



2018 POST-MIDTERM ELECTION UPDATE

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2018 Midterm Election Outcomes

- Overall post election theme - Red states/districts got “redder”, blue got “bluer”, purple turned blue.
- Democrats picked up at least 37 seats in the House, but lost 2 seats in the Senate.
- More than 90 new members in the House, 9 new members in the Senate.
- It was a record year for female members of Congress. 256 women were candidates for the House or Senate, and 125 women won federal elections.
- 93 veterans have won seats in Congress. The midterm elections saw more than 170 veterans on the ballot, a dozen of which were women, marking the highest number ever.
- 20 new members elected were endorsed by the Congressional Progressive Caucus, making their total members in the next Congress over 90.
- The importance of battleground suburban districts.
- Trump election impacts on congressional elections.
- National Vote from 2018 midterm: Democrats hold an 8.8 million vote lead over Republicans – eclipsing the previous record of 8.7 million votes in 1974.

House Election Results: Democrats Take Control

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Democrats ✓

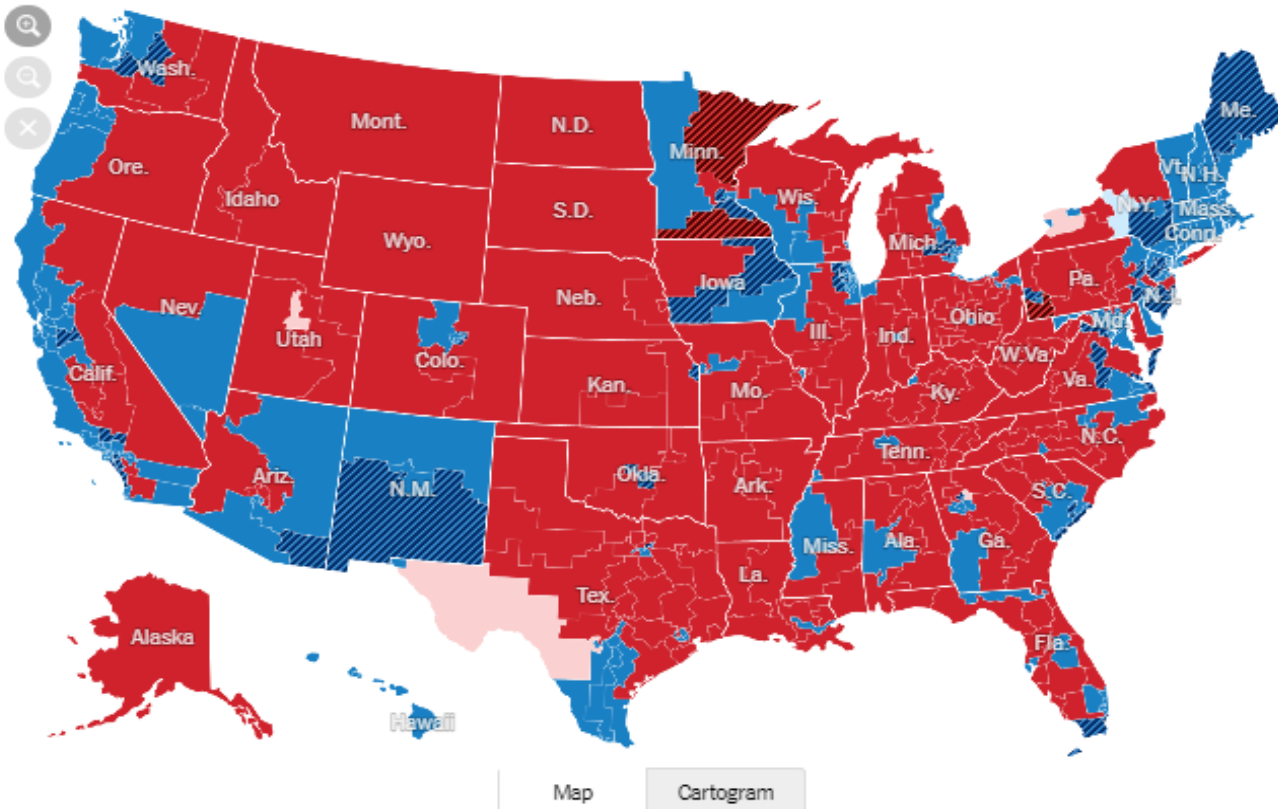
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198
Republicans

Gained 37 seats
55,218,626 votes (51.9%)

218
FOR CONTROL

Lost 37 seats
49,265,585 votes (46.3%)



Key Races 80 Total

Dem. favored		Tossup		Rep. favored	
DISTRICT	MARGIN	DISTRICT	MARGIN	DISTRICT	MARGIN
Ariz. 2	✓	Calif. 10	✓	N.Y. 11	✓
Calif. 49	✓	Calif. 25	✓	S.C. 1	✓
Calif. 6	✓	Calif. 39	✓	Minn. 8	✓
Fla. 27	✓	Calif. 45	✓	Pa. 14	✓
Iowa 1	✓	Calif. 48	✓	Alaska	✓
Ill. 6	✓	Fla. 26	✓	Calif. 50	✓
Kan. 3	✓	Ga. 6	✓	Fla. 6	✓
Mich. 11	✓	Iowa 3	✓	Fla. 16	✓
Minn. 2	✓	Ill. 14	✓	Fla. 18	✓
Minn. 3	✓	Me. 2	✓	Fla. 25	✓
N.J. 2	✓	Mich. 8	✓	Iowa 4	✓
N.J. 11	✓	N.J. 3	✓	Ill. 12	✓
Pa. 6	✓	N.J. 7	✓	Ill. 13	✓
Pa. 7	✓	N.M. 2	✓	Mich. 6	✓
Pa. 17	✓	N.Y. 19	✓	Mo. 2	✓
Va. 10	✓	Tex. 7	✓	Mont.	✓
Wash. 8	✓	Tex. 32	✓	N.C. 2	✓
Ariz. 1	✓	Va. 2	✓	Neb. 2	✓
Nev. 3	✓	Va. 7	✓	N.Y. 24	✓
Nev. 4	✓	N.Y. 22	D+0.8	Ohio 1	✓
		Minn. 1	✓	Pa. 16	✓
		Fla. 15	✓	Tex. 22	✓
		Kan. 2	✓	Va. 5	✓
		Ky. 6	✓	Wash. 3	✓
		N.C. 9	✓	Wash. 5	✓
		N.C. 13	✓	Wis. 1	✓
		Ohio 12	✓	W.Va. 3	✓
		Pa. 1	✓	Ga. 7	R+0.4
		Pa. 10	✓	N.Y. 27	R+0.9
		Utah 4	R+0.2	Tex. 23	R+0.5

One-party rule in Washington is over, at least for the next two years. Democrats won the seats needed to take the House after capturing districts where President Trump is unpopular.

Key States to Watch [Florida](#) > [New Jersey](#) > [New York](#) > [Pennsylvania](#) > [California](#) >

Senate Election Results: Republicans Keep Majority

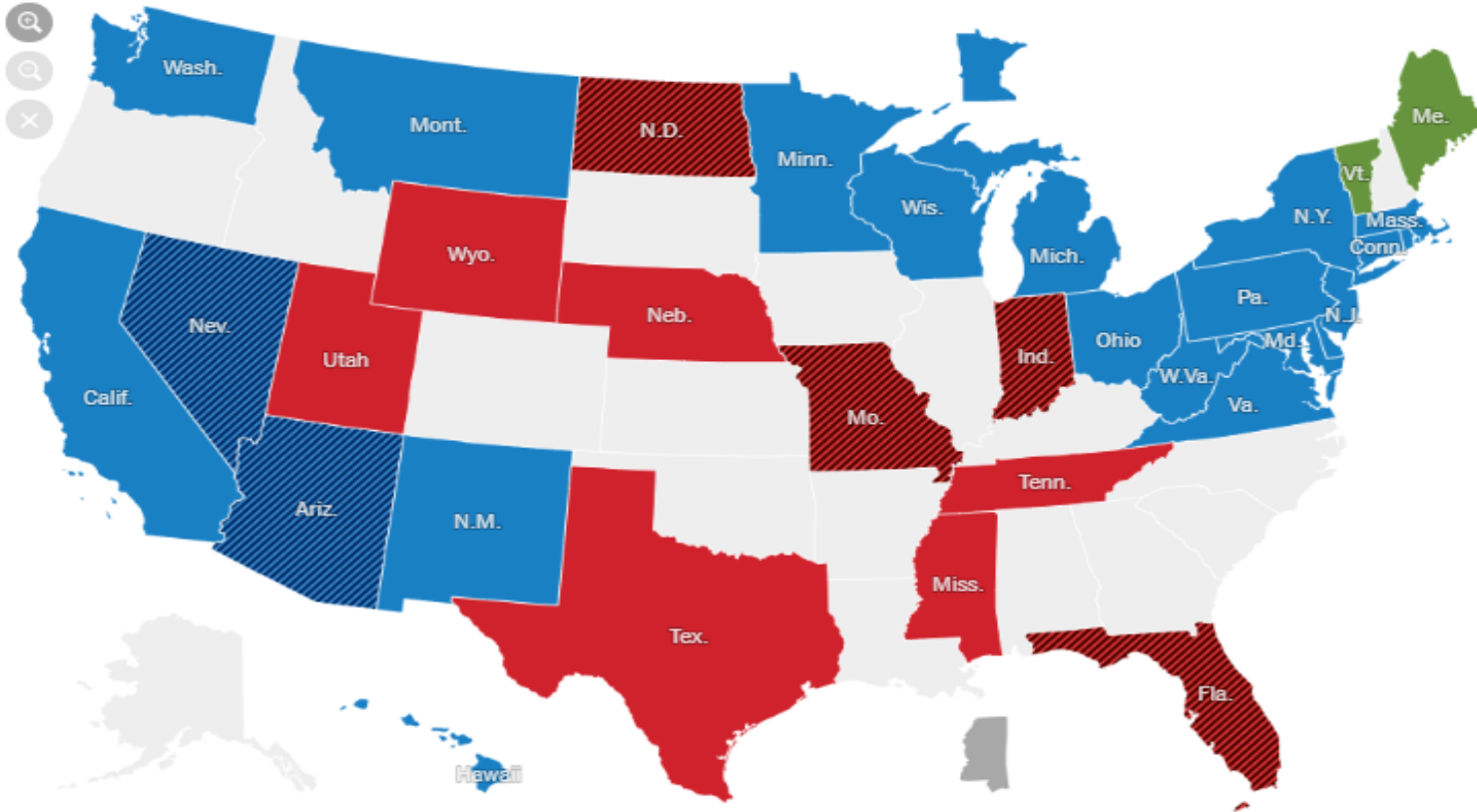
47
Democrats*

1
undecided

52
Republicans

23 Democrats not up for election
Lost 2 seats
50,388,364 votes (58.5%)

42 Republicans not up for election
Gained 2 seats
34,422,837 votes (39.9%)



Key States 13 Total

Dem. favored

STATE	LEADER	MARGIN
Minn. †	Smith	✓
W.Va.	Manchin	✓

Tossup

STATE	LEADER	MARGIN
Ariz.	Sinema	✓
Nev.	Rosen	✓
Mont.	Tester	✓
N.J.	Menendez	✓
Fla.	Scott	✓
Ind.	Braun	✓
Mo.	Hawley	✓
Tenn.	Blackburn	✓
Tex.	Cruz	✓

Rep. favored

STATE	LEADER	MARGIN
N.D.	Cramer	✓
Miss. †	Runoff	

† Special election

Dem. Lead Win Flip Rep. Lead Win Flip Other Lead Win Flip Runoff No election

Note: Democratic totals will include the results of two independents, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Senator Angus King of Maine, who caucus with the Democrats.

Republicans have retained their control of the Senate, and might extend their majority. In two of the year's most watched races, Ted Cruz defeated Beto O'Rourke in Texas and in Missouri, Josh Hawley beat Claire McCaskill.

Key States to Watch Florida > Montana > Texas >

House and Senate Leadership

Position	Democratic Member	Republican Member
House Speaker / Minority Leader	Likely Nancy Pelosi (CA) / Speaker	Kevin McCarthy (CA) / Minority Leader
Senate Leadership	Schumer (Minority Leader), Durbin (Whip), and Patty Murray (Assistant Leader)	McConnell (Majority Leader) Thune (Whip)
House Appropriations	Nita Lowey (NY) / Chair	TBD – Battle between Granger (TX), Graves (GA), and Cole (OK) / Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations	Patrick Leahy (VT) / Ranking Member	Richard Shelby (AL) / Chair
House Campaign Committees	TBD – Battle between Bustos (IL), DelBene (WA), Heck (WA), and Maloney (NY)	Tom Emmer (MN)
Senate Campaign Committees	Cortez Masto (NV)	Todd Young (IN)