

**MIDTERM ELECTIONS:
SHAPING ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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OVERVIEW

- 2018 Election Results Overview
- Three primary Congressional actions
 - Messaging hearings and proposals
 - Oversight/investigations
 - Presidential signature potential
- Administration's priorities





MID-TERM ELECTIONS

WHAT THE RESULTS MEAN

2018 ELECTION OVERVIEW

- Many races fell along predictable lines
- Democrats picked up seats – and the majority – in the House
- Republicans gained ground in the Senate
- Several races still undecided



The House

233
Democrats

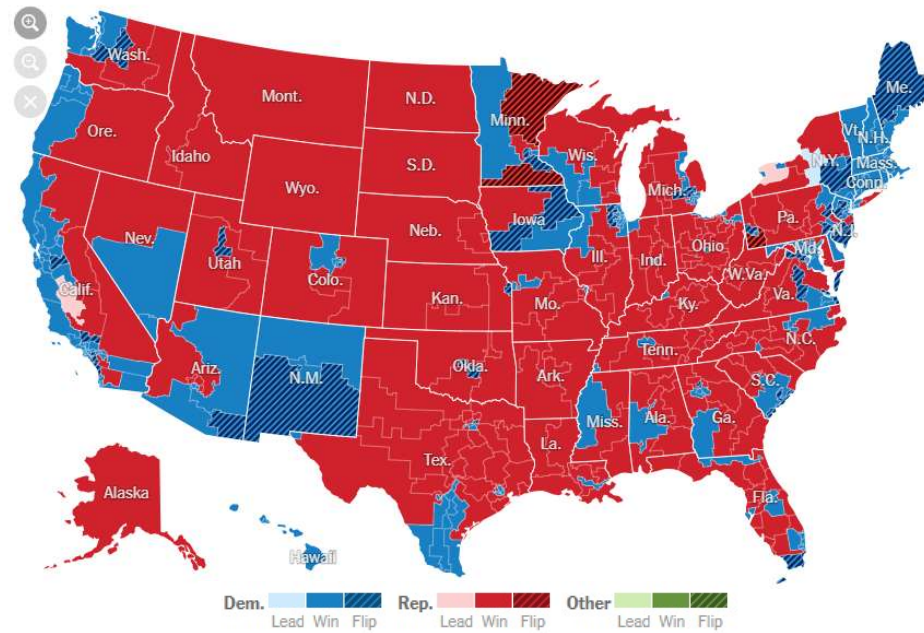
Gained 38 seats
55,276,576 votes (51.9%)

3
Undecided

218
FOR CONTROL

199
Republicans

Lost 38 seats
49,303,780 votes (46.3%)



Source: NYT



HOUSE COMMITTEES

- Power shift presents new opportunities for Democrats
- Changes in leadership of key committees of jurisdiction
 - Energy & Commerce
 - Ways & Means
 - Science, Space, & Technology
 - Natural Resources
 - Transportation & Infrastructure
- Leadership and Committee priorities



The Senate

47

Democrats*

23 Democrats not up for election
 Lost 2 seats
 50,447,406 votes (58.5%)

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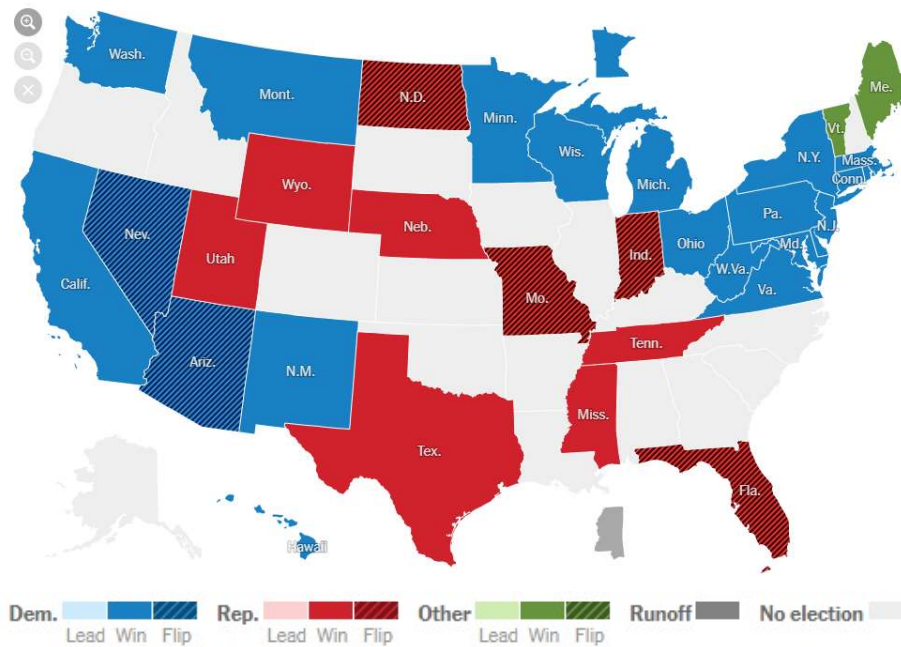
Undecided

50

52

Republicans

42 Republicans not up for election
 Gained 2 seats
 34,446,263 votes (39.9%)



Source: NYT

SENATE COMMITTEES

- Strengthened GOP majority
- Leadership of key committees of jurisdiction
 - Commerce, Science, & Transportation
 - Energy & Natural Resources
 - Finance
 - Environment and Public Works
- Committee priorities





MESSAGING POLICY
IT'S NOT JUST WORDPLAY

FOCUS OF MESSAGING HEARINGS & PROPOSALS

- Climate change
 - Reinstatement of the House Select Committee on Climate
 - Zero carbon vs 100% renewable
- Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
 - The new “repeal and replace”
- Impacts of messaging activities
 - Deliver on campaign promises
 - Slow advancement of Administration’s agenda
 - Building blocks for future policy success



**OVERSIGHT &
INVESTIGATIONS**
EXAMINING THE TRUMP
ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES

A FEW TARGETS OF HOUSE OVERSIGHT

- Environmental policies
 - Affordable Clean Energy Rule
 - Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act
- Tax
 - Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
 - President's tax returns





**FINDING SUCCESS IN
THE POLITICAL DIVIDE**
TIME FOR TEAMWORK

WHAT CAN DC GET DONE BEFORE 2020?

- Any success depends on bicameral, bipartisan support
- Environment
 - Carbon Capture
 - Renewable Fuel Standard
- Tax
 - extenders/technical corrections/retirement & savings
 - middle class tax cut(?)
- Infrastructure
 - Energy infrastructure and environmental streamlining
 - Impending insolvency of the Highway Trust Fund





**EXECUTIVE BRANCH &
DEREGULATION**

TAKING ACTION IN SPITE OF
CONGRESS

TRUMP PRE-2020

- All actions fall under one of two main categories:
 - Energy dominance
 - Regulatory Reform
- Any regulations need to be done as early as possible in 2019
 - Inevitable legal challenges
 - Limit CRA opportunities

