

# 2018 Midterm Results



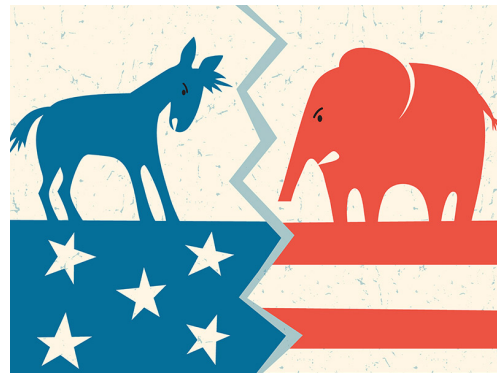
## Federal Election Results

### **New Numbers**

There were some interesting numbers from yesterday's mid-term elections, such as nearly 115 million votes were cast in House races, up from 83 million from the previous mid-term election; women won a record 95 seats in the U.S. House of

Representatives; Tennessee elected its first female Senator;

Massachusetts elected its first black congresswoman; Colorado elected the country's first openly gay male governor; Kansas and New Mexico elected the U.S.'s first Native American congresswomen, Maine elected its first woman governor; and Iowa elected its first congresswoman.



### **Control of the U.S. House of Representatives**

As predicted, the Democrats gained control of the U.S. House of Representatives. While the results are still coming in, the Democrats picked up at least 26 seats (maybe up to 30) to gain control of the

House. Several of those House races are still undecided, mostly in New York and California. Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi (CA) indicated that Democrats first piece of legislation will be a bill that creates a small-donor public financing system, which would get the designation of H.R. 1. H.R. 1 would restore federal pre-clearance for certain states and municipalities with a history of discrimination under the Voting Rights Act and create a nationwide voter registration. Additional measures the Democrats will attempt to move with support from Republicans includes: a \$1 trillion infrastructure spending plan for upgrades to aging water systems and access to rural broadband; a new trade agreement to update the North American Free Trade Act; an immigration package; and plans to save or expand protections under the Affordable Care Act.

Party elections are likely to be held later this month or in early December when the House Democratic Caucus will nominate its candidate for speaker and select other leadership posts. On the Republican side, Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA) is favored to win election as minority leader and Majority Whip Steve Scalise (LA) is expected to win the post of Minority Whip when the House Republican Conference meets as early as next week to pick its leadership team.

## Control of the U.S. Senate

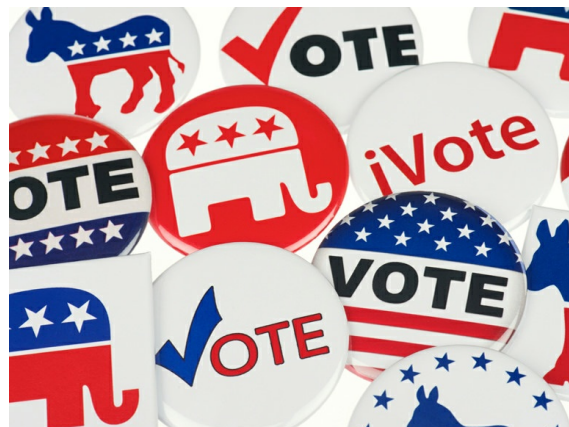
In the Senate, Republicans expanded on its majority by flipping seats previously held by Democrats in Indiana, Missouri and North Dakota, while losing only one seat in Nevada. Republicans currently hold a 52-45 majority with three races that still remain undecided in Florida, Montana and Arizona, though Republicans lead in all three of these races. A runoff election in Mississippi will be held after Thanksgiving to replace retiring Senator Thad Cochran (R). Leader McConnell indicated that infrastructure spending, prescription drug prices, and fixes to the Affordable Care Act will be on the Senate's agenda in 2019 but changes to Social Security and Medicare were unlikely. For your reference as of November 7, here is the current make-up of the U.S. Senate and House.

## State Legislative Chambers

### Why these state elections are important

The results from last night's state midterm elections may not only shape the nation's policies, but may also determine the congressional seats for years to come.

Based on the 2020 census



data report, key governorships and state legislative seats will play a significant role in how political maps are drawn in 2021. The census data will be used to apportion U.S. congressional representation and to draw congressional and state legislative districts, which may ultimately determine who controls the U.S. House of Representatives all the way through 2030. More importantly, these state elections may factor whose driving public policy issues, and whether the policy issues are related to transportation, health care, education and taxes.

Yesterday, 46 states held elections to determine the outcome of over 6,000 legislative seats and thirty-six governorships. Prior to these elections, Republicans controlled 67 of the 99 state chambers, and controlled both chambers in 32 states, while Democrats controlled 32 chambers, and both chambers in 14 states. The election resulted in Democrats taking control of seven legislative chambers which includes the New York State Senate, the Minnesota State House, the Maine State Senate, the Colorado State Senate, while taking control of both Chambers in New Hampshire. Additionally, Democrats also gained control of the previously tied Connecticut Senate. In Arkansas, Republicans gained control of the House legislative chamber.

For more information regarding the state legislative races, please see [here](#).

## Gubernatorial Elections



Republicans defeated Democratic candidates in high-profile races in Florida, Iowa, and Ohio. Democrats were victorious in seven gubernatorial elections in Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico and Wisconsin, raising the number of Democratic governorships from 16 to a total of 23. Republicans Governors are in charge of 26 state capitols. while previously holding 33 governorships. In Connecticut and Georgia, gubernatorial races are undecided; as both races are still too close to call.

For more information regarding the gubernatorial race, please see [here](#).

## Ballot Measures

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), there were over 160 statewide ballot measures that addressed issues such as finance, medical, and hot-button social issues and for a number of states, issues relating to revenue bonds were on the ballot. As

previously reported, California, Colorado, and Missouri sought to raise taxes for transportation construction projects. In California, voters rejected Proposition 6, that sought to repeal a 2017 transportation funding bill would establish a 12-cent gas tax and raise taxes on diesel fuel. In Colorado, both transportation proposals, Proposition 109, which would have authorized Bonds for Highway projects, and Proposition 110, which would have increased state sales tax, were rejected. Voters in Missouri also opposed Proposition D, which would have amended the Missouri Constitution to increase the gas tax by two and a half cents per gallon annually for four years. In Maine, voters approved four ballot measures relating to Water, Transportation, the University of Maine System and Community Colleges.

For more information regarding ballot measures, please visit [here.](#)

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