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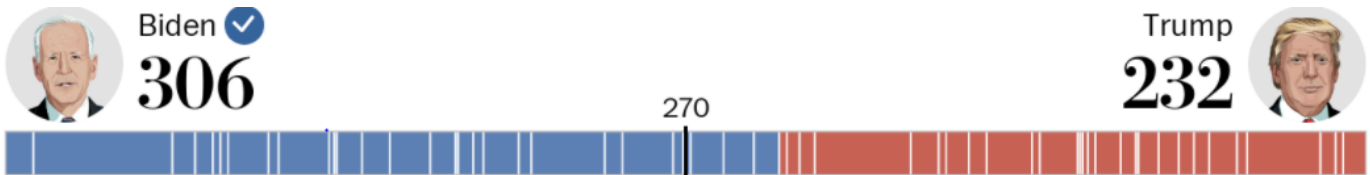
# 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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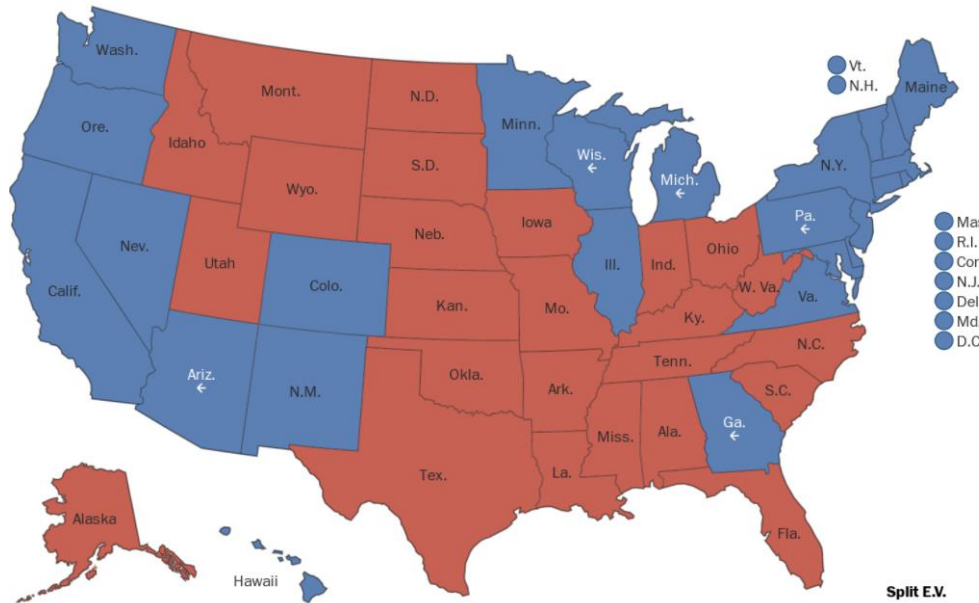
# 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

Major outlets have called the race for Democratic nominee Joe Biden. Biden declared victory on November 7. However, President Trump has not yet conceded.



78,636,405 votes  
50.8%

73,096,653  
47.2%



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Source: Washington Post and Associated Press

# 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS

## **A reckoning for the polling industry:**

- Pre-election polls showed Biden ahead by an average of 7 points, leading many pundits to predict a strong Biden and Democratic win. While Biden still won, down-ballot races showed Democrats far from dominant.

## **The COVID election:**

- 100 million votes cast BEFORE Election Day, 73% of 2016 turnout; huge mail-in and early voting slowed the final count
- COVID cases spiking in swing states, key public health officials warning of more deaths days before election

## **Changes since 2016:**

- Overall turnout highest in 120 years indicated historic voter enthusiasm
- Dramatic Trump improvement among Hispanic voters: Miami-Dade in Florida, South Texas along Mexican border that Clinton won by 30-40 points in 2016
- Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona, and potentially Georgia flipped for Biden



# PRESIDENT TRUMP'S UNFOUNDED CLAIMS

**“Steal” election:** President Trump claims **without evidence** Dems are “stealing” the election by continuing to count early and mail-in votes. Trump claims early votes still being counted in states like Arizona and Pennsylvania are evidence of fraud.



Some or all of the content shared in this Tweet is disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process. [Learn more](#)

We are up BIG, but they are trying to STEAL the Election. We will never let them do it. Votes cannot be cast after the Polls are closed!

 [Learn about US 2020 election security efforts](#)

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- **Trump’s camp has given no evidence of fraud.**
- There is no clear legal argument for Trump to go “all the way to the Supreme Court” as he said early November 4.
- Biden’s camp: “[Trump] will be in for one of the most embarrassing defeats a president has ever suffered from the highest court in the land” in a SCOTUS fight.



# PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION TIMELINE

December:  
Biden Transition  
likely to begin  
Cabinet  
announcements

Dec. 14:  
Electoral College  
delegations  
meet and vote

Jan. 6: Joint  
Session of  
Congress to  
count electoral  
votes and  
declare official  
results

Dec. 8: "Safe  
Harbor"  
deadline for a  
state to  
document how it  
concluded a  
contested vote

Jan. 5, 2021:  
Georgia Senate  
runoffs decide  
Senate majority

Jan. 20:  
Inauguration Day





# BIDEN ADMINISTRATION: PRIORITIES AND TOP OFFICIALS

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# BIDEN ADMINISTRATION: EARLY PRIORITIES

## Coronavirus aid package

- Order Congress to deliver economic and virus aid package on day 1
- Coordinate with state and local governments on mask orders
- Implement national contact tracing and testing plan
- Equitable vaccine distribution

## Infrastructure

- Biden's "Build Back Better" infrastructure plan integrates climate priorities, racial justice, and Made In America policy
- Invest in manufacturing, research and development

## Healthcare

- Bolster and build on the Affordable Care Act
- Create 'Bidencare' if SCOTUS strikes down the Affordable Care Act
- Revive Cancer Moonshot: Biden's signature project in the Obama Admin that would forge new partnerships and create new programs and policies to fight cancer



# BIDEN ADMINISTRATION: EARLY PRIORITIES

## Tax reform

- Raise the corporate tax rate, reform Opportunity Zones, raise taxes on individuals with income above \$400,000, including raising individual income, capital gains, and payroll taxes. Penalizes inverted firms and encourages re-shoring.
- Expanding low-income tax breaks like Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit

## Trade

- Review Trump Admin tariffs
- Take stronger position on China
- Use trade agreements to advance priorities like strong labor and environmental standards

## Roll back Trump-era initiatives

- Immigration: panel on reuniting separated families, reverse travel bans, make DACA permanent
- Foreign policy: Reaffirm alliances, join the Paris climate change, rejoin the World Health Organization (WHO), revive 2015 Iran nuclear deal



# BIDEN TRANSITION CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE

The Biden transition on November 9 will launch its own COVID task force to parallel official action in the White House. The task force recognizes Biden's first challenge: dealing with the raging pandemic.

## Co-Chair Dr. Vivek Murthy



- Former U.S. Surgeon General
- Biden campaign health adviser
- After leaving office, Murthy authored a book on health hazards of loneliness, relevant during prolonged pandemic

## Co-Chair Dr. David Kessler



- Chair, Center for Science in Public Interest
- Former FDA Commissioner under H.W. Bush Administration
- GOP appointee, but became more popular with Democrats for regulatory actions like regulating cigarettes and standardizing nutrition info

## Co-Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith



- Yale University professor focused on health inequities among marginalized populations
- Briefed Biden and Harris on COVID response

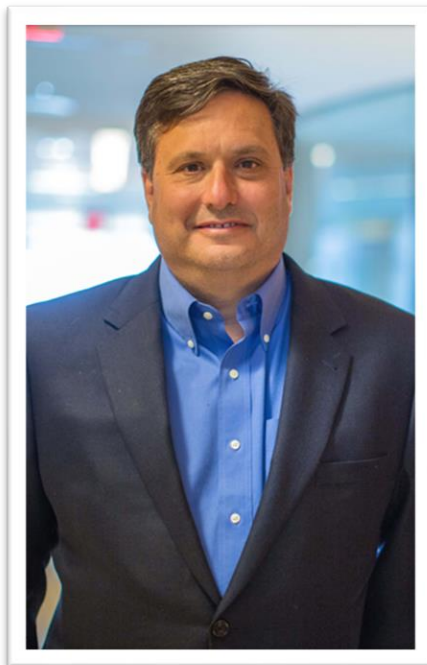


# WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF (ANNOUNCED)



The White House Chief of Staff is the President's right hand. Progressives were wary of former lobbyists, and so backed Ron Klain over other candidates like Biden campaign leaders Steve Richetti and Jeff Zients. Klain has worked with Biden for decades.

## White House Chief of Staff Designate Ron Klain



- Former White House Ebola Response Coordinator
- Chief of Staff to Vice President Joe Biden
- Chief of Staff for Vice President Al Gore
- Chief of Staff and Counselor to Attorney General Janet Reno
- Staff Director of the Senate Democratic Leadership Committee
- Chief Counsel of the Senate Judiciary Committee





The Biden camp has promised to reshape trade policy to revitalize agriculture, expand rural broadband for education and telehealth, and to support minority and small farmers.

## Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH)



- The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has urged Biden to consider Fudge.
- Chair of House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition, where she is best known for championing low-income food aid.
- Prior to Congress, Fudge was the first African American and first female mayor of Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

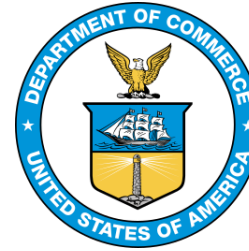
## Former Senator Heidi Heitkamp



- Co-Founder of One Country, promoting Democratic policies in rural areas, and rural Biden surrogate.
- U.S. Senator (D-ND) 2013-2019, known for breaking with party leadership as a moderate.
- President Trump previously considered Heitkamp for Secretary of Agriculture, but she declined.



# SECRETARY OF COMMERCE



Commerce promotes U.S. industry while housing scientific and climate agencies like the National Weather Service and the U.S. Census Bureau. The Biden camp will roll back Trump-era politicization of these agencies, encourage trade with allies, and empower Commerce's Minority Business Development Administration.

## Meg Whitman



- Former CEO of Quibi, Hewlett Packard, and eBay.
- Whitman worked with Mitt Romney's presidential campaigns in 2008 and 2012
- Ran for governor of California as a Republican in 2010.
- Other executive positions: Disney, DreamWorks, Procter & Gamble, and Hasbro.

## Rohit Chopra



- Progressive-favored
- Federal Trade Commissioner
- Ally to Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), launched the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Former Special Adviser to the Secretary of Education
- Senior Fellow at the Consumer Federation of America



# SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



Biden has vowed to reaffirm U.S. alliances while staying tough toward adversaries like China, North Korea, Russia, and Iran.

## Michèle Flournoy



- CEO of WestExec
- Co-founder and ex-CEO of left-leaning defense think tank Center for a New American Security.
- Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 2009 - 2012.
- Co-led President Obama's transition team at DoD.



# ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



Given Biden's focus on climate and environmental justice, the EPA will take on new prominence. Biden's Build Back Better infrastructure plan incorporates "green" policies that may take years to achieve, such as ensuring clean water in American communities.

## Mary Nichols



- Environmental lawyer, Chair of the California Air Resources Board.
- Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council; Assistant Administrator for US EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, in the administration of President William Jefferson Clinton
- Headed the Institute of Environment and Sustainability at UCLA.

## Heather McTeer Toney



- Former mayor of Greenville, MS.
- Appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Regional Administrator for Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Southeast Region.
- Currently heads Moms & Mayors program for Moms Clean Air Force.

## Dan Esty



- Hillhouse professor at Yale University with appointments at Yale Law School and the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.
- Led EPA's regulatory review process and the Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection



\*Other contenders include Christine Gregoire, Jay Inslee, and Collin O'Mara.



# SECRETARY OF EDUCATION



Biden has promised to nominate “an educator” for Secretary of Education. Biden promises to close educator pay gaps, increase diversity, and has promised that he will end federal funding for for-profit charter schools.

## Sen. Elizabeth Warren



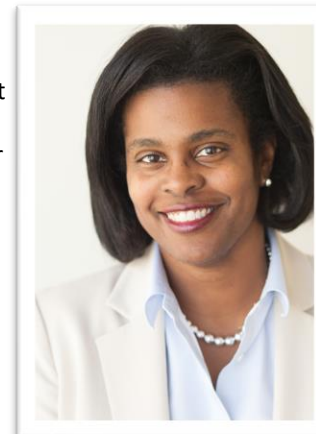
- Senator representing Massachusetts focusing on issues including student debt relief, funding for technical education programs, and oversight in the Department of Education
- Prior Warren spent more than 30 years as law professor and in addition, taught elementary school
- 2020 presidential candidate

## Sen. Michael Bennet



- Senator representing Colorado
- Former superintendent of schools in Denver
- Chief of staff to Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper
- Described as a "pragmatic centrist"
- Secretary of education contender in the Obama administration

## Sonja Brookins Santelises



- CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools
- Former Vice President of The Education Trust in Washington, D.C. working on K-12 education policy
- Former Chief Academic Officer at Baltimore City Public Schools
- Steadfast belief that "excellence in urban education is achievable at scale"



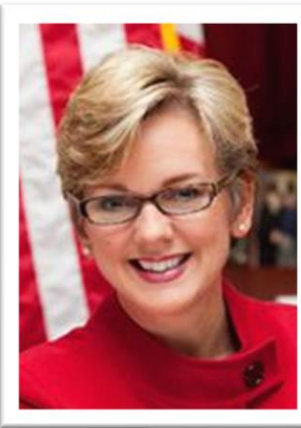
\*Other contenders include Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, Gov. Tony Evers, Lily Eskelsen Garcia, Randi Weingarten, Michael Sorrell, and Freeman Hrabowski.

# SECRETARY OF ENERGY



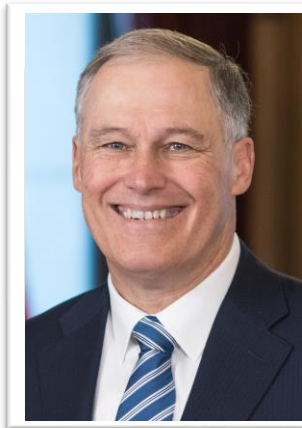
The Secretary of Energy will focus on Biden's plan for a Clean Energy Revolution and Environmental Justice, shifting the U.S. away from fossil fuels and funding new “green” technology research.

## Gov. Jennifer Granholm



- Former Governor of Michigan, worked to diversify an economy that was primarily automotive manufacturing
- Aggressive measures to grow a new alternative energy sector that is transforming a rustbelt image to a greenbelt reality
- Elected Michigan's first female attorney general in 1998

## Gov. Jay Inslee



- Washington Governor
- Ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020 with a climate focus
- Former member of Congress with a focus on issues of clean energy and the environment
- State connection to the Department of Energy. DOE oversees clean up issues regarding radio active and chemical waste in Hanford, Washington
- Endorsed Biden's climate change plan

## Arun Majumdar



- Professor at Stanford University
- His current research focuses on chemical reactions that are fundamental to a sustainable energy future
- In 2009 confirmed by the Senate to become the Founding Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E),
- Former Vice President for Energy at Google



# SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY



Biden's DHS would roll back Trump-era immigration policies, implement the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA) permanently, and refocus homeland threat mitigation on surging white supremacist and other far-right activity. The DHS Secretary is very likely to be a person of color.

## Alejandro Mayorkas



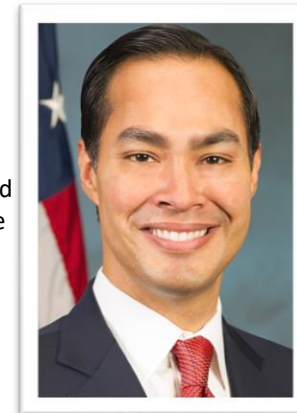
- Former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Director of the Department's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- Widely credited with creating the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- Former United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

## Rep. Val Demings (D-FL)



- Vetted as potential Biden running mate
- Serves on House Homeland Security Committee
- Prior to Congress, served as Orlando's first female Chief of Police.

## Julián Castro



- Candidate for President in 2020 cycle
- Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during Obama Administration
- Former San Antonio, TX mayor
- Not to be confused with twin brother and Congressional Hispanic Caucus Chairman Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX)



\*Other contenders include Suzane Spaulding, Juliette Kayyem, and Lisa Monaco.

# CHAIR OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



The FTC under Biden will more aggressively pursue enforcement, particularly in antitrust and data privacy. The Biden Administration would support more funding to help the FTC grapple with its broad portfolio.

## Rohit Chopra



- Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission
- Launched Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
- Special Adviser to the Secretary of Education and as Senior Fellow at the Consumer Federation of America.

## Rebecca Slaughter



- Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission
- Chief Counsel to Senator Charles Schumer of New York
- Associate in the D.C. office of Sidley Austin LLP before entering federal service.

## Terrell McSweeney



- Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission
- Served as Chief Counsel for Competition Policy and Intergovernmental Relations for the U.S. DOJ Antitrust Division and as Deputy Assistant to the President and Domestic Policy Advisor to the Vice President in 2012.
- Senator Joe Biden's Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director in the U.S. Senate



\*Other contenders include Julie Brill, Travis LeBlanc, Tim Wu, Nicol Turner Lee, and Louisa Terrell

# SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT



The HUD Secretary position often goes to a person of color, but the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has cautioned against pigeonholing officials in the Biden Administration. Frontrunners for the job are both former mayors.

## Eric Garcetti



- Mayor of Los Angeles.
- Garcetti served on the city council
- Garcetti has made housing his top priority, pushing initiatives to shelter the homeless and invest in the construction of new affordable housing.
- Biden campaign national co-chair

## Pete Buttigieg



- Former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.
- Former U.S. Navy Reserve officer
- 2020 presidential candidate, proposing a plan to invest \$154 billion in the national Housing Trust Fund (HTF).



# CHAIR OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



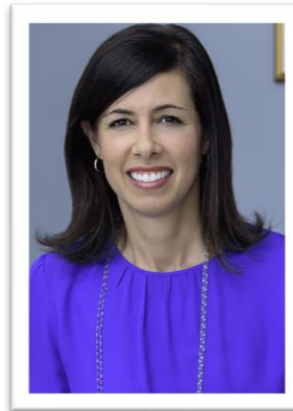
The Chair of the Federal Communications Commission will execute Biden’s tech and telecom policies including restoration of the Obama-era “net neutrality” rule as well as universal broadband deployment.

## Mignon Clyburn



- Former FCC commissioner .
- Served as Acting FCC Chairwoman
- Prior to the FCC, she spent 11 years as a member of the sixth district on the Public Service Commission (PSC) of South Carolina.

## Jessica Rosenworcel



- Federal Communications Commissioner
- More than two decades of service in the FCC.
- Served as Senior Communications Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
- Practiced communications law in Washington, DC.

## Geoffrey Starks



- Federal Communications Commissioner, managing the Universal Service Fund.
- Lead the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau,
- served as a senior advisor to the Deputy Attorney General with the Department of Justice



\*Other contenders include Gigi Sohn, Blair Levin, Anna Gomez, Catherine Sandoval, John Branscome, Susan Crawford, Clint Odom, Travis LeBlanc, Edward Smith, Nicol Turner Lee, Larry Strickling, and Jessica Gonzalez.

# SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



The HHS Secretary faces a huge workload under Biden, leading potentially unpopular policies like a mask order or vaccine distribution. HHS would also implement executive actions and legislation to boost the ACA.

## Rep. Karen Bass



- Chair of Congressional Black Caucus
- Chair of the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations
- 67th Speaker of California Assembly.
- Former physician assistant, clinical instructor, and founder of Community Coalition

## Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham



- Governor of New Mexico
- Former Congresswoman of New Mexico District 1
- State Cabinet secretary at New Mexico Department of Aging and Long-term Services, and Department of Health.
- Led the push for Care Corps, an innovative caregiving initiative



\*Note that both Bass and Grisham were considered as picks for the position of Vice President.

# SECRETARY OF INTERIOR



The Interior Secretary would implement the Biden Build Back Better climate and infrastructure plan by rolling back Trump-era policies opening public lands to fossil fuel production and encouraging alternative fuels like offshore wind in federal waters. The Interior Department must also support COVID response in tribal communities.

## Sen. Martin Heinrich



- Senator for New Mexico.
- Serves on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Armed Services, Intelligence, and Joint Economic Committees.
- Former congressman in the House
- Worked to designate national monuments, invest in solar and wind resources, and support tribal lands

## Rep. Deb Haaland



- Represents New Mexico's 1st District
- Former small business owner
- Served as the State Party Chair and Honorary Commander of Kirtland Air Force Base.
- One of the first two Native American women elected to congress as an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna.

## Sen. Tom Udall



- Senator for New Mexico,
- Former U.S. Representative
- New Mexico's State Attorney General.
- Tom co-founded the Congressional International Conservation Caucus and serves as the co-chair of the caucus in the Senate.
- Praised by environmental groups for championing conservation causes.





# ATTORNEY GENERAL



The Attorney General will oversee Biden's justice reform and civil rights work, with a focus on racial justice, policing reform, and voting rights.

## Gov. Andrew Cuomo



- 56th governor of New York since 2011.
- Served in President Bill Clinton's Cabinet as the 11th United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Served as Chair of the National Governors Association since August 2020.
- Endorsed then candidate Biden early in the 2020 Democratic primary.

## Stacey Abrams



- House Minority Leader for the Georgia General Assembly and State Representative for the 89th House District.
- Serves on the following committees: Appropriations, Ethics, Judiciary Non-Civil, Rules and Ways & Means.
- Senior Vice President of NOWaccount Network Corporation.
- Former Deputy City Attorney for the City of Atlanta.
- Spearheads 'Fair Fight,' A Campaign Against Voter Suppression

## Sally Yates



- Former Deputy Attorney General
- Former Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Georgia.
- Member of the Biden campaigns 15-person advisory board.
- Defended the Senate her choice not to enforce President Trump's first ban on travel from several majority-Muslim nations, calling the order "unlawful."



\*Other contenders include Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Preet Bharara, Sen. Cory Booker, Sen. Doug Jones, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

# SECRETARY OF STATE



The Secretary of State would re-staff the depleted agency and take the lead in rebuilding international alliances.

## Susan Rice



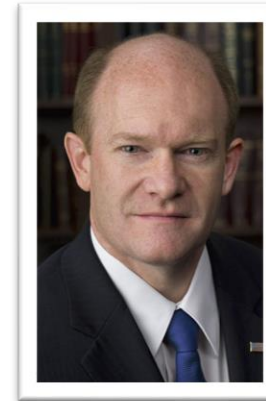
- Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations and National Security Advisor
- Ambassador Rice served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Special Assistant to President Clinton, and Director for International Organizations and Peacekeeping on the National Security Council staff.
- She helped fight Ebola and other pandemics during her time at the White House

## Tony Blinken



- Former Deputy Secretary of State, Assistant to the President, and Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to President Obama.
- Chaired the Deputies Committee
- Former National Security Advisor to Vice President Biden.
- Current foreign policy adviser for the Joe Biden for President campaign

## Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)



- Senator for Delaware
- Voice for an innovative economy, responsible deficit reduction, progressive social justice, and forward-looking foreign policy.
- Founded the first-ever Senate Law Enforcement Caucus
- Criticized President Trump's foreign policies, expressing disapproval on his withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement.



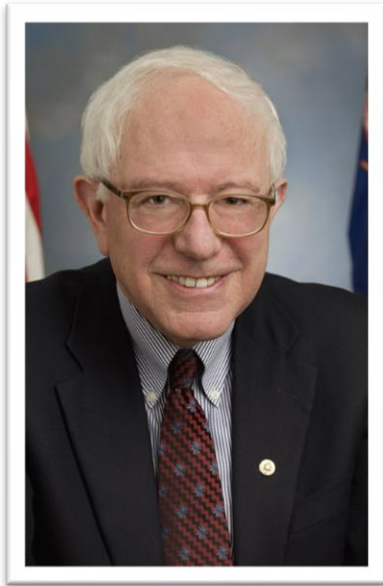
\*Other contenders include Sen. Mitt Romney and Sen. Chris Murphy.

# SECRETARY OF LABOR



The Secretary of Labor would implement strong workplace protections and enforcement to prevent COVID spread. Labor would also reaffirm collective bargaining rights as the Biden platform demands.

## Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



- Sanders is seeking the position, but MAY BE HARD TO CONFIRM
- Presidential candidate in 2020 and 2016 presidential election on progressive platform
- Biden has integrated former Sanders staff and progressive allies into campaign, platform, and transition.
- U.S. Senator, ranking member of Senate Budget Committee.
- 30 years in Congress, first in House, now Senate.
- Previously mayor of Burlington, VT



# SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION



DOT will be ground zero for a Build Back Better infrastructure plan and will also be charged with helping the airline and freight industry recover from COVID.

## Eric Garcetti



- Mayor of Los Angeles.
- Garcetti served on the city council
- Garcetti has made housing his top priority, pushing initiatives to shelter the homeless and invest in the construction of new affordable housing.
- Biden campaign national co-chair



# SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY



Treasury must revitalize after years of understaffing, review Trump-era actions, and take over implementation of CARES Act business aid plans plus a likely new tax reform push and new economic stimulus from Congress. Treasury is a top target for progressives: Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) is campaigning for this job.

## Lael Brainard



- Federal Trade Commissioner
- Joined the Department of the Treasury to launch the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), also serving as the Special Adviser to the Secretary of Education and as Senior Fellow at the Consumer Federation of America.

## Janet Yellen



- Distinguished Fellow in Residence at the Brookings Institution.
- Former Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors.
- Testified to Congress on economic-policy response to the coronavirus pandemic. Vocal supporter of using monetary and fiscal policy aggressively to support the stricken economy.

## Sarah Bloom-Raskin



- Formerly a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and a former United States Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.
- Served as Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation and as a Managing Director at the Promontory Financial Group.
- Currently a Rubenstein Fellow at Duke University.



\*Other contenders include Elizabeth Warren, Ruth Porat, Jen Chenault, Mellody Hobson, Raphael Bostic, William Spriggs, and Roger Ferguson.

# U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE



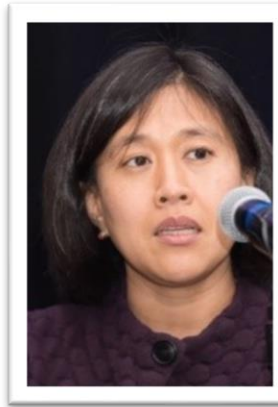
Biden's campaign promised a full review of Trump-era trade actions, but Biden is not guaranteed to reverse them all. Biden has promised to be tough on China. Whoever takes over USTR will handle ongoing trade talks with the European Union, the United Kingdom, Kenya, Brazil, India, and more.

## Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA)



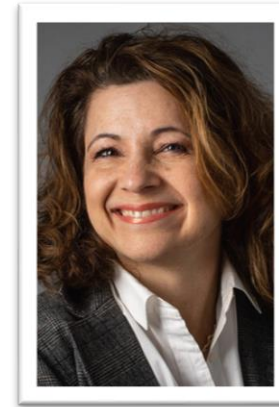
- House Ways and Means member from Los Angeles area
- Former labor official; best known for negotiating stronger labor positions in USMCA
- Progressive views on trade
- Criticized President Trump's decision to re-impose aluminum tariffs on Canada

## Katherine Tai



- Chief Trade Counsel on House Ways and Means Committee
- Previously headed China trade enforcement at USTR
- Previously worked in the international trade departments in several Washington, DC law firms.
- Lived and worked in Guangzhou, China teaching English at Zhongshan University as a Yale-China Fellow

## Beth Baltzan



- Fellow at Open Markets and focuses on the impact of monopoly power on trade and its consequences for national security.
- Served as Democratic Counsel to the House Ways and Means Subcommittee
- Served as Associate General Counsel in the Office of the United States Trade Representative

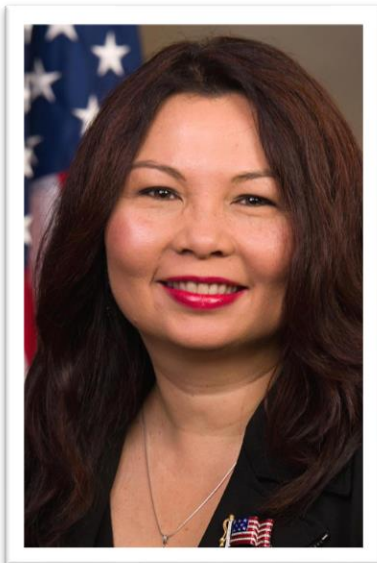


# SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS



Biden's campaign pledges to unite the country and restore the VA as the premier agency for ensuring veterans' overall well-being by providing health care, driving progress to address veteran's homelessness and suicide rates, create meaningful employment and education, while improving VA management and accountability.

## Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)



- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth is an Iraq War Veteran, Purple Heart recipient and former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Served in the Reserve Forces for 23 years before retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2014.
- Introduced legislation related to veteran's childcare access, suicide prevention, access to contraception and preventive health coverage.

## Pete Buttigieg



- Former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.
- Former U.S. Navy Reserve officer
- 2020 presidential candidate
- U.S. Navy Reserve officer, and while serving his first term as mayor in 2014, was deployed to Afghanistan where he took part in the Afghanistan Threat Finance Cell (ATFC), which aimed to disrupt the financial systems of terrorist organizations.
- Biden campaign surrogate





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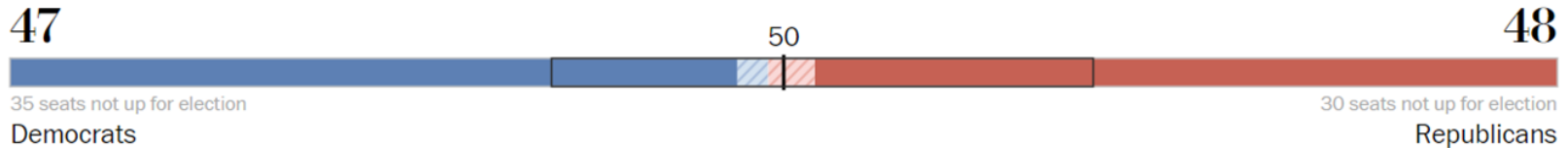
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# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS: SENATE IN THE BALANCE

**Democrats' tough path to majority:** If Biden wins the presidency, Democrats need a net gain of three seats; so far only one has flipped. However, in Georgia, two separate Senate seats go to runoff January 5. If Democrats win both these runoff elections, they take the Senate majority with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris as the tiebreaker.



## 10 Safe Democrat

State	Dem.	Rep.	RPT.
DE	59.5%	37.9%	95%
IL	53.3%	40.6%	88%
MA	65.8%	33.4%	89%
MN	48.8%	43.5%	94%
NH	56.6%	41.1%	96%
NJ	58.2%	40.1%	78%
NM	51.6%	45.7%	99%
OR	56.9%	39.3%	97%
RI	66.3%	33.7%	93%
VA	55.9%	44.1%	94%

## 2 Vulnerable Democrat

State	Dem.	Rep.	RPT.
AL	39.7%	60.1%	>99%
MI	49.8%	48.3%	99%

## 12 Vulnerable Republican

State	Dem.	Rep.	RPT.
AK	31.8%	62.9%	46%
AZ	51.2%	48.7%	96%
CO	53.4%	44.4%	94%
GA	47.9%	49.7%	99%
GA (S)	32.9%	25.9%	97%
IA	45.2%	51.8%	96%
KS	41.5%	53.6%	97%
ME	42.8%	50.5%	91%
MT	44.8%	55.2%	99%
NC	47.0%	48.7%	98%
SC	44.2%	54.5%	99%
TX	43.8%	53.6%	99%

## 11 Safe Republican

State	Dem.	Rep.	RPT.
AR	-	66.7%	97%
ID	33.3%	62.6%	98%
KY	38.1%	57.9%	98%
LA	19.0%	59.3%	96%
MS	42.2%	55.8%	95%
NE	24.9%	64.7%	92%
OK	32.8%	62.9%	99%
SD	34.2%	65.8%	97%
TN	35.3%	62.1%	99%
WV	26.9%	70.4%	94%
WY	26.9%	73.1%	97%



Source: Washington Post

# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS: SENATE CONTROL MAY RUN THROUGH GEORGIA

**Senate Runoffs in Georgia:** In an extremely unusual scenario, two Georgia Senate elections head to runoff January 5 after none won more than 50% of the vote on Election Day. Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA) and Democrat Raphael Warnock plus Sen. David Perdue and Democrat Jon Ossoff will face off again in less than eight weeks.

Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-GA)



Rev. Raphael Warnock



Sen. David Perdue (R-GA)



Jon Ossoff



# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS: SENATE IN THE BALANCE

## Incoming Senators in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress:

**Tommy Tuberville**



- Alabama
- Defeated Doug Jones (D-AL)
- Former Auburn football coach

**John Hickenlooper**



- Colorado
- Defeated Cory Gardner (R-CO)
- Former Colorado governor

**Ben Ray Lujan**



- New Mexico
- Defeated GOP Mark Ronchetti in open race
- Former House member

**Mark Kelly**



- Arizona
- Defeated Martha McSally (R-AZ)
- Former astronaut and husband of former Rep. Gabby Giffords

**Cynthia Lummis**



- Wyoming
- Defeated Merav Ben-David in open race
- Former state senator and state representative

**Roger Marshall**



- Kansas
- Defeated Barbara Bollier in open race
- Former House member

**Bill Hagerty**



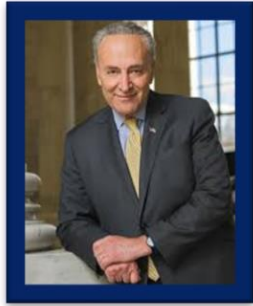
- Tennessee
- Defeated Marquita Bradshaw in open race
- Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan



# SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

Senate Democrats held leadership elections November 10. Committee elections will be around November 30

DEMOCRATIC LEADER:  
**Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)**



DEMOCRATIC WHIP:  
**Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)**



ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER:  
**Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)**



CHAIR OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE: **Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)**



VICE CHAIR OF CONFERENCE:  
**Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)**



CHAIR OF STEERING COMMITTEE:  
**Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)**



# SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

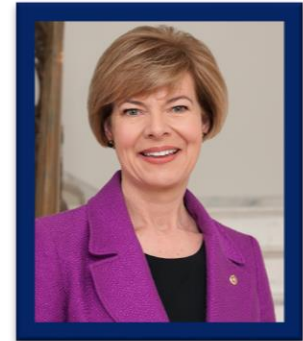
CHAIR OF OUTREACH:  
**Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)**



VICE CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:  
**Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)**



SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE:  
**Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)**



VICE CHAIR OF OUTREACH  
**Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)**



VICE CHAIR OF OUTREACH  
**Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ)**



DSCC CHAIR:  
**TBD**



# SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

Senate Republicans held leadership elections on Nov. 10. They have yet to announce a date for committee elections.

REPUBLICAN LEADER:  
**Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)**



REPUBLICAN WHIP:  
**Sen. John Thune (R-SD)**



CONFERENCE CHAIR: **Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)**



POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR: **Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO)**



CONFERENCE VICE CHAIR: **Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)**



\*RSCC Chair: **Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)**



# UNCONTESTED REPUBLICAN SENATE COMMITTEE RACES

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)



**AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, & FORESTRY (OPEN):** Current Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS) is retiring, creating an open space. Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) is next in line to succeed him.

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)



**ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES (OPEN):** Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) has termed out her time both as Chair and Ranking Member of the committee. Sources say they expect EPW Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY), who is next in line, to lead the committee.

Sen. Shelley Capito Moore (R-WV)



**ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS (UNKNOWN):** If Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) takes ENR chairmanship, it would create an opening for Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) to take Senate EPW.

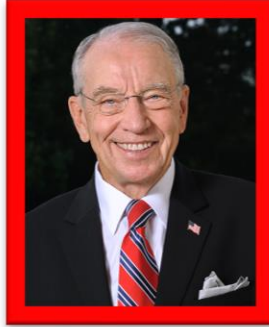


# UNCONTESTED REPUBLICAN SENATE COMMITTEE RACES

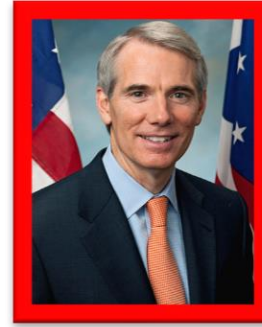
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY)



**FINANCE (OPEN):** Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID) is next in seniority after departing Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA).



**JUDICIARY (OPEN):** Sen. Grassley (R-IA) will swap in for Lindsey Graham (R-SC) as Judiciary head.



**HOMELAND SECURITY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (OPEN):** Chairman Ron Johnson (R-WI) is stepping aside leaving Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) to assume the leading spot.



**HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS (OPEN):** Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) is retiring leaving Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) as next in line.





# CONTESTED SENATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RACES

**BUDGET (OPEN):** Next in line to take the Budget chair is Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID).

**Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)**



**Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)**



**SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (UNKNOWN):** Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) may have to relinquish the Small Business chairmanship if he becomes Sen. Richard Burr's (R-NC) permanent replacement at the Intelligence Committee. This could put Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) next in line for chairmanship.

**Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)**



**Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)**



## UNCONTESTED SENATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE RACES

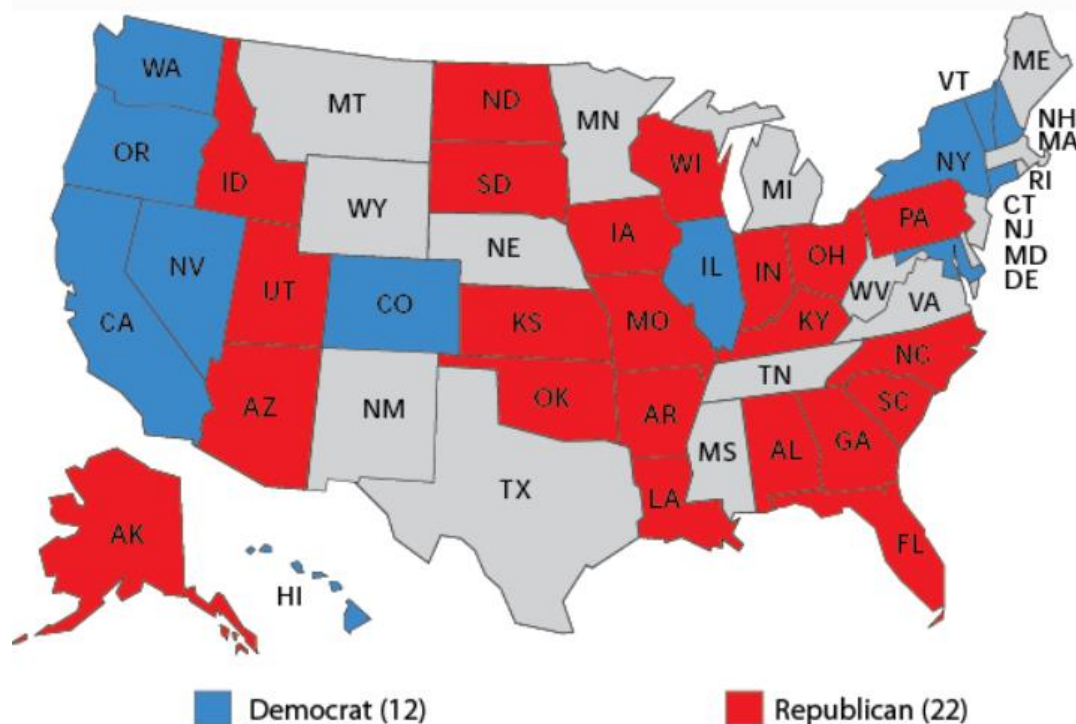
**INDIAN AFFAIRS (OPEN):** Ranking Member Tom Udall (D-NM) is the only Democratic Senator retiring in 2020. The Democrats next in line to take the top spot would likely hold on to other gavels, such as Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) at Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT) at Veterans' Affairs. Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI) is next in line to take the top spot but has not publically commented on the matter.

**Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI)**



# 2022 SENATE RACES

It's never too early: the 2022 elections will put more Republican Senators back on the defensive, but midterms tend to work against the party holding the White House.



## Senators who may be vulnerable:

- Winner of Loeffler/Warnock (GA)
- Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
- Richard Burr (R-NC)
- Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
- Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
- Maggie Hassan (D-NH)
- Ron Johnson (R-WI)
- Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Richard Shelby (R-AL)



Source: Sabato's Crystal Ball ["The Future Shape of the Senate"](#)



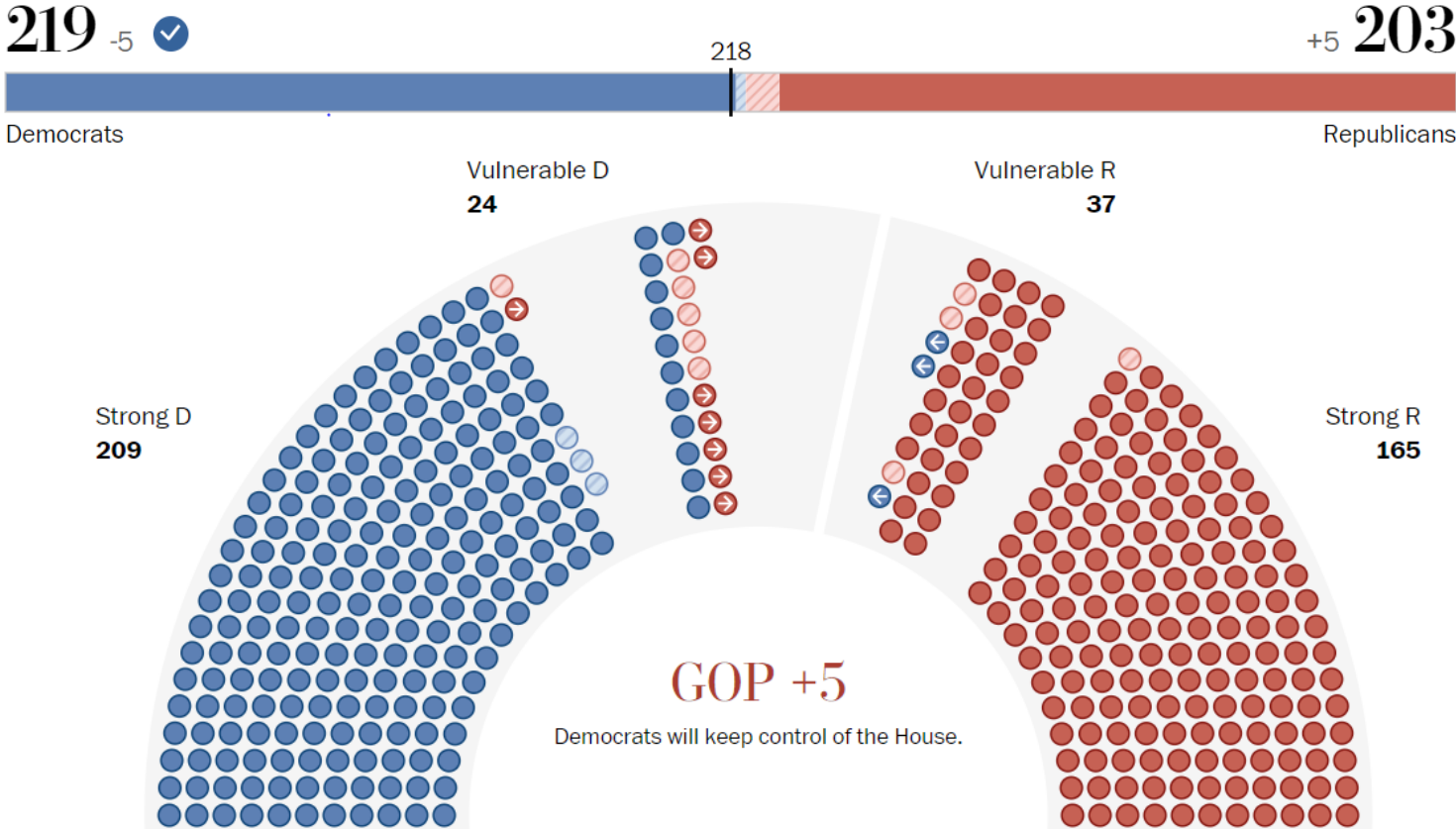
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# 2020 HOUSE RACE RESULTS

Democrats retain control of the House, but didn't win expected gains



Source: The Washington Post

# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS: MOST DIVERSE HOUSE EVER

## The 116<sup>th</sup> Congress ushered in groundbreaking racial, ethnic, gender and religious diversity. The 117<sup>th</sup> Congress goes further.

- A record 115 women of color ran for the House this cycle. Forty-nine Black or African American, Latina, Asian/Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern/Northern African, and Native American women were elected.
- Cori Bush (D-MO), Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM), Yvette Herrell (R-NM), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Marilyn Strickland (D-WA), and Nikema Williams (D-GA) were elected this cycle; Rep.-elect Bush will be the first African American woman to represent Missouri in Congress. Rep.-elect Strickland will be the first African American to represent Washington in Congress and the first Korean American woman elected to Congress.
- A record-high six Native Americans will sit in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress with the addition of Kaiiali'i Kahele (D-HI) and Yvette Herrell (R-NM).
- Incoming Afro-Latino member Ritchie Torres (D-NY) will join both the CHC and the CBC, breaking an unofficial barrier between the groups. Torres will also be the first openly gay member of the CHC. A new CHC member will join the Senate: Sen.-elect Ben Ray Luján (D-NM).



Source: Women's Congressional Policy Institute

# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

House Democrats will hold leadership elections on Nov. 18-19 and committee chairmen will be selected around Nov. 30. Top leaders will remain, mid-level members fight for jobs:

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: **Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)**    MAJORITY LEADER: **Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)**    MAJORITY WHIP: **Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC)**    ASSISTANT SPEAKER: **CONTESTED**



DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR: **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)**

VICE CAUCUS CHAIR: **CONTESTED**

DCCC CHAIR: **UNKNOWN**



# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

**ASSISTANT SPEAKER (CONTESTED):** Created in 2019 for former DCCC Chairman-turned Sen-elect Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM). Fourth-highest slot in House Democratic leadership.

**Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA)**



- Current Caucus Vice Chair
- Democratic Women's Caucus backing

**Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)**



- Current Democratic Policy and Communications Committee Chairman

**VICE CAUCUS CHAIR (CONTESTED):** A rare slot for up-and-coming House Democrats to enter leadership. Sixth-highest slot in House Democratic leadership.

**Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-CA)**



- Ran for the same spot in 116<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Hispanic Caucus Whip

**Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL)**



- Popular member of Black Caucus

**Rep. Deb Haaland (D-NM)**



- One of first Native women elected to Congress





# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

**DPCC CO-CHAIRS:** Reconfigured to feature four co-chairs.

**Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)**   **Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)**   **Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA)**   **Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO)**



**CAUCUS LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE (CONTESTED):** Reserved for members serving five or fewer terms to bring junior members' perspective to leadership.

**Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)**   **Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO)**   **Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX)**



# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

**DCCC CHAIR (CONTESTED)** : DCCC Chair Cheri Bustos (D-IL) will step down after a disappointing 2020 cycle. The winner will lead Democrats through what is expected to be a tough midterm election cycle where House control will be in the balance.

## Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA)



- Hispanic Caucus BOLD PAC Chairman
- Backed by most of Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)

## Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY)



- Backed by former CHC Chair Linda Sanchez (D-CA and Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)

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## Rep. Colin Allred (D-TX)



# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

Key caucuses of the House: the biggest ideological caucus is moderate NewDems. The “Tri-Caucus” of CBC, CHC, CAPAC are more than half of House Democrats.

- **NEW DEMOCRAT COALITION CHAIR:** Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)
- **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS CHAIR:** Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)
- **CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIR:** Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
- **CONGRESSIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN CAUCUS CHAIR:** Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)
- **CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS CHAIR (CONTESTED):**

Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-TX)



Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)



# HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

**Progressives vs. moderates and election post-mortem:** Several “frontliner” Democratic incumbents in Republican-leaning districts lost in 2020, as did much of the DCCC’s “Red to Blue” candidates. This has already prompted sharp arguments within House Democrats on what went wrong.

In a Nov. 5 conference call, Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and others blamed progressives favoring divisive rhetoric on policing reform, socialism, and other topics that turned off rural and moderate voters.

**The potential results:** progressive Democrats who hoped to gain power and push for drastic action on climate, policing and criminal justice, housing, and other issues may instead lose sway if Democrats course-correct to a more moderate agenda and messaging.



# HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

House Republicans hold leadership elections November 17, committee selection in late November. With the GOP faring better than expected, current leaders will stay in place.

MINORITY LEADER:

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)



MINORITY WHIP:

Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)



CONFERENCE CHAIR:

Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY)



POLICY CMTE CHAIR:

Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)



NRCC CHAIR:

Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)



CONFERENCE VICE CHAIR:

Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA)



CONFERENCE SECRETARY:

Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)



# CONTESTED HOUSE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RACES

**AGRICULTURE (OPEN):** Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA) has a slight advantage as former Vice Chairman.

Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA)



Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA)



Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR)



**ARMED SERVICES (OPEN):** Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) has seniority but has announced he will not run for the ranking member spot. Next up would be Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL), who would have to leave the Homeland Security Committee, and Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH).

Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)



Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH)



# CONTESTED HOUSE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RACES

**ENERGY & COMMERCE (OPEN):** The top contenders are Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and the more senior Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX). Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) is seen as the "dark horse" in the race.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)



Rep. Mike Burgess (R-TX)



Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH)



**SMALL BUSINESS (OPEN):** Del. Amata Coleman Radewagen of American Samoa, Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH), and Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK) are the only GOP members on the committee who aren't in their first term.

Del. Amata Coleman Radewagen (American Samoa)



Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH)



Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)



# CONTESTED HOUSE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RACES

**VETERAN AFFAIRS (OPEN):** Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) is the next most senior Republican on the committee though he opted out of seeking the chairmanship in 2017. Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI) and Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL) are also pursuing bids for the ranking member position.

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL)**



**Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI)**



**Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL)**

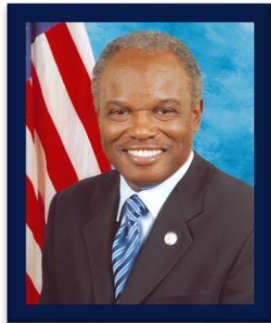




## CONTESTED HOUSE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE RACES

**AGRICULTURE (OPEN):** Current Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) lost his competitive re-election race to former GOP Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach. Candidates running to replace Peterson include Reps. David Scott (D-GA), who announced his bid on Nov. 5, and Jim Costa (D-CA). Peterson and Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH) are planning to endorse Scott for chairman.

Rep. David Scott (D-GA)



Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA)



# CONTESTED HOUSE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE RACES

**APPROPRIATIONS (OPEN):** Rep. Rosa DeLauro's (D-CT) close friendship with Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) might give her a leg up in the race for chairmanship. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) has seniority over the group as the longest-serving woman in House history. Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL) is also running for the top post.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)



Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)



Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL)



**FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OPEN):** Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) is the next most senior Democrat to replace Chairman Elliot Engel (D-NY) who lost his primary back in June. Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) and Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX) have also thrown their hats into the race.

Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)



Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY)



Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX)





**ELECTION SCENARIO:  
CHECKS AND BALANCES  
BIDEN WINS, GOP HOLD SENATE**



## **FEROX PREDICTION: DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE AND HOUSE, GOP HOLDS SENATE**

**Divided government = Gridlock:** Without the Senate majority, Democrats have no way of enacting their most ambitious and progressive goals. Features of divided government:

**PERSONNEL:** A Biden Administration would have a hard time getting the most progressive nominees through Senate confirmation.

**Fiscal conservatism:** Republicans will object to new spending proposals from the House and the Biden Administration, citing a growing national debt that ballooned during the pandemic.

**Little or no tax increases:** Biden's signature tax reform plan would be blocked or greatly diminished by a Republican Senate



## FEROX PREDICTION: DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE AND HOUSE, GOP HOLDS SENATE

### More Gridlock:

**Policing and drug reform:** House Democrats and many state-level governments have sought to decriminalize drugs including cannabis, which Senate Republicans have blocked and derided. Similarly, Senate Republicans would not support policing reforms favored in the House.

**Labor:** House Democrats and Joe Biden support the Protecting the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act, H.R. 2474) which would bolster collective bargaining rights and crack down on classification of independent contractors, plus a \$15 per hour minimum wage. Neither of these would advance in a Republican-controlled Senate.

**Progressive wish list:** SCOTUS expansion, filibuster reform, DC and Puerto Rico statehood all out the door with a GOP Senate.



# FEROX PREDICTION: DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE AND HOUSE, GOP HOLDS SENATE

## What COULD get done?

**COVID-19 Relief:** Senate Republicans will hold firm for a smaller new COVID relief plan. With the end to negotiations on a new bill between House Democrats and the Trump Administration, Senate Republicans and Democrats would probably have to start a new deal from scratch.

**Infrastructure:** Republicans and a new Biden Administration may be able to agree on a new infrastructure and jobs package, especially on priorities like re-shoring manufacturing, expanding workforce training, funding clean drinking water, and funding for roads and bridges. However, Biden's focus on climate and supporting labor unions in an infra package would not make it past a GOP Senate.

**Technology:** Antitrust against "Big Tech" and data privacy are two bipartisan issues that a Biden Admin and GOP Senate may find agreement on.





**ELECTION SCENARIO:  
BLUE TSUNAMI  
BIDEN WINS, DEMS WIN SENATE  
AND HOUSE**

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## DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE, AND HOUSE

**Budget Reconciliation:** Both Republican and Democratic Congresses have used reconciliation, requiring a simple majority in both chambers, to enact revenue and spending while bypassing the Senate filibuster. Democrats will likely turn to reconciliation as a “plan A” to work around GOP filibusters on a new stimulus bill, tax reform, infrastructure, clean energy, health care. A reconciliation attempt could launch as early as February or March.

**Congressional Review Act:** The CRA gives Congress a 60-day window to undo new regulations after they’re finalized. Like budget reconciliation, the CRA only requires a simple majority in both chambers.

**COVID-19 aid package:** A Democratic Congress would move quickly to pass another COVID-19 relief bill. The bill would likely mirror the House-passed Heroes Act, which proposed trillions for direct aid to Americans, rental assistance, workplace safety, childcare subsidies, and more.





# DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE, AND HOUSE

**Infrastructure:** Dems will push a combination of the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2) and the Biden “Build Back Better” plan. Would include transportation and broadband, along with investments in schools and hospitals, with requirements to reduce emissions.

**Healthcare expansion:** Democrats, who campaigned for stronger healthcare protections, plan is to build on the 2010 health reform law by simplifying the health system, reducing costs, creating a “public option” for more Americans to gain care, and bolstering the ACA against legal challenges.

## **Criminal Justice/Police reforms**

- Following last summer’s widespread civil unrest and protests on police brutality, Democrats have called for reining in qualified immunity, banning chokeholds, developing stricter use-of-force standards, creating a national registry of officer misconduct, and limiting no-knock warrants.
- Democrats would likely advance marijuana and cannabis decriminalization under a civil rights and racial justice platform.



# DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE, AND HOUSE

## Technology:

- **Net Neutrality** : Democrats would restore Obama-era net neutrality rules after the Trump-era FCC reorganized the regulations that were put in place by the Democrat-controlled FCC in 2015
- **Antitrust**: A Democratic Congress and White House could pass the first antitrust overhaul in decades. House Judiciary Antitrust Chairman David Cicilline (D-RI) has already introduced an antitrust enforcement plan intended for deployment in a Biden Administration.
- **Data privacy**: Competing proposals on data privacy means action stalled through 2020, but single-party control could allow Democrats to enact stricter protections.
- **Section 230**: Some Democrats are concerned that social media and other online platforms rely on Section 230 liability waivers to allow themselves to be weaponized for misinformation, harassment, and other bad acts. Democrats may seek to tweak Section 230 to urge platforms to better police themselves.



# DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE, AND HOUSE

## Transparency and ethics:

- **John Lewis Voting Rights Act of 2020:** This bill would reaffirm the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was last reauthorized by Congress in 2006, but rolled back in a 2013 Supreme Court ruling.
- **H.R. 1 (For the People Act):** This campaign finance and ethics reform bill aims to increase transparency around political donors, crack down on foreign lobbying, and expand voting rights for Americans by implementing provisions like automatic voter registration

## Worker rights:

- **Pro Act:** House Democrats and Joe Biden support the Protecting the Right to Organize Act (PRO Act, H.R. 2474) which would bolster collective bargaining rights and crack down on classification of independent contractors.
- **Minimum wage:** Biden and the House back a \$15 per hour minimum wage.



# DEMS TAKE WHITE HOUSE, SENATE, AND HOUSE

**Progressive priorities:** While not all these priorities may make it across the finish line, Democrats' progressive wing will press hard for these measures before Democratic leadership:

- **Filibuster reform:** Many progressives regard the Senate filibuster as an artificial barrier to systemic change. A “nuclear option” would allow the Democratic majority to simply abolish the 60-vote filibuster; but critics warn the move will backfire when the balance of power shifts.
- **DC/Puerto Rico statehood:** A longshot which would require repealing the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution.
- **Expand the Supreme Court:** After the GOP-controlled Senate confirmed Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, there have been talks that Dems would expand SCOTUS to undercut the conservative majority. Joe Biden has said he’s “not a fan” of that plan.



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