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It began as an all-out sprint with a clear track in front of him. After a few weeks, it became an up-tempo jog. A few weeks after that, it fell to a slow trot. Now, with less than two weeks left, Newark Mayor Cory Booker is stumbling toward the Oct. 16 special election finish line.

His once invincible 35-point lead over Republican candidate Steve Lonegan to fill the unexpired U. S. Senate term of the late Frank Lautenberg has shrunk to 12 points, and trends suggest it could fall into single digits.

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While Booker and Lonegan poll well with their respective party-affiliated voters, those who describe themselves as independents are evenly divided — a potentially worrisome sign for Booker and, in all likelihood, the reason behind the mayor's latest television advertisement labeling Lonegan an extremist whose views are too radical for New Jersey.

It was unthinkable in August, when Booker rolled to an overwhelming victory in the Democratic primary to become the nominee, that he would find himself hoping time would be his great ally and Lonigan would be unable to turn a

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