gubernatorial seats
- 160 statewide ballot measures in 37 states
- ○6,000+ General Assembly seats





# Midterm Elections: Voter Participation

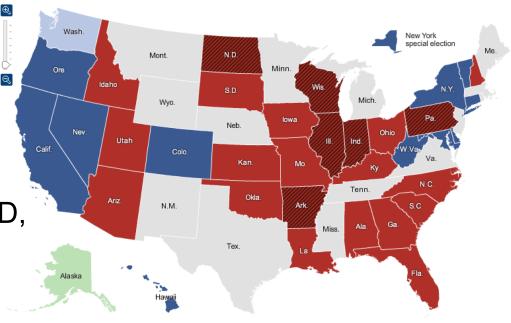
"We in America do not have government by the majority, we have government by the majority who participate."

- ~42% in 2010
- 63% in 2008 (highest since 1960)
- 37% in 2006
- 55% in 2004
- 36% in 2002



### Midterm Elections: US Senate

- Democrats
  - o 52 seats
- Republicans
  - o 46 seats
  - 6 pick-ups: AR, IL, IN, ND,PA & WI (none in the SE)
- Independents
  - (2 w/in Dem total)
  - Murkowski (AK) may prevail and caucus with Reps
- 2 seats still undecided: WA & AK





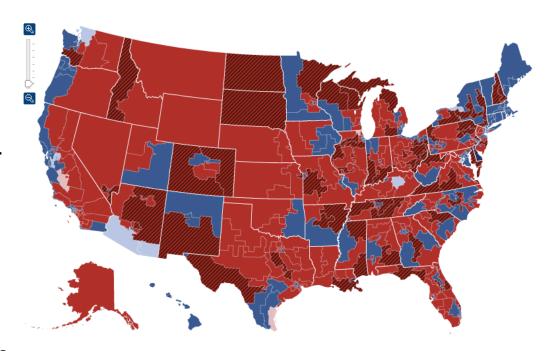
### Midterm Elections: US House

#### Republicans

- 239 seats +60 seats
- SE pick-ups: 1 in AL; 4 in FL; 1 in GA; 2 in MS; 1 in NC\*; 1 in SC; 3 in TN; 2 in VA;

#### Democrats

- 186 seats
- 0 SE pick-ups loss of21 Blue Dog seats
- 10 seats still undecided
  - o 7 leaning Dem
  - o 3 leaning Rep



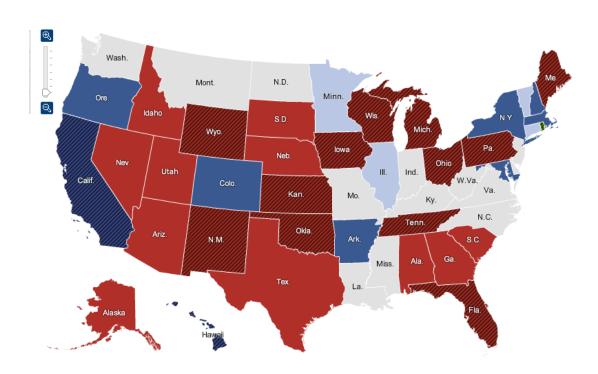
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# Midterm Elections: Governorships

#### Republicans

- 29 governor seats
- *SE pick-up*: TN, FL\*
- Democrats
  - 16 governor seats
  - No SE pick-ups
- Independents
  - 1 seat pick up in RI
- 4 still undecided
  - o CT, IL MN, and VT

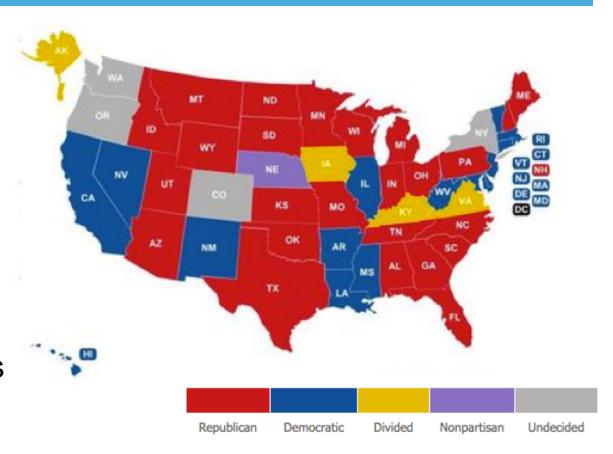




<sup>\*</sup> FL was counted as Independent

### Midterm Elections: State General Assemblies

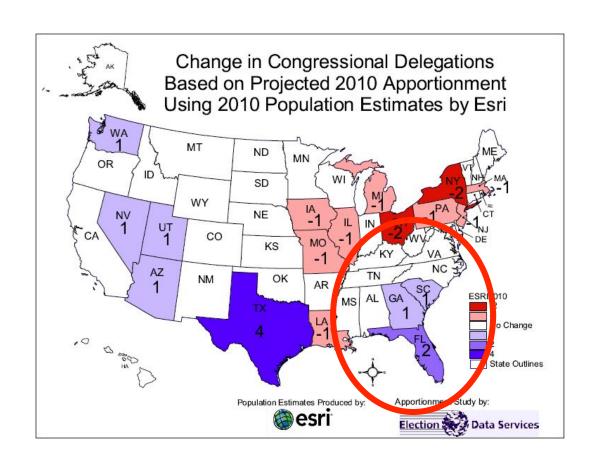
- 19 Chambers changed control
- In the SE:
  - AL, NC
  - GOP controls
     18/28 Chambers





### Midterm Elections: Redistricting

- Implications for redistricting in 2011
  - o FL (+2)
  - o GA (+1)
  - SC (+1)





### Alabama Results\*

- Gov-elect Bentley R
- Sen. Shelby R
- o Sen. Sessions R
- Rep. Bonner (R-1)
- Rep-elect Roby (R-2)
- o Rep. Rogers (R-3)
- Rep. Alderholt (R-4)
- Rep-elect Brooks (R-5)
- o Rep. Bachus (R-6)
- Rep-elect Sewell (D-7)



#### Change in party

\* AL is not a SACE-priority state



### Florida Results

- Gov-elect Scott R
- Sen. Nelson D
- Sen-elect Rubio R
- o Rep. Miller (R-1)
- Rep-elect Southerland (R-2)
- Rep. Brown (D-3)
- Rep. Crenshaw (R-4)
- Rep-elect Nugent (R-5)
- Rep. Stearns (R-6)
- o Rep. Mica (R-7)
- Rep-elect Webster (R-8)
- Rep. Bilirakis (R-9)
- Rep. Young (R-10)
- Rep. Castor (D-11)
- Rep-elect Ross (R-12)

- Rep. Buchanan (R-13)
- Rep Mack (R-14)
- Rep. Posey (R-15)
- Rep. Rooney (R-16)
- Rep-elect Wilson (D-17)
- Rep. Ros-Lehtinen (R-18)
- o Rep. Deutch (D-19)
- o Rep. W-Schultz (D-20)
- Rep. Diaz-Balart (R-21)
- Rep-elect West (R-22)
- Rep. Hastings (D-23)
- Rep-elect Adams (R-24)
- Rep-elect Rivera (R-25)



# Georgia Results

- o Gov-elect Deal R
- o Sen. Chambliss R
- Sen. Isakson R
- Rep. Kingston (R-1)
- Rep. Bishop (D-2)
- Rep. Westmoreland (R-3)
- Rep. Johnson (D-4)
- Rep. Lewis (D-5)
- Rep. Price (R-6)

- o Rep. Linder (R-7)
- Rep-elect Scott (R-8)
- o Rep. Graves (R-9)
- o Rep. Broun (R-10)
- Rep. Gingrey (R-11)
- Rep. Barrow (D-12)
- Rep. Scott (D-13)



# Kentucky Results\*

- Sen. McConnell R
- Sen-elect Paul R
- Rep. Whitfield (R-1)
- o Rep. Guthrie (R-2)
- Rep. Yarmuth (D-3)
- Rep. Davis (R-4)
- o Rep. Rogers (R-5)
- o Rep. Chandler (D-6)







# Mississippi Results\*



- o Sen. Cochran R
- o Sen. Wicker R
- Rep-elect Nunnelee (R-1)
- Rep. Thompson (D-2)
- Rep. Harper (R-3)
- Rep-elect Pallazo (R-4)

Change in party

•MS is not a SACE-priority state



### North Carolina Results

- Sen. Burr R
- Sen. Hagan D
- Rep. Butterfield (D-1)
   Rep. Myrick (R-9)
- Rep-elect Ellmers\* (R-2)
- Rep. Jones (R-3)
- Rep. Price (D-4)
- Rep. Foxx (R-5)
- Rep. Coble (R-6)

- Rep. McIntyre (D-7)
- Rep. Kissell (D-8)
- Rep. McHenry (R-10)
- Rep. Shuler (D-11)
- Rep. Watt (D-12)
- o Rep. Miller (D-13)

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### South Carolina Results



Near Ashepoo River, Ace Basin, SC

- Gov-elect Haley R
- o Sen. Graham R
- Sen. DeMint R
- Rep-elect Scott (R-1)
- Rep. Wilson (R-2)
- Rep-elect Duncan (R-3)
- Rep-elect Gowdy (R-4)
- Rep-elect Mulvaney (R-5)
- Rep. Clyburn (D-6)



### Tennessee Results

- Gov-elect Haslam R
- Sen. Alexander R
- Sen. Corker R
- o Rep. Roe (R-1)
- Rep. Duncan (R-2)
- Rep-elect Fleischman (R-3)
- Rep-elect DesJaris (R-4)
- Rep. Cooper (D-5)
- Rep-elect Black (R-6)
- Rep. Blackburn (R-7)
- Rep-elect Fincher (R-8)
- o Rep. Cohen (D-9)





# Virginia Results\*

- Sen. Webb D
- Sen. Warner D
- Rep. Wittman (R-1)
- Rep-elect Rigell (R-2)
- Rep. Scott (D-3)
- Rep. Forbes (R-4)
- Rep-elect Hurt (R-5)

- Rep. Goodlatte (R-6)
- o Rep. Cantor (R-7)
- o Rep. Moran (D-8)
- Rep-elect Griffith (R-9)
- o Rep. Wolf (R-10)
- Rep. Connolly (D-11)



# 112<sup>th</sup> Congress Overview

#### **Senate**

- •Republicans 46
  - In the SE 13
- Democrats 51
  - ■In the SE 4
- •Independents 3
  - ■None in the SE
  - 2 caucus with Ds



#### **House of Representatives**

- Republicans 243
  - In the SE 63\*
- Democrats 192
  - In the SE 27



\* 2 of these new members would be permitted to join the progressive-leaning Congressional Black Caucus based on African ancestry



# Midterm Elections: By the Numbers

- 80% of Dems who supported the climate bill won races
- 75% of GOP who supported the climate bill won races or were promoted
- 62% of Dems who voted against the climate bill lost races or saw retiring seats flip to the GOP
- 9% of all voters were age 18 to 29, compared with 19% in 2008
- 25% of the Dem caucus was defeated which equaled 60% of the land area they represented



# Midterm Elections: By the Numbers (cntd)

- 0 African-Americans will serve in the Senate
- \$454 million spent on U.S. House & Senate races
- 5 times more was spent by outside groups in 2010 than in 2006
- ~2 in 3 voters rejected an attempt to roll back California's global warming law



# Midterm Elections: Implications for 112<sup>th</sup>

### Climate and Energy Legislation

- o "Find broad areas of agreement"
  - Natural Gas, Energy Efficiency, Electric Vehicles and Renewable Technologies
- American Energy Act from Speaker-elect Boehner?
- Conflict? Tea Party fiscal goals vs. \$\$ energy subsidies to coal, oil and nuclear



# Midterm Elections: Implications for 112<sup>th</sup>

- Climate and Energy-related Committees
  - Leadership changes
    - House Energy Chair Barton or Upton?
    - House Select Committee to continue?
    - Senate Energy RMM depends on AK race
  - Committee investigations



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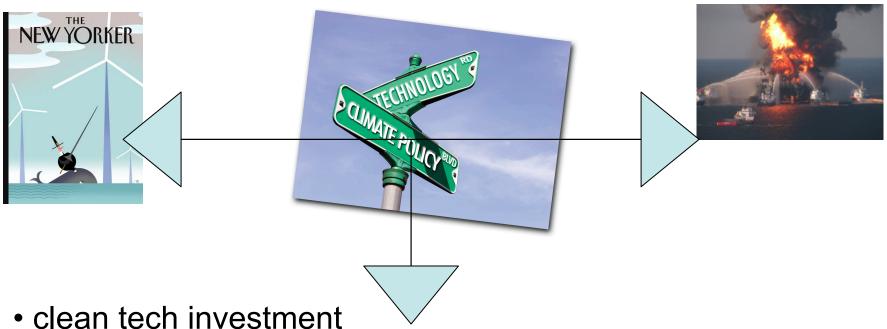
### Climate and Energy Regulation

- EPA has a legal obligation to regulate carbon pollution → human health impacts
- Legislative threats to EPA are likely"Dirty Air Act"
- Coal ash regulatory decision expected in 2011-12





# **Energy Crossroads**



- further improvements in fuel economy standards
- energy efficiency improvements
- national renewable/clean energy standard
- electric vehicle deployment
- transition to lower carbon fuels



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