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## Impact of race on Ford's defeat debated

Sunday, November 12, 2006

By Ashley Rowland  
Staff Writer

It's a question the candidates don't want to talk about, but plenty of people are asking: Did U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr. lose his bid to become a U.S. senator because he's black?

Like many in the racially mixed crowd outside a busy diner in downtown Chattanooga late last week, Shelley Huckabay thinks so.

"I think if Harold Ford were a white man, he would have won by a landslide," said Ms. Huckabay, a white Chattanooga resident who was among the 100 or so supporters who greeted Rep. Ford on Thursday during his post-election tour through Tennessee.

While Democrats swept to victory in many parts of the country Tuesday, Rep. Ford lost his bid to become Tennessee's first black senator by 3 percentage points. His Republican opponent, former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker, is white.

Some political science experts say race may not have been an issue with most voters, but it may have been powerful enough to tip the election in Mr. Corker's favor.

"I think at least two or three points of the vote was influenced by race, and that might have been enough for Harold Ford to win," said David Bositis of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, D.C.

Others say the fact that Rep. Ford is young, single, ambitious and relatively liberal in a Republican-leaning state may have cost him the election -- not his race.

"Harold Ford did remarkably well, and you can't read anything in it other than one candidate won and another candidate lost," said Carol Swain, a political science and law professor at Vanderbilt University.  
National spotlight

The race attracted international attention, both because it was one of a handful of contests that could determine which party would control the U.S. Senate and because Rep. Ford, a U.S. representative for 10 years, had a chance to make history by becoming the South's first black senator since post-Civil War Reconstruction.

The contest made even more headlines last month after the Republican National Committee, without Mr. Corker's approval, aired a television ad that was interpreted by many as having racist overtones. The 30-second ad ends with a bare-shouldered white woman saying she met the congressman at a Playboy-sponsored party. "Harold, call me," she whispers at the end of the ad, then winks.

"That commercial went to the uneasiness that people have about race and interracial dating," said Peter Groff, executive director of the Center for African American Policy at the University of Denver and a state senator. "It's very clear what that commercial was about."

Tom Schaller, an associate professor of political science at the University of Maryland who wrote about Southern politics in "Whistling Past Dixie," said race hurt Rep. Ford.

"Certain white voters wouldn't vote for him if he blatantly called (the ad) racist, as opposed to saying it was slick or derogatory," Dr. Schaller said. "The fact that he wouldn't call it racist -- it's a concession that, in fact, it was. It's just that simple."

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Both Rep. Ford and Mr. Corker called for the ad to be pulled, and rarely, if ever, talked about race during the campaign.

"I don't think Tennesseans saw it as an issue, but I think it's something we saw talked about more at a national level than here at our state," said Corker campaign spokesman Todd Womack.

Rep. Ford said during his Thursday stop in Chattanooga that race "didn't play a role with me."

Outgoing Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said the national media made race more of an issue than it was among Tennesseans.

"The national shows, it's the first thing people ask me, as if they were trying to make it an issue," he said.

Beating The Bradley effect

According to a poll conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research for the Chattanooga Times Free Press in early November, 30 percent of white voters and 89 percent of black voters indicated they planned to vote for Rep. Ford. Fifty-eight percent of white voters and 2 percent of black voters said they planned to vote for Mr. Corker.

Many experts predicted Rep. Ford would lose by a wider margin than he did because some of his white supporters would desert him -- a pattern first documented in 1982, when former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley lost the California governor's race by a larger-than-expected margin. Researchers said white voters felt social pressure to tell pollsters they would vote for Mr. Bradley, who was black, but voted for his white opponent when they cast their ballots.

Dr. Swain said the close margin of victory in the Corker-Ford contest shows whites did vote for Rep. Ford, and the "Bradley effect" may be lessening.

"To me, that's a positive sign for race relations," she said.

The University of Denver's Sen. Groff said Rep. Ford created a blueprint for other black candidates: He was a moderate Democrat who appealed to moderate Republican and independent voters, and he was able to "transcend race" by focusing on issues that mattered to urban and rural voters -- health care, education and economic development.

"I think the focus on Tennessee was because of the unique dynamics that race plays in the American South," he said. "The fact that an African-American was able to capture the nomination of a majority party was a historical stride in the South."

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**Bredesen announces deputy governor**

Saturday, December 09, 2006

**Frist says goodbye to fellow senators**

Friday, December 08, 2006

**Senate GOP Web site elicits ideas from residents**

Friday, December 08, 2006

**Cagle picks Mullis for inaugural director**

Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Runoff turnout light**

Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Bob Davis re-elected to lead state GOP**

Tuesday, December 05, 2006

**Sen. Alexander makes 'house calls'**

Tuesday, December 05, 2006

**Low turnout predicted for last election**

Tuesday, December 05, 2006

**Bredesen seeks 911 service merging**

Tuesday, December 05, 2006

**Report claims Tennessee suffered election problems**

Sunday, December 03, 2006

**Federal tax break future uncertain**

Sunday, December 03, 2006

**New rules exempt some government lobbyists**

Saturday, December 02, 2006

**Future unsure for Frist's VOLPAC**

Friday, December 01, 2006

**Cleland says no to rematch with Chambliss**

Friday, December 01, 2006

**Frist puts public life on hiatus, won't run for president**

Thursday, November 30, 2006

**Lawmakers say more troops may be needed in short term**

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

**Ex-governor's Web site helps consumers**

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

**Irvin prepares for last term in office**

Sunday, November 26, 2006

**'Life' plates ready Friday**

Sunday, November 26, 2006

**Lawmakers tout successes, assign blame for failures**

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Taxpayers foot bill for lobbying contacts**

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Rhodes scholar seeks out solutions**

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

**Swafford won't challenge Davis for GOP leadership**

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

**Various forces drive referendums**

Sunday, November 19, 2006

**GOP bills target illegal immigrants, sex offenders**

Sunday, November 19, 2006

**Local officials await state action on elderly tax relief**

Saturday, November 18, 2006

**Another race not on Ford's mind now**

Saturday, November 18, 2006

**Corker learns about life in Washington**

Friday, November 17, 2006

**Republican Burns concedes race for Congress**

Friday, November 17, 2006

**Alexander looking past lost whip race**

Thursday, November 16, 2006

**Democratic incumbents declared winners in House races**

Thursday, November 16, 2006

**Republicans propose eliminating income tax**

Thursday, November 16, 2006

**Alexander faces Senate veteran in whip race**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Dismal turnout expected in runoff featuring PSC race**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Democratic challengers beginning to regroup**

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Lone GOP freshman**

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**U.S. Senate-elect Bob Corker's campaign Slideshow**

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Corker post-election interview audio snippets**

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Impact of race on Ford's defeat debated**

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Changes in Congress could affect Tennessee delegation's clout**

Saturday, November 11, 2006

**Area counties heavily go GOP**

Saturday, November 11, 2006

**Williams says undecided on lieutenant governor support**

Friday, November 10, 2006

**Ford predicts future run for public office**

Friday, November 10, 2006

**Voter turnout sets record**

Friday, November 10, 2006

**A red state Senate win**

Thursday, November 09, 2006

**Corker says he will work to be unifier**

Thursday, November 09, 2006

**Republican Bob Corker, who won election to the U.S. Senate in Tuesday's general election, talks at a news conference he held in downtown Chattanooga on Nov. 8, 2006.**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Lawmakers line up support for leadership races**

Thursday, November 09, 2006

**Corker wins Tennessee Senate race**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006, at 12:21 a.m.

**Perdue leads GOP charge through Georgia**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Riley beats Baxley in Alabama**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Cobb wins over Nabers**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Corker wins Senate**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Candidates stay close to home on Election Day**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Bredesen wins second term**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Gay marriage, seniors property tax amendments appear likely to pass**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Corker wins Senate**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**-- Bob Corker Audio**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**-- Harold Ford Audio**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**-- Phil Bredesen Audio**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**-- Jim Bryson Audio**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**-- Zach Wamp Audio**

Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Court OKs frequent redistricting**

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Perdue sails to victory over Taylor**

Tuesday, November 07, 2006, at 11:10 p.m.

**Marriage, senior tax relief amendments look likely to pass**

Tuesday, November 07, 2006, at 10:42 p.m.

**AP Tennessee Governor Results by County**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**AP Georgia Governor Results by County**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**AP U.S. House Results by County**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**AP Tennessee State House and State Senate Results**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**AP Tennessee Amendment 1, Marriage Amendment Results by County**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**AP U.S. Senate Results by County**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**Ford, Corker enlist outsiders to turn out voters on Tuesday**

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Georgia candidates to keep campaigning until final minutes**

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor spar in final debate**

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Senators turn out for Corker**

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Bredesen wins second term**

Tuesday, November 07, 2006, at 11:50 p.m.

**Old voting machines languish**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**U.S. Senate race draws voters to the polls**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Perdue says Secure ID Act major goal in next session**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Eminent domain question tops state ballot**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor talk tough on crime**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Hispanics urged to cast their votes**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Bredesen keeps big lead in race for governor**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Faith still emphasized in Corker-Ford race**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Corker stretches lead**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Voters split on policy for Iraq**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Negative ads make a mark in race**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Corker audio from the campaign trail**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Ford audio from the campaign trail**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on the U.S. Senate and Governor's race PDF**

Sunday, November 05, 2006

**Georgia advance voting ends**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Political calls keep phones buzzing**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Campaigns split on Bredesen's impact on Senate race**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Ford looks to high black turnout in U.S. Senate race**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Quarreling Senate duo head into final weekend**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Corker says he's choice for change**

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Corker says he reflects Tennessee more than Ford**

Friday, November 03, 2006

**Ford says his campaign on track in final days**

Friday, November 03, 2006

**Bryson, Bredesen optimistic about vote**

Friday, November 03, 2006

**State GOP mailing focuses on Ford family**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Union leaders stump for Ford**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Bredesen: Too much attention on Senate race**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Clinton pushes Ford candidacy at Memphis event**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Corker spends more money in Senate race**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Budget surplus prompts many plans**

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Corker says fresh military leadership may be needed**

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

**Ford stumps at Chattanooga restaurant**

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

**TV ad hits Ford on donation to defense**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

**Supreme Court race gets heated**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor disagree sharply on education funding**

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

**Burns looks for campaign boost in second Bush visit**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Campaigns call for end of negative ads**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Turnout may hold key to Senate race**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Georgia voters to decide on eminent domain amendment**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Taylor keeps up pressure on ethics; Perdue unveils Zell Miller ad**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Advance voter turnout above average in Dade**

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Tennessee governors have big edge in re-election campaigns**

Monday, October 30, 2006

**Religion takes center stage in Senate campaign**

Monday, October 30, 2006

**Taylor slams Perdue at local Democratic rally**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Debate breaks no new ground**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Charges keep flying after Senate debate**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Gay marriage ban proposal overshadows tax question**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Buckner, Handel seek secretary of state post**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Perdue's campaign chief ticketed for DUI**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Libertarian could prove spoiler**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**Wife takes more visible role in Perdue campaign**

Sunday, October 29, 2006

**U.S. Senate nominees Bob Corker and Harold Ford Jr. hold the final of three debates in a meeting in Nashville.**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

**Harold Ford Jr. and Bob Corker discuss their Nashville debate**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

**Taylor decries Ford plant closure as Perdue trumpets training grants**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

**Five-term congressman rose up ranks at young age**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

**Former Chattanooga mayor touts business experience**

Saturday, October 28, 2006

**Senate campaign reaches record spending level**

Friday, October 27, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor graded on schools**

Friday, October 27, 2006

**Wal-Mart easement settlement withdrawn**

Friday, October 27, 2006

**Corker finance chairman sends fundraising correspondence**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

**RNC pulls "call me" ad**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

**Ford takes campaign to rural Tennessee**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

**Ford campaign wants malicious ad pulled**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

**Ford joins Republicans at barbecue**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

**Bredesen holds commanding lead over Bryson**

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

**Expert sees racial overtones in ad**

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

**Senate candidates receive backing on security stances**

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

**Tired of TV political ads? Best or worst is yet to come**

Monday, October 23, 2006

**Washington staffers flock to political campaigns**

Monday, October 23, 2006

**Senate campaign stays on overdrive**

Monday, October 23, 2006

**Perdue spends TV money in Tennessee**

Sunday, October 22, 2006

**Tight Senate race likely to boost voter turnout**

Sunday, October 22, 2006

**Race could be a factor in Corker-Ford contest**

Sunday, October 22, 2006

**Flag PAC flies at Perdue**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**Corker calls for RNC to pull ad**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**Ford crashes Corker news conference**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**Ford's record on abortion is mixed, groups say**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**Number of same-sex couples who go public increases**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate Nov. 7, discusses the abortion issue at a July 5, 2006, editorial board meeting with the Times Free Press.**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

**In governor race, more Georgians undecided**

Friday, October 20, 2006

**Election advice on amendments restricted**

Friday, October 20, 2006

**Ford says he'd join 'gang of 14'**

Friday, October 20, 2006

**Former foe Bryant campaigns for Corker**

Friday, October 20, 2006

**Taylor calls for more funds for disabled children**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

**Corker votes in Chattanooga**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

**Ford leads supporters to polls**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

**Corker says Ford votes tied to father's lobbying**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**Political parties, campaign work for turnout**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**New ad blasts Ford campaign spending**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**E-mails linked to Corker business**

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**Senate candidates court Christian voters**

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**Senate campaign spending hits \$25 million**

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**GOP legislators contribute to party 14 times as much as Democrats**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

**Religious conservatives to rally in Nashville**

Monday, October 16, 2006

**Corker, Ford spar over 'staying the course' in Iraq**

Monday, October 16, 2006

**Poll workers make it happen**

Sunday, October 15, 2006

**Appearance with Perdue part of job, Cox says**

Sunday, October 15, 2006

**Primary foes now campaign for Corker**

Sunday, October 15, 2006

**Bredesen, Bryson outline agendas in final debate**

Sunday, October 15, 2006

**Proposed settlement reached in easement suit**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

**Senior property tax amendment in doubt**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

**Senate candidates cast as villains on YouTube**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

**Senate race gets world coverage**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

**Independent ad broaches ethnicity in Senate race**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor square off in debate**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Senate campaign e-mails sent on city accounts, records show**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Perdue leads Taylor in fundraising totals**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Senate campaign e-mails sent on city accounts, records show**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Senate candidates differ on North Korea approach**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Confusion arises on same-sex marriage ban measure**

Friday, October 13, 2006

**Corker, Ford spar in debate**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

**Hear the debate by Republican senatorial nominee Bob Corker and U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, held at UTC on Oct. 10, 2006.**

**Bob Corker, the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in the Nov. 7 general election, comments on the debate held Tuesday at UTC between him and Harold Ford Jr., the Democratic nominee.**

**In a post-debate interview, U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., the Democratic U.S. Senate nominee, discusses the debate held Tuesday at UTC between him and Republican nominee Bob Corker.**

**Senatorial candidates find points of disagreement during debate**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

**Corker: Ford Sr. lobbying relationship fair game**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

**Ford: Remarks about father hit below the belt**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

**Pilot Oil sales claim called difficult to prove**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

**Corker administration e-mails show interaction with Corker Group trust**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

**Actor, registered lobbyist Thompson does ad for Corker**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

**Corker pledges to be independent-minded if elected**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**TV ad criticizes Corker's term as mayor**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**Students examine campaign issues, win debate tickets**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**Cagle wins John McCain's support in bid for lieutenant governor**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**Ford, Corker face off at UTC tonight**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

**Bredesen, Bryson argue about taxes in debate**

Monday, October 09, 2006

**Bob Corker, Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in the Nov. 7 general election, meets with the Times Free Press editorial board Oct. 9, 2006.**

**Registration deadline for voting nears**

Sunday, October 08, 2006

**'Liberal' label follows Ford**

Sunday, October 08, 2006

**Corker, Ford heat up Memphis**

Sunday, October 08, 2006

**Corker critical of Ford family**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

**Voter ID reminder letters cause confusion**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

**Football versus politics, odds favor the game**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

**Handful backs Ford's claim of being lawyer**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

**Bryson touts outdoorsmanship but lacks licenses**

Friday, October 06, 2006

**Campaign finance reports due tonight**

Friday, October 06, 2006

**Bryson campaign pulls TV ads until early voting**

Friday, October 06, 2006

**Non-Chattanooga residents speak about Corker in ad**

Friday, October 06, 2006

**Ford called self a lawyer but did not pass bar exam**

Friday, October 06, 2006

**Attack ads dominate Corker-Ford contest**

Thursday, October 05, 2006

**Ford wonders if race now in race**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Bredesen, Bryson clash in debate**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Corker says he is better problem solver than Ford**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Democrat lawmakers say Perdue should return \$100,000 tax break**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Cagle ahead of Martin, poll shows**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Sen. Mullis is aiming to secure hunters' rights**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., the Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate in the Nov. 7 general election, meets with the Times Free Press editorial board on Oct. 3, 2006.**

**Bredesen, area governors to talk incentives**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on Marriage Constitutional Amendment PDF**

**Marriage amendment faces little opposition, poll finds**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on Governor's Race Name Recognition PDF**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on Gov. Bredesen's Performance PDF**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Bredesen has big lead over Bryson**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Poll shows Gov. Perdue with 19 point lead**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Corker campaign continues shuffling staff**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

**Local Republicans call for fewer bills, shorter sessions in General Assembly**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

**Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, who is seeking re-election Nov. 7 as the Democratic nominee for governor, talks with the Times Free Press editorial board Oct. 2, 2006.**

**Poll finds Bush's approval rating steady in state**

Monday, October 02, 2006

**Post election session could be tough for GOP**

Monday, October 02, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on President Bush PDF**

Monday, October 02, 2006

**Ford, Corker in dead heat**

Sunday, October 01, 2006

**Mason-Dixon Poll on U.S. Senate Race PDF**

Sunday, October 01, 2006

**Iraq, economy most influential on voters**

Sunday, October 01, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor try to sell tax-cutting proposals to voters**

Sunday, October 01, 2006

**Corker replaces campaign chief**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

**Bryson eyes ethics stance of Bredesen**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

**Lawyers, financial firms top contributors**

Friday, September 29, 2006

**Police officer, ex-fire chief defend Corker on pay raises**

Friday, September 29, 2006

**State Sen. Jim Bryson, the Republican nominee for governor in the Nov. 7 election, talks with the editorial board of the Times Free Press on Sept. 29, 2006.**

**Bush returns to Tennessee today on behalf of Corker**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

**Federal capital murder defendant appears in court**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Bush to stump for House hopeful**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Walker home to Senate race**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Ford, Corker clash over funding**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Ford poll shows lead over Corker**

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

**Wamp says he still favors term limits despite breaking pledge**

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

**Laura Bush to attend Corker fundraiser in Knoxville**

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

**Bryson calls for Bredezen to investigate Kisber loan**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**President in Tennessee today on Corker's behalf**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Taylor's tough anti-crime measures roil some black supporters**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

**Senate candidates differ on minimum wage**

Monday, September 25, 2006

**U.S. Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., who is seeking re-election in the Nov. 7 general election, meets with the editorial board of the Times Free Press on Sept. 25, 2006.**

**Ford's pro-war position upsets some Democrats**

Saturday, September 23, 2006

**Cox says millions would be needed to add paper ballot at polls**

Saturday, September 23, 2006

**Corker, Nash clash**

Friday, September 22, 2006

**Independent seeks to join Senate debate**

Friday, September 22, 2006

**Governor's race brims with ethics complaints**

Friday, September 22, 2006

**Ford attacks Corker on illegal workers**

Friday, September 22, 2006

**House OKs voter ID legislation**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

**Atheists group blasts Ford for church ad**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

**Bryson's first TV ad strikes at Bredezen**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

**Brent Benedict, the Democratic candidate for the 3rd District congressional seat, talks with the Times Free Press editorial board Sept. 21, 2006.**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

**Ford campaign giving to charity to offset contribution by Hooks**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

**Perdue, Taylor vow to get tough on crime**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

**Judge throws out Georgia's photo voter ID law**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

**Perdue-Taylor matchup is personal**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

**Senate candidates woo young voters**

Monday, September 18, 2006

**Politics fuels minimum wage debate**

Monday, September 18, 2006

**Taylor says will abolish property tax**

Sunday, September 17, 2006

**Ford blasts Corker on 1988 illegals**

Sunday, September 17, 2006

**Ford caught rival 'off guard,' GOP observers say**

Sunday, September 17, 2006

**Democrats gather with anxious eye on November**

Saturday, September 16, 2006

**NRA-endorsed Corker lacks hunting license**

Saturday, September 16, 2006

**New Corker ad slams Ford on immigration**

Saturday, September 16, 2006

**High-profile contributions**

Friday, September 15, 2006

**Watchdog group criticizes Corker ad**

Friday, September 15, 2006

**Perdue vows relief from retirement income tax**

Friday, September 15, 2006

**Ford ad accuses Corker of 'untruths'**

Thursday, September 14, 2006

**Voter ID law enforced at polls**

Thursday, September 14, 2006

**Hispanic voter drive continues**

Thursday, September 14, 2006

**Look east to Polk County for a Senate race bellwether**

Thursday, September 14, 2006

**McKinney hints at voting laws challenge**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

**Fowler seeks funds in fight over gay marriage**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

**NRA endorses Corker for Senate**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

**Rep. Ford's voting record under attack by Corker**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

**Corker to give deposition on Oct. 20**

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

**Benedict lays claim to conservative mantle**

Monday, September 11, 2006

**Immigrant groups hit 'Secure ID' proposal**

Sunday, September 10, 2006

**Gas prices, energy policy fuel Ford-Corker clash**

Sunday, September 10, 2006

**New probe of Taylor requested**

Saturday, September 09, 2006

**Corker, Republicans attack Ford on security issues**

Saturday, September 09, 2006

**Judge asked to block photo IDs**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**Hearing set Monday on Corker deposition**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**Corker opts out of NBC debate**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**Corker greets UnumProvident employees**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**Georgia GOP welcomes support from president**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**911 dropped call issue rings through Senate campaign**

Friday, September 08, 2006

**Corker says national Democrats trying to hijack race**

Tuesday, September 05, 2006

**Bredesen to ease back on campaign trail**

Monday, September 04, 2006

**Corker, Ford have similar views on immigration**

Sunday, September 03, 2006

**Gay union flap erupts in governor's race**

Saturday, September 02, 2006

**Ad blames Corker for missed 911 calls**

Saturday, September 02, 2006

**Bush visits state to support Corker**

Thursday, August 31, 2006

**Corker accepts three televised debates with Ford**

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

**Negotiations began before Corker was mayor**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

**Bush visiting Nashville to raise funds for Corker, draws Ford fire**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

**Ford renews call for debates**

Saturday, August 26, 2006

**Candidates exchange barbs on 'big oil'**

Saturday, August 26, 2006

**Commission declines to consider ethics complaint against Taylor**

Friday, August 25, 2006

**Ford says Corker did not respond to 911 concerns**

Friday, August 25, 2006

**Bulk of Ford's cash flows from out of state**

Friday, August 25, 2006

**Corker receives subpoena in environmental lawsuit**

Friday, August 25, 2006

**National Life PAC endorses Corker**

Thursday, August 24, 2006

**Taylor apologizes for Young remarks**

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

**Ford poll shows lead over Corker**

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

**Parties pump voters after low-drawing primaries**

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

**GOP launches immigration ad, says Taylor is no leader**

Sunday, August 20, 2006

**Corker, Ford disagree on strategy for Iraq war**

Sunday, August 20, 2006

**Taylor campaign continues support for Andrew Young**

Saturday, August 19, 2006

**Group wants Corker to return donation**

Friday, August 18, 2006

**Democrats question Perdue's land deal**

Friday, August 18, 2006

**Ford tries to tie Corker to 'big oil'**

Friday, August 18, 2006

**Tennessee's races set up 'election battleground'**

Thursday, August 17, 2006

**Ford returns contributions from Playboy, others**

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

**Bush to campaign for Corker**

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

**Corker says Ford family not an issue in Senate race**

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

**Area GOP lawmakers sticking by Bush**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

**Swing voters hold key to Senate race**

Monday, August 14, 2006

**Ford visits festival**

Sunday, August 13, 2006

**Corker seeking ex-rivals' support**

Sunday, August 13, 2006

**Corker asks Time for correction**

Saturday, August 12, 2006

**Charges unlikely in McKinney aide scuffle**

Friday, August 11, 2006

**State GOP runs first Perdue ad of election**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

**Democrats accuse Bryson of 'double talk'**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

**Corker no 'outsider,' Ford says**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

**Democrats attack Bryson aide on income tax**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

**Handel wins GOP nod for secretary of state post**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

**McKinney out; Martin gets win**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

**GOP to tackle immigration in 'Tennessee Trust' initiative**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

**Corker, Ford spat over campaign money, TV ads**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

**Bredesen, Bryson clash over food tax, minimum wage**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

**AP Georgia Runoff Election Results**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

**Stage set for Bredesen vs. Bryson**

Monday, August 07, 2006

**Senate race bringing lots of money to state**

Monday, August 07, 2006

**National Right to Life Committee wants Corker to win**

Monday, August 07, 2006

**McKinney faces bigger fight to keep U.S. House seat**

Sunday, August 06, 2006

**Runoffs pit 4 in Secretary of State race**

Sunday, August 06, 2006

**Hecht faces Martin in runoff for No. 2 spot**

Sunday, August 06, 2006

**Ex-rivals pledge to back Corker**

Sunday, August 06, 2006

**National party figures weigh in on Senate race**

Saturday, August 05, 2006

**Corker, Ford battle set**

Friday, August 04, 2006

**Bredesen faces Bryson**

Friday, August 04, 2006

**AP Tennessee County Votes**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

**AP Tennessee Election Results**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

**Corker, Ford lead in their primaries for U.S. Senate**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

**State's longest ballot greets voters today**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

**Bredesen, Bryson headed to November election**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

**Democratic candidates try to stand out in Georgia's lieutenant governor race**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

**McKinney, Johnson spar during debate**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

**Senate primary's impact on local contests debated**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

**Senate candidates mobilizing voters**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

**GOP secretary of state candidates spar over conservative credentials**

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

**Hilleary launches Corker broadside**

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

**Bryant wins straw poll at Reagan Day Dinner**

Monday, July 31, 2006

**Negative Senate primary won't hurt nominee, GOP leaders say**

Monday, July 31, 2006

**GOP focus too strong on abortion, some say**

Sunday, July 30, 2006

**Republicans head to primary showdown**

Sunday, July 30, 2006

**Hilleary, Bryant hit Corker on tax increases**

Saturday, July 29, 2006

**Watchdog criticizes Corker, Bryant ads**

Saturday, July 29, 2006

**Hilleary discloses personal finance information**

Friday, July 28, 2006

**Corker pours more of own cash into race**

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**Early voting on track, official says**

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**Hilleary misses deadline for financial disclosure**

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**ID law hinges on voters education**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

**Corker, Bryant launch new TV attack ads in Senate race**

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**Perdue issues opening salvo against Taylor**

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**Franklin backs Martin for lieutenant governor**

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**Poll: Bush approval drops in state**

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**Rep. Ford says voters ready new leadership in Senate**

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**Tennesseans overwhelmingly back gay marriage ban, poll finds**

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**Experts question fairness of Corker ad**

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**Poll shows Bredesen with big lead**

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**Candidates without opposition holding off**

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**'Chickengate' ruffles some feathers on the Internet**

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**Iraq, economy are uppermost in minds of Tennessee voters**

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**Abortion opposition is a matter of degree**

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**State Republicans tout unity despite fierce primary**

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**Judges give little response to Fowler questionnaire**

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**Corker gives \$1.7 million to boost his campaign**

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**Reed's loss raises questions over future**

Thursday, July 20, 2006

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**Same-sex marriage ban on ballot could help GOP**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

**Taylor wins Democratic nod; Reed loses bid**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

**Crowded ballots in Georgia could result in runoff races**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

**New polling system gets high marks**

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**Controversial Rep. McKinney faces possible runoff**

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**Reed concedes in GOP primary for Lt. Governor**

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**Hilleary says not enough U.S. troops in Iraq**

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**Penalties tougher for fraudulent voters**

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**Candidates make final pleas for votes across Georgia**

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**Bryant ad attacks Corker on abortion**

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**Reed's link to disgraced lobbyist Abramoff throws curve into race**

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**GOP candidates try to sway undecided voters in debate**

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**Cox, Taylor face off in last debate before election**

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**Hilleary makes Hillary race issue**

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**Advance, absentee voting light**

Saturday, July 15, 2006

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Saturday, July 15, 2006

**Ban on gay marriage will stay on ballot**

Saturday, July 15, 2006

**Bredesen not ruling out gas tax boost**

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**Groups file lawsuit challenging Georgia electronic voting**

Friday, July 14, 2006

**Senate hopefuls fire volleys in debate**

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**Clinton to help Democrats, Ford raise money**

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**Judge bars voter ID law for 2006 elections**

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**Hilleary says Corker nothing without money**

Thursday, July 13, 2006

**Bryson seeking more graduates**

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**Bredesen outraises Bryson in quarter**

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**Bryant questions Corker's electability**

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**Senate hopefuls' Social Security plans may clash with AARP**

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

**Candidates gather in push for early voters**

Monday, July 10, 2006

**Cagle's approach down to earth**

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**Reed nationally known strategist**

Sunday, July 09, 2006

**Rep. Ford takes hits from GOP, Democrats**

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**GOP candidates differ from Frist on stem cell research**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

**Dashler focuses on ballot reform**

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**Early-voting push under way in state**

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**GOP group asks voters to reject appeals judges**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

**Voter ID cards now available**

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**Clem states opposition to Corker in e-mail**

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**Ford 'pro-life,' but he supports 'law of the land'**

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**Bryson criticizes Bredesen on values issues**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

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**Bitter GOP race may leave divide**

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**Abortion fuels passion, politics**

Monday, July 03, 2006

**Georgia will issue free voter IDs**

Friday, June 30, 2006

**Pro-life group backing Bryant**

Friday, June 30, 2006

**Lobbying, abortion hot topics in debate**

Friday, June 30, 2006

**Corker creates 'Pro-Life Leadership Council' for campaign**

Thursday, June 29, 2006

**Ford delivers new slap at state GOP hopefuls**

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**Illegal alien criminal case becomes gubernatorial race issue**

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**Corker strike on tax issue could even out debate, analyst says**

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**Corker 'pro-life' ad draws criticism**

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**Corker says previous abortion position 'wrong'**

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**Corker counterattacks GOP rivals on taxes**

Thursday, June 22, 2006

**Bryant supports active-duty troops on border**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

**Perdue lays out energy, economic plan during Dalton campaign stop**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

**Bob Corker speaks to editorial board of TFP**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

**About 675,000 Georgia voters lack photo ID, state analysis shows**

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**Ed Bryant meets with the TFP editorial board**

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**Immigration stirs range of concerns**

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**Corker earned up to \$20 million in '05**

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**Bredesen optimistic on third race for governor**

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**Corker, Ford stump at Strut**

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**Campaigning governor backs amendment to ban gay marriage**

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**Bredesen tours state, launches re-election bid**

Wednesday, June 07, 2006

**Democrats hope for Bredesen win in Hamilton County**

Thursday, June 08, 2006

**Rivals ask Corker to pull immigration ad**

Tuesday, June 06, 2006

**Bencor subcontractor noted in 1988 illegals case**

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**Capitol Hill scuffle may not affect McKinney's re-election bid**

Sunday, June 04, 2006

**Bob Corker agrees to candidate debate**

Saturday, June 03, 2006

**Poll shows Corker lead; Bryant calls for Hilleary to drop out**

Saturday, June 03, 2006

**Border dispute may cost GOP Hispanic votes**

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**GOP leader criticizes late change to rules for write-in candidates**

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**Radio station runs editorial rebuttal to Corker ad**

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Friday, June 02, 2006

**Taylor defends loan amid complaints**

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

**Corker concentrates on name recognition**

Monday, May 29, 2006

**Corker does not plan to participate in GOP forums**

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

**Campaign highlights GOP rifts**

Sunday, May 21, 2006

**Cox unveils public safety agenda, first TV ad of campaign**

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

**Bryant says he's best pick to oppose Ford**

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

**Barnes says Perdue ad is misleading**

Friday, May 12, 2006

**Perdue education cuts in spotlight**

Monday, May 08, 2006

**Cox, Taylor disclose tax returns, but worth doesn't match Perdue's**

Saturday, May 06, 2006

**Perdue campaigns in Dalton**

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**Hilleary says '02 loss gives him edge in bid for Senate**

Thursday, April 20, 2006

**New PAC supports ethical politics**

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