

Trump, Clinton place their bets in Nevada



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Those who don't like Donald Trump were outside Harrah's last week, while supporters sold out a fund-raising event. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

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RENO – Politically, Nevada is the anti-California.

The GOP runs both houses of the Legislature. Brian Sandoval, the state's popular governor, is a Republican. Just like California, one party holds every state constitutional office, only in Nevada, it's the GOP that ran the table.

And in Nevada, there's also an actual presidential race.

In California, the RealClearPolitics average of polls has Democrat Hillary Clinton burying GOP nominee Donald Trump by 52 to 30 percentage points. But the former secretary of state holds just a three-point lead in Nevada, putting California's eastern neighbor near the top of the fall battleground list.

The travel schedule of the two campaigns shows just how important Nevada and its six electoral votes are to the candidates, who need 270 nationwide to become president.

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