

POLLING MEMO



DATE: 6/24/2026
TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: ADAM PIPER, RAGA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: THE 2026 ATTORNEY GENERAL LANDSCAPE

Over the past month, RAGA conducted and/or reviewed polling across the entire 2026 Attorney General battleground map. The top takeaway from the polling is clear: the political environment for Republican Attorneys General is far stronger than conventional wisdom suggests. Incumbent Republican Attorneys General are well-positioned for re-election, and RAGA is on offense, as 2026 is the cycle of Credentialed Republicans vs. Crazy Democrats. Democrats face an unfavorable map – they will be defending four states Trump won in 2024, while Republicans are defending no states Harris won.

RAGA and its related entities have already invested over \$12.5 Million into the 2026 map through direct contributions to candidates, IEs, or media reservations.

1. INCUMBENT REPUBLICAN ATTORNEYS GENERAL ARE WELL POSITIONED.

- Iowa: Brenna Bird is leading by four points. AG Bird is currently leading the statewide ticket alongside Ashley Hinson, who is also leading by four points. RAGA has already invested over \$4.2M in hard dollars directly into AG Bird's campaign. Brenna Bird 41%-Nate Willems 37%.
- Kansas: Kris Kobach is leading by four points. AG Kobach is currently leading the entire statewide ticket. RAGA has signaled over \$3M in media commitments in Kansas. Kris Kobach 44%-Chris Mann 40%.

2. DEMOCRAT INCUMBENT ATTORNEYS GENERAL HAVE IMAGE PROBLEMS.

- Arizona: The generic ballot in Arizona remains the closest in the country. Democrat Attorney General Kris Mayes, who only won by 270 votes in 2022, already has image problems with hard negatives exceeding 25%. Kris Mayes infamously said that Arizonans can use stand your ground laws to shoot ICE agents.
- Minnesota: Incumbent Democrat Attorney General Keith Ellison is the most vulnerable incumbent AG in the country. 45% of Minnesotans already have an unfavorable opinion of Ellison. He is the only remaining state officeholder to run for re-election, despite the rampant fraud that has taken place in the state. Keith Ellison narrowly leads largely unknown Republican nominee Ron Schutz – within the margin of error. Once voters are informed of any of Ellison's policy positions, Schutz jumps to a lead beyond the margin of error.
- Wisconsin: Incumbent Democrat Attorney General Josh Kaul remains largely unknown despite eight years in office. Republican nominee Eric Toney has outraised Kaul since announcing his candidacy. Polling suggests a clear path to victory for both Toney and the Republican Gubernatorial nominee Tom Tiffany. On the informed ballot, Eric Toney jumps to an eight-point lead against Kaul when voters learn about their backgrounds.

3. REPUBLICAN OPEN SEATS ARE SAFER THAN DEMOCRAT OPEN SEATS

- Georgia: Republican AG nominee Brian Strickland is performing the best among all Republican statewide candidates. Rick Jackson's runoff victory should ensure a well-funded, robust turnout operation. Strickland and Jackson both have a clear path to victory once Republican voters unite after bruising primary contests.
- Ohio: Republican AG nominee Keith Faber is performing the best among all Republican statewide candidates. Faber maintains a lead in the AG race.
- Michigan: Republican AG nominee Doug Lloyd and Eli Savit are tied. Doug Lloyd and Mike Rogers are both leading the statewide ticket and are both running against the most extreme, radical liberals in the country. On the informed ballot, Lloyd jumps well ahead.
- Nevada: Republican AG nominee Adriana Guzman Fralick is positioned to pick up an open seat as incumbent Republican Governor Lombardo maintains a strong lead over current Democrat AG Aaron Ford.
- Texas: Republican AG nominee Mayes Middleton is well-positioned to be the next Texas AG. Both Middleton and former AG/current Governor Greg Abbott have significant leads beyond the margin of error.

4. DEMOCRATS ARE ABOUT TO NOMINATE SOME OF THE CRAZIEST CANDIDATES WE HAVE SEEN IN AG RACES IN YEARS.

STATE	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
COLORADO	Jena Griswold, the Democrat frontrunner in Colorado, blatantly lied about her biography, making up details about her upbringing. She also lied about arguing in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.	Michael Allen is the elected District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District, representing Colorado Springs. Allen is a Navy veteran and has focused on fentanyl cases during his time as DA.
MICHIGAN	Eli Savit is the Soros-elected Washtenaw County Prosecutor, based in Ann Arbor. Savit has aligned himself with far-left policies, including support for ending cash bail and decriminalizing prostitution. He won the Democratic endorsement with support from prominent progressive figures, including Rashida Tlaib and Jane Fonda.	Doug Lloyd is the elected Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney in the Lansing area. Lloyd has won four consecutive elections in a politically competitive county that also elected a Democrat sheriff, demonstrating his ability to earn support across party lines and succeed in a true swing county.
NEW YORK	Letitia James has faced legal inquiries over mortgage fraud and harboring criminal fugitive relatives.	Saritha Komatireddy is a Harvard Law School graduate, mother of four, former law clerk for Justice Brett Kavanaugh, former Assistant U.S. Attorney, and former chief of staff to the DEA.
MINNESOTA	Keith Ellison has faced allegations of campaign finance misconduct in the wake of rampant fraud in Minnesota and supported efforts to defund police following the George Floyd riots.	Ron Schutz was the national finance chair for Gov. Tim Pawlenty. He is a retired Army JAG officer with decades of successful courtroom experience.

AG Overperformance

Across the battleground map, Republican AG candidates are consistently outperforming and outpolling the ticket. The only exceptions are the two open AG seats where an incumbent Republican is running for Governor (in NV and TX). Historically, Republican AG candidates have outperformed Gubernatorial and Senatorial candidates in midterm elections. In 2022, the three closest AG races in the country were in Arizona (where the Democrat candidate won by 0.01%), Minnesota (where the Democrat candidate won by 0.6%), and Wisconsin (where the Democrat candidate won by 1.4%). In all three states, Democratic gubernatorial candidates won by much wider margins.

- **Arizona:** Kris Mayes won the 2022 Attorney General race by just 270 votes, outperforming the rest of the ticket. In office, Mayes has proven to be too extreme for Arizona and has garnered significant backlash from Republicans and Democrats alike.
- **Minnesota:** Republicans outperformed the top of the ticket by 8 points, with Keith Ellison narrowly surviving in 2022 by less than a point.
- **Colorado:** Republicans significantly outperformed the gubernatorial margin in the 2022 Attorney General race. Jena Griswold is the most radical liberal Democrats could nominate.
- **Virginia:** In 2025, Attorney General Jason Miyares was the strongest-performing Republican statewide candidate, outperforming the top of the ticket by almost double digits.
- **Kentucky:** In 2019, Republicans lost the Governor's race when Democrat Andy Beshear narrowly defeated Republican Matt Bevin, but Republican AG nominee Daniel Cameron won the Attorney General race by nearly 16 points.

Polling Standouts:

Arizona: Polling indicates a competitive statewide environment, with Republicans within the margin of error on the generic ballot, and no Democrat statewide candidate currently exceeds 46% support.

Georgia: Brian Strickland leads on the informed ballot and is slated to outperform the entire Republican ticket.

Iowa: We have seen two polls in the past 4 weeks showing Brenna Bird leading just beyond the margin of error. Bird and Ashley Hinson are both well-positioned despite environmental headwinds.

Kansas: Attorney General Kris Kobach currently holds a 4-point lead and is running slightly ahead of the rest of the Republican ticket in a state where Republicans are at 50% on the generic ballot.

Michigan: We have seen two polls in the past 4 weeks showing Lloyd and Savit statistically tied. When voters are informed about Eli Savit's record, Lloyd expands to a 9-point lead.

Minnesota: 45% of Minnesotans have unfavorable opinions of Keith Ellison. When Minnesotans learn of Ellison's record, Schutz moves to a 47%–43% lead.

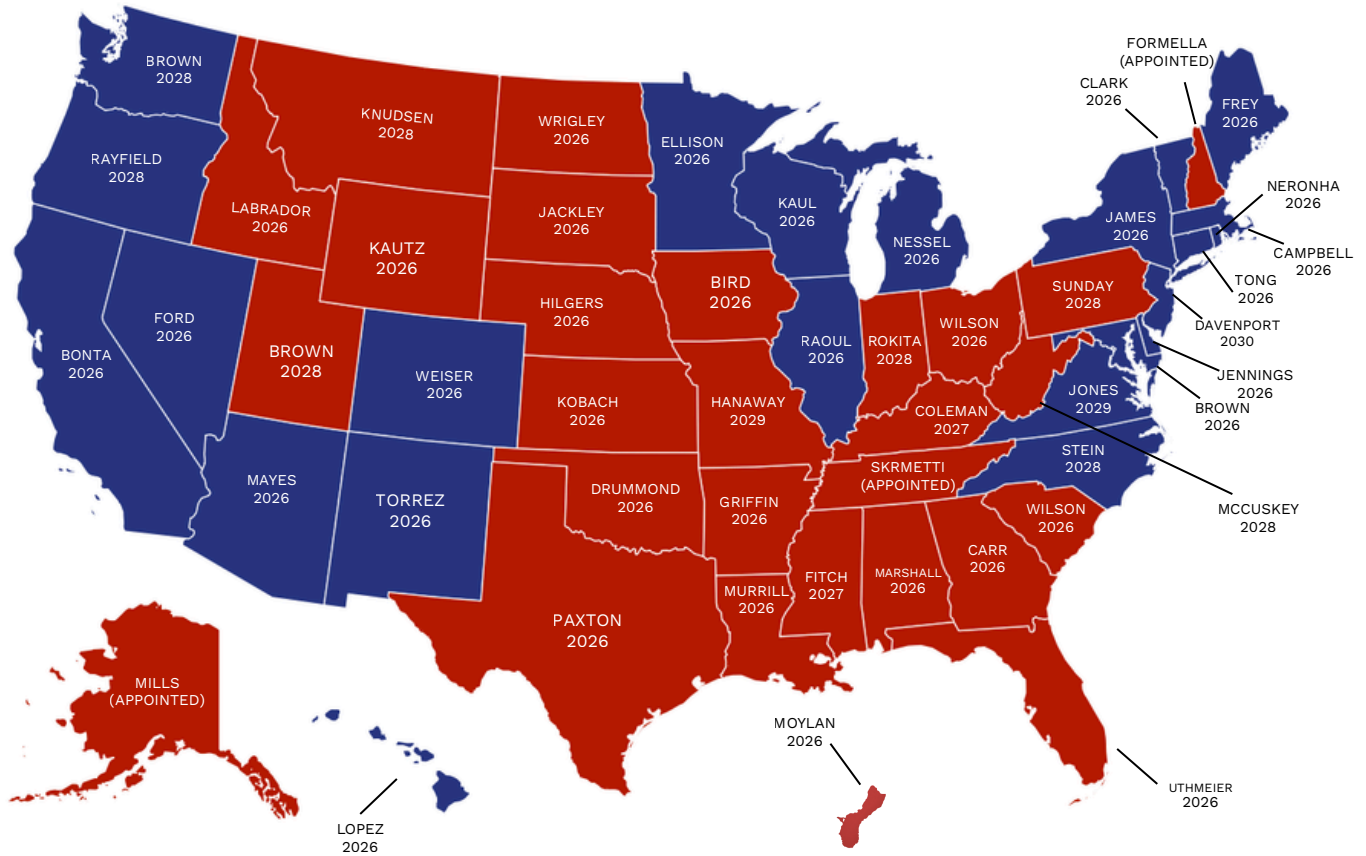
Nevada: Adriana Guzman Fralick starts off statistically tied, with incumbent Republican Governor Joe Lombardo maintaining a lead over Democrat Attorney General Aaron Ford. Once voters are introduced to Guzman Fralick, she leads by 3 points in the informed ballot.

Ohio: Auditor Keith Faber currently leads the Attorney General race and is significantly outperforming the rest of the Republican ticket.

Wisconsin: Eric Toney outperformed the top of the ticket by roughly half a point in 2022. Congressman Tom Tiffany currently leads the gubernatorial race by 3 points, providing a path for Toney to beat Kaul in a rematch.

Bottom Line: RAGA enters the 2026 cycle with a stronger map, stronger candidates, and a stronger cash-on-hand position. State Attorney General races offer more offensive opportunities than conventional wisdom suggests — the opportunity to elect the largest freshman class in Republican Attorney General history. If Republican Attorney General candidates in open seats are properly resourced and defined early, 2026 can be a cycle in which Republican Attorneys General not only withstand the political environment but significantly outperform it, similar to 2019, when Republican Attorney General candidates went 3-0 while Republican Gubernatorial candidates went 1-2.

2026 STATE OF PLAY



Appendix: State-by-State Topline:

RAGA is on track to have a candidate in every state for the 2026 cycle.

ALABAMA: Katherine Robertson defeated Jay Mitchell in the June 16 runoff and will be the next AL AG.

ARKANSAS: No Democrat filed against Tim Griffin.

ARIZONA: Warren Petersen and Rodney Glassman face off on July 21. Kris Mayes won by only 270 votes in 2022.

CALIFORNIA: Michael Gates is a very strong candidate running against Rob Bonta.

COLORADO: Michael Allen is the likely GOP nominee. Griswold is a far-left Democrat involved in a scandal where she claims to have argued before the Supreme Court.

CONNECTICUT: John Bolton is the GOP candidate running.

DELAWARE: Julianne Murray was endorsed by the Delaware GOP.

FLORIDA: Attorney General James Uthmeier is the Republican nominee.

GEORGIA: State Senator Brian Strickland is in a strong position to defeat Fulton County prosecutor Tanya Miller.

ILLINOIS: Bob Fioretti is the GOP Nominee.

IOWA: Brenna Bird leads by roughly 4 points against Nate Willems.

IDAHO: Raul Labrador is in a strong position to win re-election.

KANSAS: Kobach leads by 4 and did not have a primary opponent. This appears to be a unified Republican ticket. He faces Chris Mann.

MARYLAND: Jim Rutledge is the nominee in Maryland and is a solid candidate.

MASSACHUSETTS: Mike Walsh is the Republican candidate for AG.

MICHIGAN: Doug Lloyd is tied with radical leftist Eli Savit, as Michigan Democrats have supported a list of far-left candidates across the ticket.

MINNESOTA: Keith Ellison remains one of the most unpopular politicians in Minnesota, is directly tied to the fraud in Minnesota, and is running against a strong candidate in Ron Schut.

NEBRASKA: Mike Hilgers remains in a strong position to win re-election despite some headwinds on the top of the ticket.

NEVADA: Adriana Guzmán Fralick defeated Danny Tarkanian and will be one of the top pickup opportunities of the cycle.

NEW MEXICO: Sam Kane is the Republican nominee for AG.

NEW YORK: Saritha Komatireddy is a strong candidate who is raising significant resources in her race against Tish James.

NORTH DAKOTA: Drew Wrigley is strongly positioned to win re-election.

OHIO: Keith Faber is in a strong position to be elected as Ohio's next AG.

OKLAHOMA: Jon Echols is coming off his primary election victory and will be the next Attorney General of Oklahoma.

RHODE ISLAND: Alan Gordon is the presumptive nominee in Rhode Island.

SOUTH CAROLINA: David Stumbo won the runoff and is in a strong position to be the next AG of South Carolina.

SOUTH DAKOTA: We are awaiting the outcome of the South Dakota GOP Convention on Saturday, June 27, following AG Jackley's departure to run for Congress.

TEXAS: Mayes Middleton is in a strong position to become the next AG of Texas and is polling closely with Governor Abbott.

WISCONSIN: District Attorney Eric Toney will face Attorney General Josh Kaul once again – a rematch from 2022.

VERMONT: Vermont GOP has a candidate who will hold the slot and then appoint the candidate following their primary.