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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

In this March 18, 2014, file photo, voters cast their ballots in the Illinois primary in Hinsdale, Ill. Republicans gained Democrats' strength in registering voters in three battleground states _ and kept their razor thin advantage in Iowa; hope for Donald Trump and raising the stakes over ballot access in the final weeks before Election Day. (AP Photo: Green, File)

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[GOP gains ground on Dems in voter registration in key states](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans have gained ground on Democrats in registering voters in three battleground states — and kept their razor-thin advantage in Iowa — encouraging news for Donald Trump eight weeks before Election Day. The GOP has added hundreds of thousands of voters to the rolls since 2012 in states including Florida and Arizona, and narrowed its lead in North Carolina, according to data compiled by The Associated Press. In Iowa.

[Poll: Americans favor slightly higher bills to fight warming](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans are willing to pay a little more each month to fight global warming — but according to a new poll. Still, environmental policy experts hail that as a hopeful sign. Seventy-one percent want the government to do something about global warming, including 6 percent who think the government should act even if they are not sure that climate change is happening, according to a poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Politics and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago.

[Democrats fear their Senate takeover chances dimming](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are sounding increasingly concerned about their chances of retaking control of the Senate. Republicans demonstrate a commanding fundraising advantage and Hillary Clinton's lead narrows in key battleground states. Although most Democrats still express confidence that they will win back the Senate majority in November, they realize they have fewer paths to victory as wins in Ohio and even Florida look increasingly remote.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016, in Clinton. The firestorm of words over Trump's "deplorables" is intensifying as Republicans and Democrats fight to score political points off Clinton's charge that millions of the New York billionaire's supporters are racist, sexist and homophobic. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

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