

# Washington Update

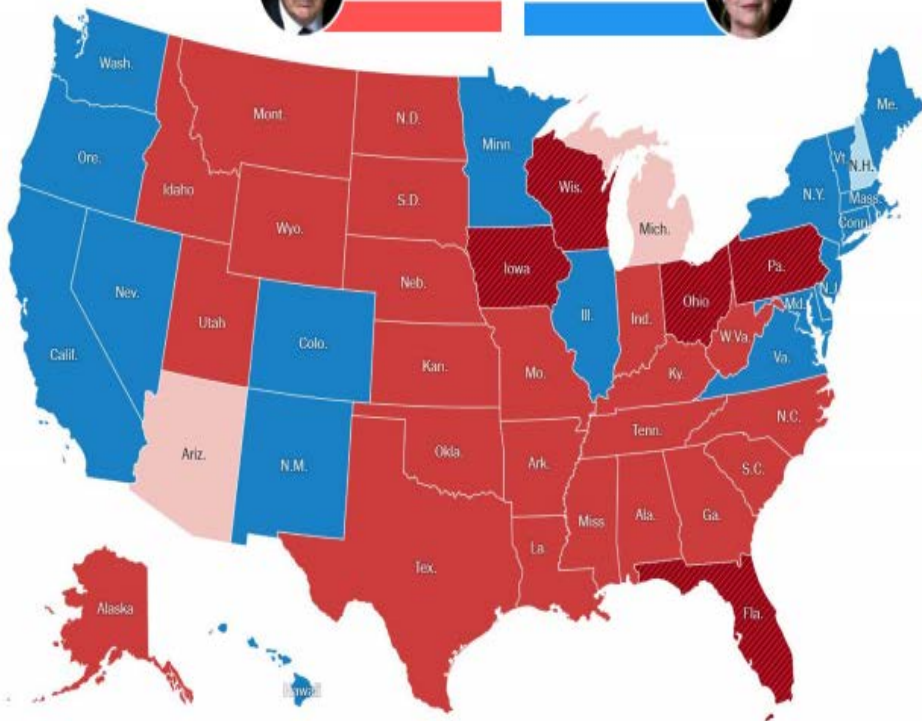
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# 2016 Elections Outcomes & Analysis



# RESULTS: Big Night for the GOP



Candidate	Popular Vote	Percent
TRUMP	59,692,978	47.5%
CLINTON	59,923,033	47.7%
JOHNSON	4,058,500	3.3%
STEIN	1,213,103	1.0%

## HOUSE: D+7\*

	114 <sup>th</sup>	115 <sup>th</sup>
<b>GOP</b>	247	<b>240</b>
<b>DEM</b>	188	<b>195</b>

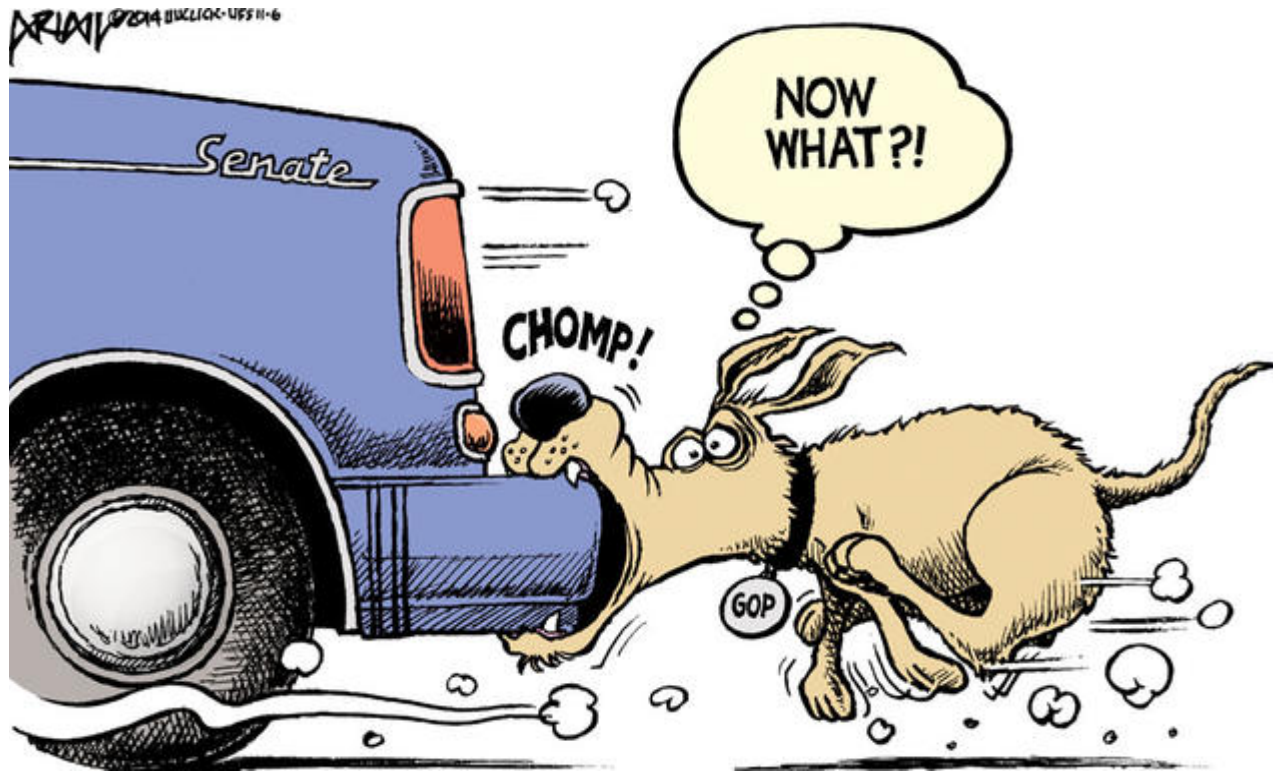
## SENATE: D+2

	114 <sup>th</sup>	115 <sup>th</sup>
<b>GOP</b>	54	<b>52</b>
<b>DEM / IND</b>	46	<b>48</b>

## GOVERNORS: R+2

	2016	2017
<b>GOP</b>	31	<b>33</b>
<b>DEM</b>	18	<b>16</b>

# What will happen to the ACA?



# Election Takeaways

- Big night for the GOP
- Rural America had their voice heard
- Major health care reform is coming

# House Ready to Lead on Affordable Care Act Repeal

1. House voted to repeal ACA over 60 times since 2011, but no more dry runs
2. Speaker Ryan's (A Better Way) blueprint will be the model for ACA repeal and replace
3. Freedom Caucus may resist long delays and incremental approach to replacing current ACA provisions

# Senate May Resist Quick Repeal

- Senate leadership is pursuing repeal without replacement through budget reconciliation as first order of business
- Growing support for defining replacement before repeal from key Senators as conservative thought leaders and stakeholders advocate for this approach
- **2018 elections may create bipartisanship:** 10 of 25 Democratic Senators are up for re-election in 2018 are from states carried by Trump – some overwhelmingly.
  - FL, IN, MI, MO, MT, ND, OH, PA, WI, WV

# Trump in Transition: Mixed Messages

- Some Trump signals point to decisive action on repeal and replace
  - Repeal was key message in many swing states
  - Repeal and Replace “within the same hour”
  - Dr. Price was staunch advocate of repeal, now leads HHS
- But Trump has also emphasized “smooth transition” and “no gaps in coverage.”



# Budgetary Issues

- Funding the government



## TWO Reconciliation Bills possible in 2017 using FY17 and FY18 Budget Process

### TIMELINE:

- President submits a budget request to Congress (Feb-April)
- House and Senate pass concurrent budget resolutions – Budget Committees in each chamber start the process
- Committees mark up and report reconciliation bills aligned with reconciliation instructions
- Congress passes consolidated budget reconciliation bill. Final bill goes to President to sign or veto.

# Other Budget Basics

- The federal government is currently operating on a continuing resolution (CR) through April 28, 2017.
- FY 2017 funding levels for HRSA/CMS/HHS were never signed into law so these agencies operate on prior funding levels.
- Congress will still pursue “regular order” for budget and appropriations for FY 18

# Meeting with a Member of Congress

- Assume the member is hearing about SORHs for the first time
- All politics is local
- Go easy on the numbers

# Meeting with Congressional Staff

- Average age of a congressional staffer is 28
- Staffers are overworked: Become the staffers rural health liaison
- Inform them of how SORHs help their boss
- Follow-up!