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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Getting Personal]

CRAIG MELVIN: Getting personal.

ABDUL EL-SAYED: Go ahead and say it.

MIKE ROGERS: No, I'm gonna say –

EL-SAYED: – no?

ROGERS: – which – did you not have family in Iran?

EL-SAYED: – no, you've been tiptoeing around it

MELVIN: Candidates in key mid-term races that could decide Washington's balance of power face off in heated debates.

SENATOR JON OSSOFF (D-GA): He's sold-out Georgia in his pathetic, childlike devotion to Donald Trump.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE COLLINS (R-GA): My opponent is a radical and he has left our state less safe, more expensive, and worse off.

MELVIN: Just ahead, the major takeaways with just three weeks to go.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Candidates Face Off Ahead of Key Midterms]

LAURA JARRETT: All right. We're going to turn to politics now with the midterm elections fast approaching and control of Congress at stake, a number of candidates are making their closing pitches to voters in heated debates. NBC's senior White House correspondent Gabe Gutierrez joins us now. Gabe, good morning.

GABE GUTIERREZ: Laura, good morning. The midterm campaign ramping up as the administration also faces new questions about one of its ambassadors, who was once engaged to the President's son. With President Trump heading to Syracuse, New York today to rally

Republicans, fierce debates in critical Senate races overnight. In Michigan, Democrat Abdul el-Sayed clashing with Republican Mike Rogers.

EL-SAYED: Go ahead and say it.

GUTIERREZ: Rogers questioning el-Sayed's credentials.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN MIKE ROGERS (R-MI): You're going to find out that this guy is not what he says he is. He is actually selling the best con I think I've ever seen.

GUTIERREZ: El-Sayed repeatedly linking Rogers to Trump.

EL-SAYED: Can you afford your gas? Can you afford your groceries? Under this guy? Who's going to rubber-stamp everything Donald Trump tells him to rubber-stamp? In Georgia, incumbent Democrat Jon Ossoff trading jabs with Republican Mike Collins.

OSSOFF: Whatever Donald Trump says, Mike Collins does, doesn't matter what it is, doesn't think for himself.

COLLINS: My opponent is a radical, and he has left our state less safe, more expensive, and worse off.

GUTIERREZ: Across the country, a recent NBC News poll found that inflation and the cost of living was the top issue for voters. Coming in second? Government corruption.