

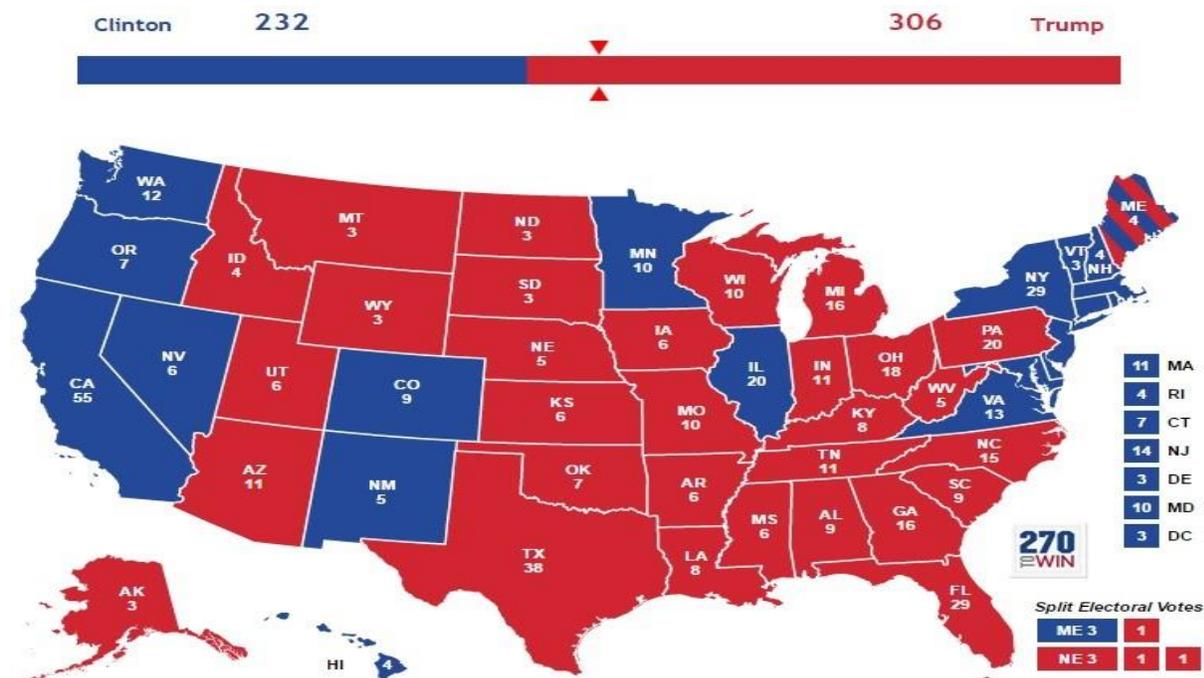
ELECTION 2016

2016 NDA Election Recap

Republican candidate Donald Trump has defeated Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton to become the 45th President of the United States. The victory by Donald Trump was unexpected, as major polls and respected pundits predicted that Hillary Clinton would win the election, due to her advantage in funding and a series of missteps by Trump and his campaign. President-Elect Trump's success in battleground states like Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and others gave him enough electoral votes to surpass 270, the required minimum to take office.

In addition to their nominee winning the Presidency, Republicans were able to fend off Democratic challenges to vulnerable seats to retain control of the Senate and the House of Representatives. This marks the first time in a decade that Republicans will control the Presidency and both chambers of Congress.

Presidential Race



President-Elect Trump's perceived narrow path to victory required him to win Ohio, Florida and North Carolina in races that were called on Tuesday night. He won his other apparent "must-win" state, blue-

leaning swing state Pennsylvania, which was called for Trump early Wednesday morning. In addition, he won at least one and possibly two states in which he didn't even campaign until the final week of the 2016 election: Michigan and Wisconsin. These, like Pennsylvania, are states that have long eluded the GOP's grasp and most experts agreed that these states were out of reach for Trump.



Donald Trump (R) – President-Elect

Electoral Votes: 306

Popular Votes: 59,708,739 (47.5%)



Hillary Clinton (D)

Electoral Votes: 232

Popular Votes: 59,944,386 (47.7%)

Exit polls suggest Trump's victory was largely a repudiation of Hillary Clinton by a substantial number of white voters. While Clinton did win over the majority of minority voters, she did not get the level of support from those groups that she needed to overcome her deficit among white voters. Voter turnout is a factor in this.

In addition, Trump beat Clinton by 53 percent to 41 percent among men while Clinton won among women by 54 percent to 42 percent. Four years ago, President Obama won 45 percent of men's votes and Mitt Romney won 44 percent of women's votes.

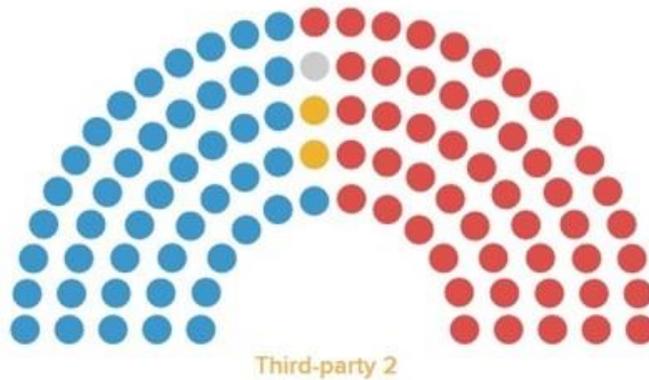
More telling is the gender breakdown among white voters: Trump beat Clinton among white women 53 percent to 43 percent. This was close to Romney's margin in 2012. While Mr. Obama won 35 percent of white, male voters in 2012, Clinton lost to Trump among this group by 63 percent to 31 percent.

United States Senate

Despite indications that they may lose their control, Republicans have succeeded in retaining their majority in the Senate. Democrats unseated two Republicans, Kelly Ayotte in New Hampshire, and Mark Kirk in Illinois. Republicans, however, protected vulnerable seats in Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Many believed at least a few of these seats would be won by Democrats. Louisiana election law requires runoff elections in certain circumstances, so the seat currently held by David Vitter (R) will be decided next month.

The Republicans will hold a slim majority with 52 seats, so work with moderate Democrats will be important when trying to pass Republican legislative priorities. Looking ahead, Republicans will be on favorable political ground in 2018 when Democrats will be defending 25 seats to only 8 for Republicans.

Democrats
46



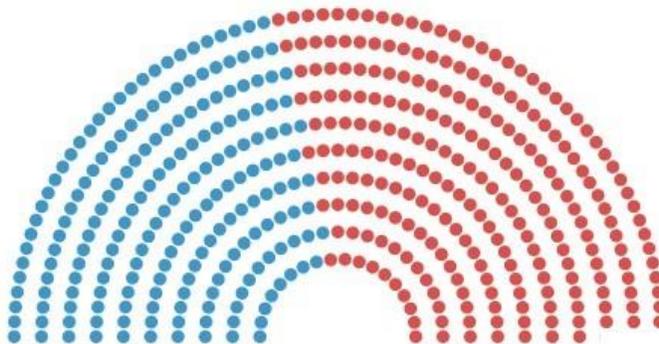
Republicans
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United States House of Representatives

The Republicans will also maintain their control of the House of Representatives. While expected to lose seats, the GOP kept the Democrats to only six gains in the lower chamber. Paul Ryan is expected to continue as Speaker and there have been indications from Trump and Ryan that they will work together on several priorities.

Trump's successes in key battleground states likely propelled many candidates "down ballot" to victory, along with recent redistricting efforts by state legislatures.

Democrats
194



Republicans
238
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Leaders, Committees and Possible Changes

The Republicans in the House of Representatives have chosen to continue with Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) as their candidate for Speaker. With the large majority of GOP members, Speaker Ryan will likely be elected to the Speakership again. In the Senate, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) will continue as the Senate Majority Leader.

With Republicans maintaining their majority in the Senate, key committees will continue with GOP control. Several House Committees with jurisdiction over issues affecting the demolition industry are expected to have new chairs. Term limits will prevent Fred Upton (R-MI) to continue as chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, so there will be several members looking to succeed him.

The Education and Workforce Committee, with jurisdiction over the Labor Department including OSHA, will be chaired by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC). NDA Government Affairs staff will be working closely with this committee in 2017.

The Ways & Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over the tax code, will continue to be chaired by Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX), who has been working to push for a reform of the tax code, something President-Elect Trump and the Senate have indicated support for. The House Financial Services Committee is likely to remain unchanged, as Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) will remain the chairman.

In the Senate, the Environment and Public Works Committee, with jurisdiction over the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will see a change in leadership, despite Republicans' control of the Senate, with Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) in line to take over for Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK), who is term limited.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, with jurisdiction over energy policy, won't see a change in leadership as Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will continue. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) will take over the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee chair from Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL). The Financial Services Committee, which has control over tax-related issues, will see Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) continue as chairman.

What this means for NDA

NDA has been closely following the results of the election and has begun to organize resources for a successful 2017 legislative and regulatory agenda. On the campaign trail, Trump has promised to reform the tax code, repeal Obamacare, and several other priorities that are in line with Republican orthodoxy, so the leaders in Congress will likely be eager to work on those issues early on. Congress needs to authorize an increase in the debt ceiling before next fall, and many have predicted that Trump may push for a comprehensive infrastructure spending bill.

NDA has identified opportunities for the industry in 2017 and tax reform is a potential action item in the new Congress with the GOP controlling both chambers. Provisions ranging from the corporate tax rate to estate tax will be on the table for reform or repeal and Republican leadership's positions are in alignment with Trump's. While tax reform is a major undertaking and a challenge in any environment, the Republicans' control of the Presidency and both chambers of Congress will make work on this issue considerably easier. NDA will be a key resource for lawmakers on Capitol Hill and will ensure the demolition industry is promoted and protected.

Congressional leaders will need to continue to shape their priorities as the current Congress draws to a close, but other items that could be considered are federal regulatory reform, changes to Dodd-Frank financial regulations, along with new policies on international trade.

NDA's Government Affairs staff has strong relationships with both Democrats and Republicans in Washington and will be working hard with Congress and the Trump Administration to ensure the interests of the demolition industry are promoted and protected. From OSHA regulations to business-friendly legislation, NDA is already working to ensure federal policy benefits the industry.

If you have questions about the election or NDA's legislative priorities, please contact NDA Director of Government Affairs Kevin McKenney at 202-367-2480 or kmckenney@demolitionassociation.com.