



PRIME-ARY PERSPECTIVE

We have finally reached the end of our primary journey!

With 53 days until Election Day, the slate of candidates for both state and federal offices are set.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions!

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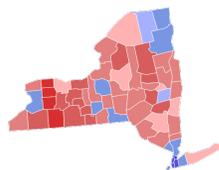


New York is the only state in the nation to hold primaries for state and federal offices on separate days. The federal primary was held on June 26 and our coverage of all of those primaries can be found [here](#).

For our purposes, we will only focus on the gubernatorial race as we have done with other states. However, probably the most important development for New York's state government last night was the defeat of six of the New York State Senate's incumbent members of the Independent Democratic Conference. These Democratic Senators caucused with the Republicans with whom they also enjoyed a power sharing agreement. Now, only two members of the caucus remain (Diane Savino of Staten Island and David Carlucci of Rockland County).

The IDC members were beaten largely by progressive challengers who had framed them as traitors to Democratic party ideals. These results will mean that Democrats have a decent chance of taking the state Senate in November and controlling the entirety of the New York state government.

GUBERNATORIAL



Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) handily beat back his primary challenger, actress Cynthia Nixon, allowing him to seek a third term leading the country's 4th most populous state. In a surprise to only those that live on social media - where Nixon was clearly favored - Cuomo won 65.6% of the vote. However, her campaign said that they had succeeded in pushing Gov. Cuomo to the left on a number of issues. Cuomo has campaigned as a check on President Trump and has emphasized his record of achievements on liberal priorities like paid-family leave, gun control, and gay marriage. He will be a heavy favorite in November, and the Cook Political Report rates this race as "Solid Democratic."

Marc Molinaro (R)

Molinaro ran unopposed for the Republican nomination for governor. He will be a significant underdog in November. Molinaro previously served in the New York State Assembly and the Dutchess County Legislature. Molinaro has pushed back on the assertion that he is ultraconservative on many social issues and says that he does not support some of President Trump's least popular policies, like separating migrant families.



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