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MEMORANDUM

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RE: Wilson Over 50 Percent; Senate Race Comes Down to Tuesday

On the eve of the election, Alan Wilson has crossed 50 percent. He leads Jermaine Johnson 50.6 percent to 42.3 percent, an 8.3-point lead. The Senate race is a toss-up. Annie Andrews leads Darline Graham 46.2 percent to 44.6 percent, well inside the margin of error, and Graham has gained 3.5 points since our last survey.

Governor	Statewide	Margin
Alan Wilson (R)	50.6%	+8.3
Jermaine Johnson (D)	42.3%	
Other candidates	1.2%	
Undecided	5.9%	

U.S. Senate	Statewide	Margin
Darline Graham (R)	44.6%	–1.6
Annie Andrews (D)	46.2%	
Other candidates	2.7%	
Undecided	6.5%	

Wilson expands lead with Republicans and independents

Wilson has climbed from 47 percent in our last survey to 50.6 percent, the result of Republicans and independents coalescing behind him. Our polling has him at 86.5 percent of Republicans and ahead of Johnson among independents.

What's left of the undecided vote is mostly Republicans and Republican leaners. Nearly 7 in 10 Republicans have no opinion of Johnson or have never heard of him. Those voters have been coming home all fall, and that should continue through Tuesday.

Graham has tightened the race

The two Trump visits in the closing weeks appear to have worked, at least to some extent. Republicans are coming together behind Graham, and that has tightened her race. Andrews' lead is down from 5.1 points to 1.6. Graham now gets 80.6 percent of Republicans, still six points behind Wilson's 86.5 percent.

Undecided voters in the Senate race are even more Republican than in the governor's race. That gives Graham room to grow, but she still has work to do. Many of those Republicans already know her and haven't committed. I think the race trended mildly in Graham's direction over the last few days of polling. It's one of the closest general election races I've polled, and Election Day turnout is the key.

Election Day will decide it

Over 1 million South Carolinians voted before early voting closed Saturday, well past the 2022 midterm record of 561,563. Indications are that Democratic core constituencies turned out early. In our survey, Democrats were proportionally more likely than Republicans to have already voted. Democratic groups invested heavily in that effort. BlackPAC alone put $569,000 into the final week.

Our survey returned that African American voters make up 22.5 percent of the electorate. However, this Democrat core constituency made up 27 percent of the early and absentee vote. If Election Day turnout brings that share back toward 22 percent, Wilson wins by double digits and the Senate race is a coin flip. If it stays near 27 percent, Wilson still wins comfortably, but Graham is in serious trouble.

So, the question for Tuesday is simple: will the Republicans who haven't voted yet show up? For Wilson, the answer sets the size of his lead. For Graham, it decides the race.

About the numbers

Live-caller survey of 600 likely voters drawn from the South Carolina voter registration list, completed Oct. 30, 2026. Margin of error ±4.0 percentage points. Results reflect African American voters at 22.5 percent of turnout.

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