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The Big Question: Which race says the most about U.S. mood?

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Some of the nation's top political commentators, legislators and intellectuals offer insight into the biggest questions burning up the blogosphere today.

Today's question:

Which congressional race says the most about the nation's political climate?

Peter Navarro, professor of economics and public policy at U.C. Irvine, said:

The Portman-Fisher Senate race in Ohio says it all. Portman sold Ohio down the Yangtze River with his pro-China, let them have their way with our economy policies and is now trouncing a Democrat because Ohio hates Obama.

Adam Bonin, chairman of Netroots Nation, said:

Pennsylvania's 7th district, the open-seat race in the Philadelphia suburbs to replace Joe Sestak. This race has been hotly contested, and polls have been tight across the board. If the Democratic base is motivated, Bryan Lentz retains this seat (and Joe Sestak almost certainly defeats Pat Toomey). If Pat Meehan wins, Democrats will want to go to sleep long before the Alaska Senate count starts.

Frank Askin, professor of law at Rutgers University, said:

I think the two most important electoral races are the Senate contests in Nevada and Wisconsin. Harry Reid is no prize, but if a majority of Nevadans can elect a know-nothing like Sharron Angle, this country is in real trouble. ... And it would be devastating to see a real public servant and public hero like Russ Feingold be defeated by a self-funded multimillionaire by the usually sound electorate in Wisconsin.

John Feehery, Pundits Blog contributor, said:

Reid-Angle. If Angle can beat Reid in Nevada, Republicans will win everywhere.

Bernie Quigley, Pundits Blog contributor, said:

Carly Fiorina in California is vital in establishing new thinking and bringing new karma to the great state of California. Joe Miller in Alaska would make a pronounced mark at the beginning of the century to tell what quality of Tea Party sensibility can be established; responsible and mature or crackpot, like

some of the others.

Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute, said:

MA-4, Frank vs. Bielat. If you want an early indication of how bad a night next Tuesday will be for House Democrats, watch what happens to Barney Frank. In an already blue state, this district has been gerrymandered to be even more Democratic. Yet, Frank could lose. Polls show him with a lead, but he's under 50 percent. Frank is taking heat for the bailout and housing crisis, and he's a posterboy for the Democratic establishment.

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