



2018 Federal Election Analysis

What it means for the Tri-Cities

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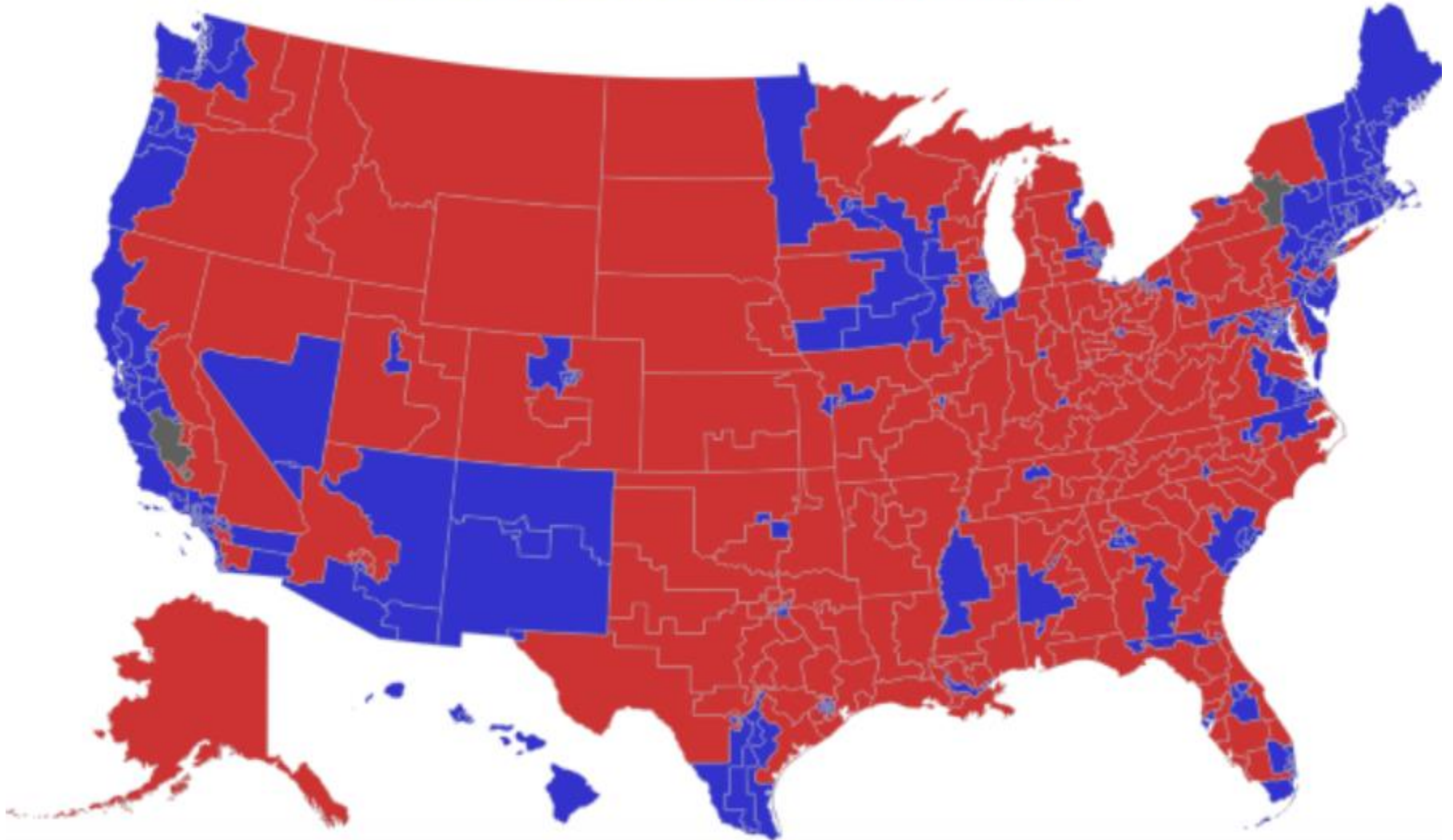
THE ELECTION WAS A TALE OF TWO HOUSES

- House of Representatives
 - Democratic Takeover
- U.S. Senate
 - Republicans Gain



US HOUSE RESULTS

Democrats 233 (+38) Republicans 200 (-38)



US SENATE RESULTS

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Democrats*

23 Democrats not up for election

Lost 2 seats

51,535,512 votes (59.0%)

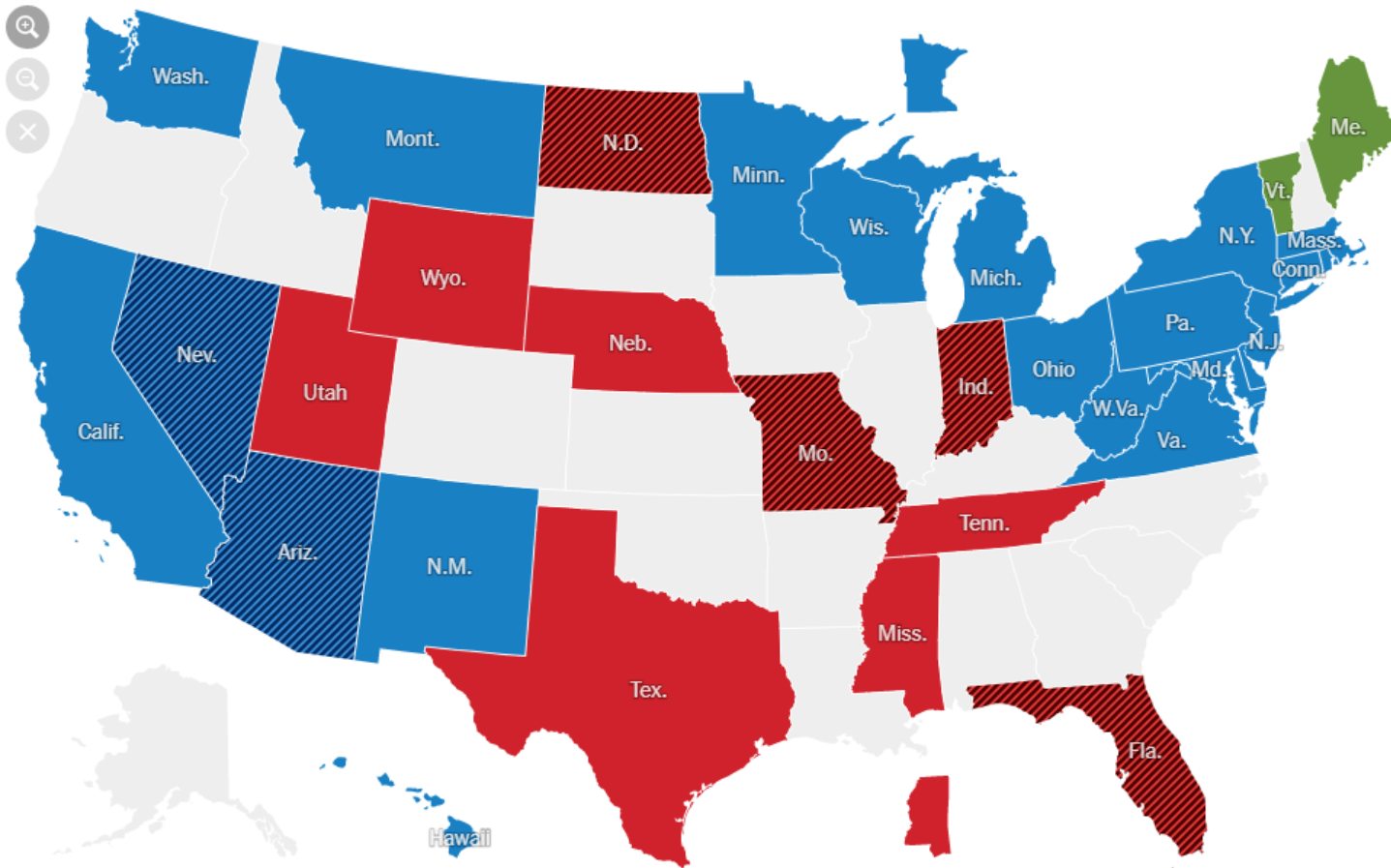
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Republicans

42 Republicans not up for election

Gained 2 seats

34,413,863 votes (39.4%)



Dem: ■ ■ Win Flip Rep: ■ ■ Win Flip Other: ■ Win No Election: ■

Source: New York Times, November 25, 2018

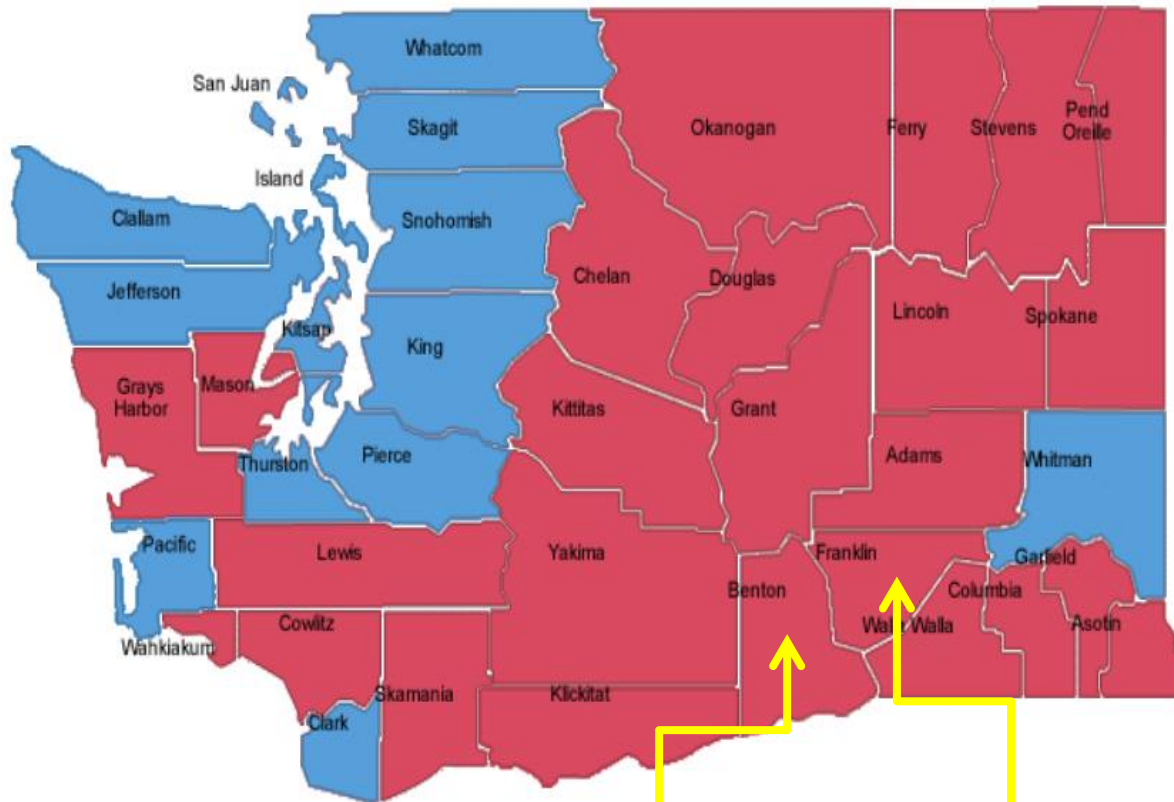
WA US SENATE RACE – BY COUNTY

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Total

Maria Cantwell 58.43%
 (Prefers Democratic Party)
 1,801,637

Susan Hutchison 41.57%
 (Prefers Republican Party)
 1,281,705



Cantwell 38%
 Hutchison 62%

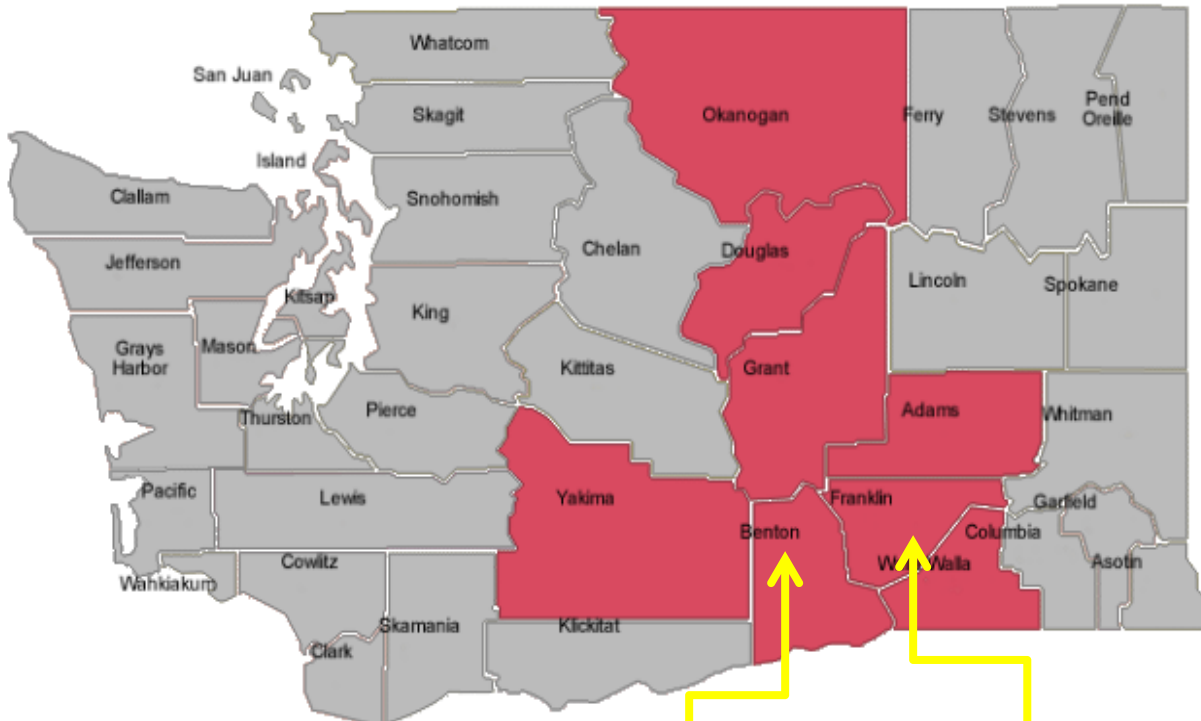
Cantwell 40%
 Hutchison 60%

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4 US REPRESENTATIVE – BY COUNTY

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Total

Dan Newhouse (Prefers Republican Party) 141,551	62.82%
Christine Brown (Prefers Democratic Party) 83,785	37.18%



Newhouse 62%
Brown 38%

Newhouse 60%
Brown 40%

WHAT DO THE ELECTIONS TELL US?



IT WASN'T THE ECONOMY, STUPID

A Great Economy Will Not Guarantee Reelection

DESPITE EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC DATA

- Lowest Unemployment Rate in 49 Years (3.7%)
- Fastest Wage Growth in 10 years (all incomes, 3.1%)
- Highest Consumer Confidence in 18 Years
- Fastest GDP Growth in 4 Years
- More “Very Satisfied With the Economy” in Nov. 2018 (28%) than in 1998 (27%) or any prior midterm polled

Most important issue facing the country

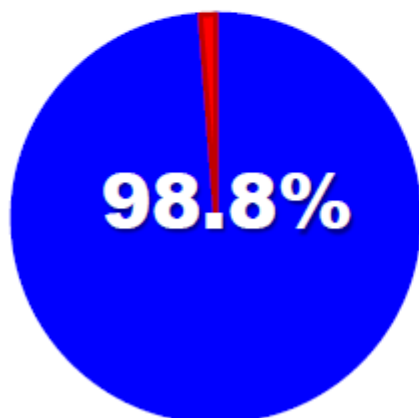
	Democrat	Republican	No Answer
Health care 41%	75%	23%	2%
Immigration 23%	23%	75%	2%
Economy 22%	34%	63%	3%
Gun policy 10%	70%	29%	1%
18778 Respondents			

HOUSE BATTLES WERE IN SUBURBS

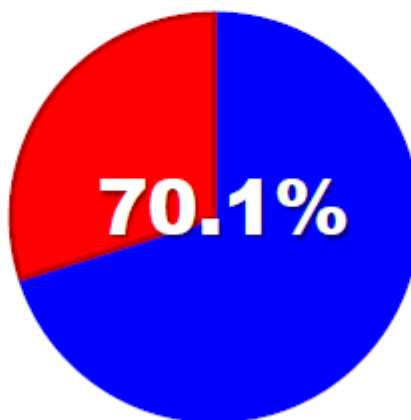
Democrats Dominated Urban & Suburban Districts

Democrats' Winning Percentage by House District Type

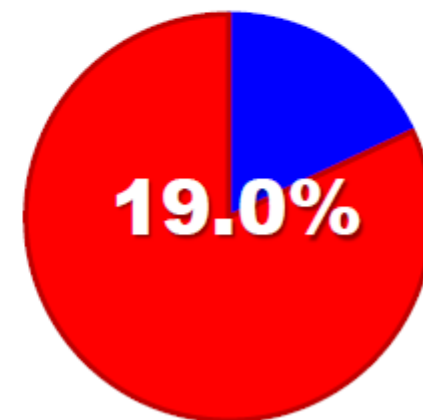
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SUBURBAN



RURAL



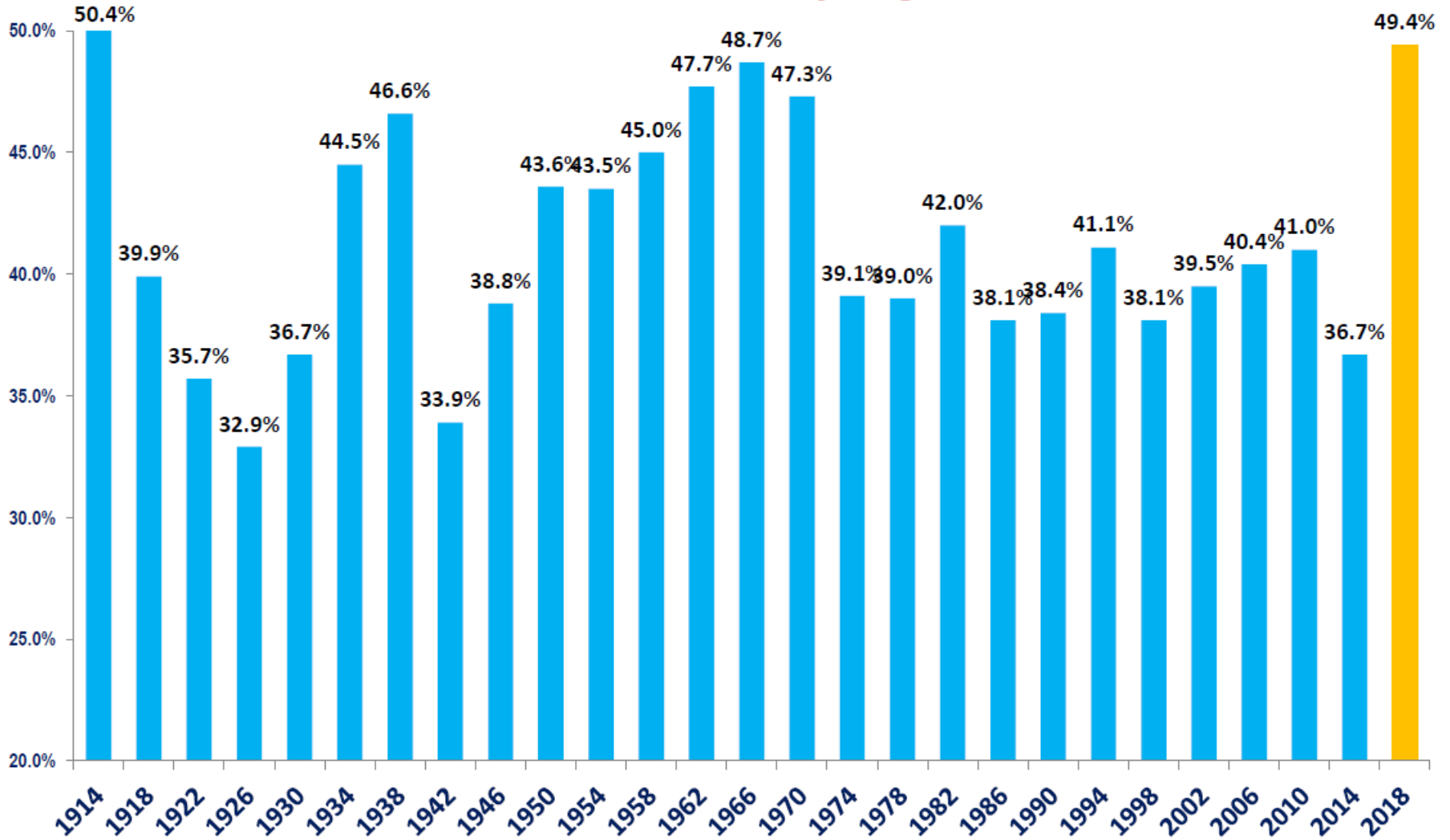
DEMS MAY WIN 22/25 DISTRICTS THAT VOTED FOR CLINTON IN 2016

~~AZ-2~~ ~~CA-10~~ ~~CA-21~~ ~~CA-25~~ ~~CA-39~~ ~~CA-45~~ ~~CA-48~~ ~~CA-49~~ ~~CO-6~~
~~FL-26~~ ~~FL-27~~ ~~IL-6~~ ~~KS-3~~ ~~MN-3~~ ~~NJ-7~~ ~~NY-24~~ ~~PA-1~~ ~~PA-5~~
~~PA-6~~ ~~PA-7~~ ~~TX-7~~ ~~TX-23~~ ~~TX-32~~ ~~VA-10~~ ~~WA-8~~

Source: David Montgomery, City Lab, races called as of 11/25

HIGHEST MIDTERM VOTER PARTICIPATION IN 104 YEARS

U.S. Voter Turnout as % of Eligible Voters



IMPACT OF ELECTION RESULTS: NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE

- Democratic Leadership
 - New Speaker: Nancy Pelosi (?)
 - New Majority Leader: Steny Hoyer
 - New Majority Whip: Jim Clyburn
- Republican Leadership Team
 - Kevin McCarthy
 - Steve Scalise
 - Liz Cheney

IMPACT OF ELECTION RESULTS: NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE SENATE

- Republican Team
 - Mitch McConnell
 - John Thune
 - John Barrasso

- Democratic Team
 - Chuck Schumer
 - Dick Durbin
 - Patty Murray

IMPACT OF ELECTION RESULTS: WASHINGTON STATE SENATORS

- Senator Patty Murray
 - Likely Retain Ranking Position on HELP Committee
 - Senior on Appropriations
 - Energy & Water Subcommittee
 - Senate Leadership
- Senator Maria Cantwell
 - May Change Ranking Position from Energy Committee to Commerce Committee
 - Senior on Finance Committee

IMPACT OF ELECTION RESULTS: WASHINGTON STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- Congressman Dan Newhouse
 - Hopes to Remain on Appropriations Committee
 - Energy & Water Subcommittee
 - May Lose Rules Committee
 - New Role in Minority
- Congressman Adam Smith
 - Chair Armed Services Committee
- One New Member of the Delegation:
 - Dr. Kim Schrier

AGENDA FOR THE LAME DUCK SESSION



LAME DUCK SESSION AGENDA

- Finish FY-19 Appropriations
 - 5 Spending Bills Done (Including Energy & Water)
 - 7 Spending Bills Unfinished (CR to Dec. 7)
 - Disaster Aid Supplemental
 - Yucca Mountain Funding
 - Border Wall Funding Could Trigger Partial Gov't Shutdown
- Nominations Pending in the Senate
- Expiring/Expired Programs
 - Farm Bill (SNAP)
 - Flood Insurance
 - Tax Extenders & Technical Corrections
 - Violence Against Women Act
 - Land Water Conservation Fund

AGENDA FOR NEXT CONGRESS

- Budget: Sequester-Level Budget Caps are Back!
- Investigations!
- Democratic Agenda
 - Immigration/Dreamers
 - Gun Control
 - Medicare for All
 - Roll Back Tax Cuts
- Potential Bipartisan Legislation
 - Infrastructure
 - Prescription Drug Prices
 - Trade
 - Criminal Justice Reform

TRI-CITY PRIORITIES

- Hanford Cleanup
 - Budget Challenges
 - Waste Reclassification
 - Tank Closures
 - Contract Rebids
- PNNL
 - Budget Challenges
- Rivershore Land Transfer
- BiOp / Protect our Dams
- Agri-Business Sector

