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**Overview**

Today should provide a fair idea of which of the major candidates you have the most in common with politically. Go to the following website <http://www.isidewith.com/illinois-voter-guide> (or google “isidewith”) and take the political quiz for Illinois voters.

**Directions:**

**For Governor of Illinois**

**What issues do you care the most about for Illinois? / What does your candidate think about the issue? / What does the opponent think?**

1.

2.

3.

**Senate Picks!!** Using the following website <http://fivethirtyeight.com/interactives/senate-forecast/> (google search: 538 nate silver senate). Who will win the seats in the following states? Tally your totals for a cumulative score of the Senate (out of 100). Democrats have 34 seats not up for election, Republicans have 30. Put a R or a D in the blank.

**Battleground States R or D or I? If you only want to pick battleground states, then skip #2. Want to do both? Then see letter A.**

1. \*KA\_\_\_\_\*IA\_\_\_\_ \*NC\_\_\_\_\*CO\_\_\_\_\*AK\_\_\_\_\*GA\_\_\_\_\*LA\_\_\_\_\*NH\_\_\_\_\* R-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (caucus with D or R?)

Republican sure things (47) + above =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Democrat sure things (45) + above =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Which side to you put the Independent winner (if he wins)?**

1. **Note:** Most media sites have the following states already picked because polls conducted in these states are pretty definitive. If you want to pick each one, go right ahead.

AR\_\_\_\_MN\_\_\_\_KY\_\_\_\_WV\_\_\_\_MI\_\_\_\_VA\_\_\_\_NM\_\_\_\_SD\_\_\_\_IL\_\_\_\_

MS\_\_\_\_OR\_\_\_\_SC\_\_\_\_ME\_\_\_\_TN\_\_\_\_DE\_\_\_\_SC\_\_\_\_MT\_\_\_\_NE\_\_\_\_NJ\_\_\_\_ID\_\_\_\_MA\_\_\_\_HI\_\_\_\_TX\_\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_RI\_\_\_\_WY\_\_\_\_OK\_\_\_\_AL\_\_\_\_

**A. Battleground State Republicans from #1 +#2 + 30 (not up for election)** =\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Battleground State Democrats from #1 + #2 = above +34 (not up for election)** =\_\_\_\_\_\_

**House of Representatives Final Seat Numbers** Democrats \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Republicans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (equals 435 total).

**Essay for Thursday:** The percentage of the electorate voting tonight will hover somewhere between 45-55% of potential voters. What can be done to increase voter turnout in both midterm and presidential election years? Consider methods, advertising, and legal remedies, among other items in your answer. 2 paragraph essay: 1 paragraph for your idea(s) and 1 paragraph for implementation.