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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

In his weekly column for the *New York Times*, Thomas Edsall [described](#) the "tough-to-crack Republican firewall," Democrats face in state legislatures in the Midwest this election. "They have been extremely effective in mobilizing their resources," RSLC President Matt Walter said in his interview with Edsall of Democrat efforts to flip Republican majorities in the Midwest. But also noted that the energy seen by Democrats has waned from 2017 as Republicans have won a majority of state legislative special elections in 2018 including in tough Democrat districts in California, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

The State Government Leadership Foundation [announced](#) a statewide digital campaign in Connecticut highlighting the destructive fiscal policies of Democrat Governor Dan Malloy's administration. "Thanks to Governor Malloy, fairness has fled Connecticut families and job creators who are being left behind while the rest of the country is experiencing the most booming economy in modern history," SGLF Executive Director Matt Walter said in a statement upon the release of the ads. The two 15-second videos can be seen [here](#) and [here](#).

On Tuesday, the RSLC [increased](#) their activity in the race for Wisconsin's 19th Senate district with an issue ad promoting state Senator Roger Roth's military service while exposing his opponent's radical references to religion. "The country has witnessed too much radical activism in recent history and voters are rejecting divisive activism time and again. Voters have an easy choice in Senate District 19; a callous and uncaring disruptor or Roger Roth, a small businessman and veteran who served his state and our country," RSLC President Matt Walter said in an announcement of the new ad. Last

week the RSLC [began](#) running two separate radio issue ads contrasting the two candidates.

A poll from the *Texas Tribune* [shows](#) Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick in a strong position heading into the final weeks of his campaign. Lt. Governor Patrick is leading his Democrat opponent by six points and, while the Lt. Governor and Governor run on separate tickets in the state, Patrick is expected to benefit from Governor Greg Abbott's consistent double-digit lead in the polls. Lt. Governor Patrick's political organization scored a huge victory just a few weeks ago when Republicans captured a state Senate district that had been held by Democrats for over 100 years.

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