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By Robert Romano

The Republican versus Democrat split in the Pennsylvania 18th Congressional District special election shows a virtual tie between Rick Saccone and Conor Lamb, with Lamb with the slight edge.

It was a district that President Donald Trump carried by 20 points, but on the other hand, is one with a slight voter registration advantage for Democrats.

It’s also a district that is being eliminated by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s latest redistricting scheme. Come November its geography won’t matter for the Congressional midterms.

So, what is the takeaway from this race? President Trump’s trade policies remain overwhelmingly popular in Pennsylvania.

Beneath the razor thin margin between the two parties is an overwhelming consensus in western Pennsylvania in favor of Trump’s call for “fair and reciprocal” trade. A mandate. Trump owes his presidency to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, and the silver lining in this result is that he should be in solid shape in these states headed into 2020. Trump remains popular in the district.

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If there was a candidate in favor of the globalist position on trade, it was Libertarian candidate Drew Miller, who drew less than 1 percent of the vote. In western Pennsylvania, there is almost no constituency for that line.

If Saccone had not adopted the Trump position on trade, and if Trump and the national party had not come to the rescue for the campaign for funds and crowds, he would have been shellacked.

Also at play was Lamb's more moderate stance on the Second Amendment and at least a professed pro-life stance on abortion compared to other Democrats. He ran on infrastructure and jobs and used union politics to his advantage. That plus an energized Democrat base — always the case for opposition parties when the midterms come around — made a huge difference for Lamb.

It tells Democrats how they might want to run their races in 2018, running more Blue Dog, Joe Manchin-style Democrats that were once prevalent in their caucus. Time will tell how that plays out in the coming months, as the national Democrat party moves further to the left.

For Congressional Republicans, who in Washington, D.C. remain deeply divided on Trump's trade politics — unlike Republican voters who support it decisively — there is a tougher slog. They do not have much of a record on the issue, and their rhetoric following Trump's announced tariffs sounded nominally like outright opposition.

White House Chief Economic Advisor Gary Cohn resigned over the issue.

Could that gut reaction by the GOP establishment against the President have made a difference in Pennsylvania? By all accounts, Saccone was an underwhelming candidate who lacked fundraising ability, organization and did not have any momentum to speak of until Trump came to the district the weekend before the election.

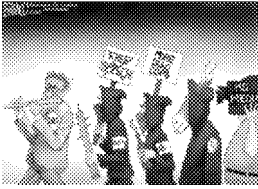
If you were a voter on the fence in Pennsylvania's 18th District, Saccone's appeals could have sounded insincere. His campaign website and letter does not even mention the trade issue. The material hardly mentioned jobs too. Instead it was more a boilerplate Republican platform, not something tailor made for Pennsylvania.

To win, Saccone needed to pick up many of the Democrat votes that Trump carried in 2016, bringing the Trump base out but also having that crossover appeal that helped Trump win in Pennsylvania. Again, in this district, Democrats had a slight voter registration edge. This could have been an easy win but it required more targeting of Democrats and Independents who have voted Republican in the past few election cycles. Remind voters that Democrats have not delivered on their rhetoric.

At the end of the day it's about in-roads. In Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, Lamb with a more moderate platform was able to bring Democrat votes home in a more conservative area. The lesson for Republicans in 2018 is to pay attention and in these swing districts build their coalitions beyond the traditional Republican base the way Trump did in 2016, and rally to the President, or pay the price in November.

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By Printus LeBlanc

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Over the last few years, progressive billionaire George Soros has dumped millions of dollars into district attorney races around the country. Soros has used his considerable finances and political clout to challenge district attorneys that do not fit into his progressive ideological agenda.

- 2015, Scott Colom and Robert Shuler Smith Miss., \$400,000
- 2016, Andrew Warren, Hillsborough County, Fla.
- 2016, Kim Foxx, Cook County, Ill.
- 2016, Kim Ogg, Harris County, Texas \$600,000
- 2016, Aramis Ayala, Orlando, Fla., \$1.4 million
- 2017, Larry Krasner Philadelphia, Pa., \$1.45 million
- 2018, Joe Gonzales Bexar County, Texas, \$958,000

There is a noticeable pattern in the races. The Soros groups come in and dump large amounts of money in the final moments of the campaign. The link between the Soros funds and the candidate are only discovered after the election is held.

Another pattern is the noticeable politics of the elected officials. These are not law and order politicians. Not only are they Democrats, but they are also hard left progressives. Soros contributes the funds through his Open Society Foundation and the over 100 organizations his money controls:

1. American Immigration Council: This non-profit organization is a prominent member of the open-borders lobby. It advocates expanded rights and amnesty for illegal aliens residing in the U.S.
2. Fair Immigration Reform Movement: This is the open-borders arm of the Center for Community Change.

3. Faithful America: This organization promotes the redistribution of wealth, an end to enhanced interrogation procedures vis a vis prisoners-of-war, the enactment of policies to combat global warming, and the creation of a government-run health care system.
4. Immigration Advocates Network: This alliance of immigrant-rights groups seeks to “increase access to justice for low-income immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them.”
5. National Council of La Raza (Now Unidos US 55): This group lobbies for racial preferences, bilingual education, stricter hate-crime laws, mass immigration, and amnesty for illegal aliens.
6. National Immigration Forum: Opposing the enforcement of present immigration laws, this organization urges the American government to “legalize” *en masse* all illegal aliens currently in the United States who have no criminal records, and to dramatically increase the number of visas available for those wishing to migrate to the U.S. The Forum is particularly committed to opening the borders to unskilled, low-income workers, and immediately making them eligible for welfare and social service programs.

These are just a few of the more high-profile organizations, but they all have similar missions. They want open borders, amnesty for all illegal immigrants in the U.S., and want to free criminals from prison in the shape of prison reform. None of the positions are very popular, which is why officials do not campaign on them and the Soros money comes in late in the game. By the time people realize Soros is backing their official, the election has already happened.

If you want to know how the communities are doing that are under the thumb of Soros controlled politicians there are examples all around the nation:

- Recently in Denver, an illegal immigrant was released by local law enforcement despite an ICE detainer after being arrested for a hit and run that killed the other driver.
- The Mayor of Oakland acted as a gang lookout for hundreds of illegal immigrant criminals by warning them of an impending ICE raid. Illegal immigrants convicted of child sex crimes, assault, and drug trafficking.
- Alternative charges and sentencing of illegal immigrants to avoid reporting criminals to ICE. This creates two justice systems, one for citizens and one for illegal immigrants in which the illegal immigrants are given lesser punishments.

And let us not forget California, a state wholly owned by Soros, was just named the state with the worst quality of life by U.S. News. Sounds like wonderful communities to live in don't they.

District Attorney races do not usually garner much national attention, but the Republican National Committee should start paying attention. George Soros is spending millions to destroy the U.S. justice system. If he cannot do it through Congress or the Presidency, he will do it through local law enforcement. His bought and paid for politicians are releasing criminal illegal immigrants onto the streets to continue targeting innocents. They are turning cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles into open sewers of human feces and drug paraphernalia. George Soros and his organizations may be the most dangerous non-governmental entities in the world.



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Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning issued the following statement expressing continued concern that Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's direction of Special Counsel Robert Mueller is well outside the scope of the 2016 election campaign:

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"Rosenstein, by his own admission, approved the targeting of Michael Flynn for legal activities that occurred after the election, and whose only crime was telling the truth to the FBI and running out of money to defend himself from a political prosecution. This is particularly troubling given reports that the FBI agents who interviewed Flynn did not believe he lied. Attorney General Sessions' recusal was the right thing to do from a legal perspective, but only in the narrow scope of the campaign. We're far beyond that now. Rosenstein's guided missile at the President is flying well outside the space where it was sanctioned. It is time for Rosenstein to either confine the scope of Mueller's seemingly unending investigation to the period of the election or step aside. This is particularly true given the House Intelligence Committee's impending conclusion that there was no collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign, putting an end to Rosenstein's stated rationale for the special counsel. It's time for the country to move forward."

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“In 2012, Fusion GPS was hired to do opposition research on Mitt Romney for Barack Obama’s reelection campaign,” reads “[Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin’s War on America and Donald Trump’s Election.](#)”

The book is written by Michael Isikoff and David Corn, two veteran reporters who met during the 2016 campaign with Steele and Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson. ([RELATED: New Book Raises Questions About Steele Dossier Source](#))

“As had become standard practice in the shadowy world of ‘oppo’ research, the Obama campaign’s payments to Fusion GPS were never publicly disclosed; the money paid to the investigative firm was reported on campaign disclosure reports as legal bills to the campaign’s law firm, Perkins Coie,” the book reads.

The Obama for America committee paid Perkins Coie around \$3 million during the 2012 election cycle, according to [filings](#) with the Federal Election Commission. A vast majority of the payments were earmarked for “Legal Services.”

It is not clear how the law firm paid Fusion GPS for its research on Romney, a former Massachusetts governor.

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