Senate elections tend to be more competitive than House elections. More specifically, a higher percentage of Senate incumbents than House incumbents are defeated. These facts are well known to students of congressional elections. The question addressed by Jonathan Krasno in his new book is why this disparity exists. Using data from the Center for Political Studies’ 1988 Senate Election Study (and occasionally from the 1990 Study), Krasno tests three broad explanations for the greater competitiveness of Senate elections. One explanation focuses on differences in public perceptions of senators and representatives, a second emphasizes differences between Senate and House constituencies, and a third looks at differences between Senate and House challengers.

Krasno’s principal findings are that neither differences in perceptions of Senate and House...
600,000, carries the same weight as California, with almost 40 million. Most legislation needs to pass both chambers to become law, but the Senate has some important other functions, notably approving senior presidential appointments, for instance to the supreme court. Election results for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. This publication has been prepared by the Federal Election Commission to provide the public with the election results held in the fifty states in November 2018 for the offices of United States Senator and United States Representative. A primary election is only held if a qualified challenger to the party endorsed candidate receives 15% of the delegate votes on roll call at the convention and files for a primary, or, if after the convention, a challenger files a requisite number of petitions to qualify for primary ballot access. Otherwise, the party endorsed candidate is the nominee. The 2020 United States Senate elections were held on November 3, 2020, with the 33 class 2 seats of the Senate contested in regular elections. The winners were elected to six-year terms extending from January 3, 2021, to January 3, 2027. There were also two special elections: one in Arizona to fill the vacancy created by John McCain's death in 2018 and one in Georgia following Johnny Isakson's resignation in 2019. Senate and House election results 2020. By Meg Wagner, Melissa Macaya, Veronica Rocha, Melissa Mahtani, Jessica Estepa and Amanda Wills, CNN. Updated 1817 GMT (0217 HKT) November 5, 2020. Democrats flipped a House and Senate seat; Republicans picked up Alabama's Senate seat. GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham and Mitch McConnell will win their reelection bids, CNN projects. See the latest House race ratings here and Senate race ratings here. Follow updates on the presidential race here. 117 Posts.