AN ANALYSIS OF THE 2018 MIDTERMS
2018 CONGRESSIONAL RESULTS
By the Numbers
A Snapshot of the 2018 Midterm Results

**HOUSE**
- 235 Dem
- 200 GOP

**SENATE**
- 53 GOP
- 47 Dem

Dems gained 40

GOP gained 2

114 Million
VOTERS (+31 million from 2014)

27 GOP Governors
23 Dem Governors (7 Pick-ups)

Source: Axios
U.S. Senate

Source: 270ToWin
U.S. House of Representatives

Source: RealClear Politics, 270towin
What Happened?

• Blue Wave?: the election produced roughly what many expected:
  • House Pick Up through modest gains by Democrats
  • Democrats saw a net gain of 40 seats compared to 63 for Republicans in 2010
  • Senate map was very difficult for Democrats. Republicans outperformed
  • As usual in midterms, Independents voted for party out of power

• Voter Turnout: Record-breaking for a mid-term election
  • More Democrats, women, young and old, non-whites voted
  • Less Republicans, men, middle-aged, whites voted

• Repudiation of Trump?
  • 68 percent said their vote was for or against Trump
  • Opponents outnumbered supporters by 37%-31% margin
  • Early voters went Democrat, but Kavanaugh bump was real
KEY HEALTH CARE TAKEAWAYS
Voters’ 2018 issue agenda is different from 2014 as health care was the most important issue.

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<td>4% Cutting Government Waste/Controlling Government Spending</td>
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<td>4% Moral Values</td>
<td>3% Need More Protection for Gun Rights</td>
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<td>4% Pro-Barack Obama/President</td>
<td>3% No Issue, Just Vote Against Donald Trump and the Republicans</td>
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<td>4% The Environment</td>
<td>3% To Support Donald Trump and His Policies</td>
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<td>4% The “War on Women”/Woman’s Right to Choose/Birth Control</td>
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*Source: POS Post-Election Surveys. In 2014, issues under 4% not shown. In 2018, issues under 3% not shown.*
Democrats dominated health care voters, Republicans won immigration, the economy/jobs, and taxes.

**Congressional Ballot – by Most Important Issue**

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<td>Health Care (36%)</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>Immigration (32%)</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>Changing DC (29%)</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Economy/Jobs (27%)</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Guns (15%)</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Taxes (13%)</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Abortion (11%)</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>Foreign Policy (10%)</td>
<td>44%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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*Source: POS Post-Election Survey.*
SENATE LEADERSHIP & COMMITTEE SHIFTS
# Senate Leadership Breakdown

**REPULICAN**

Majority Leader  
Mitch McConnell (KY)

President Pro Tempore  
Chuck Grassley (IA)

Whip  
John Thune (SD)

Conference Chair  
John Barrasso (WY)

Policy Committee Chair  
Roy Blunt (MO)

Republican Conference Vice-Chair  
Joni Ernst (IA)

NRSC Chair  
Todd Young (IN)

**DEMOCRAT**

Democratic Leader  
Chuck Schumer (NY)

Whip  
Dick Durbin (IL)

Assistant Democratic Leader  
Patty Murray (WA)

Policy and Communications Committee Chair (DPCC)  
Debbie Stabenow (MI)

Democratic Conference Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

Democratic Conference Vice Chair  
Mark Warner (D-VA)

Steering Committee Chair  
Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

Chair of Outreach  
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

Vice Chair of the DPCC  
Joe Manchin (D-WV)

Democratic Conference Secretary  
Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)
Senate HELP
• Current: 12 Republicans to 11 Democrats
• Likely post-election scenario: 13 Republicans to 10 Democrats
• Likely chair: Sen. Alexander
• Likely ranking: Sen. Murray
• If party ratio changes, Senate Democrats might have to remove Sen. Hassan

Senate Finance
• Current: 14 Republicans to 13 Democrats
• Likely post-election scenario: 15 Republicans to 12 Democrats
• Likely chair: Sen. Grassley
• Senate Finance Democrats lost Senators McCaskill and Nelson
• Senate Finance Republicans lost Senator Heller and Senator Hatch retired
2020 Senate Seats

GOP Play Defense in 2020 Senate Map

Republicans will try to protect 21 Senate seats in 2020, to the 12 that Democrats will defend. Only two of those 21 — in Maine and Colorado — had an electorate that chose Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in 2016. Democrats will be defending two seats in Trump states, in Alabama and Michigan.

Source: U.S. Senate
Ryan Kelly/Roll Call
Lame Duck Leadership Elections and New Member Orientation

Budget & Appropriations
- December 7th deadline
- DACA/Wall
- Disaster supplemental bill

Farm Bill
- Resolve differences between House and Senate

Taxes
- Technical fixes
- Extenders

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Must pass NFIP extension by November 30

Health Care?
2019 Issues

- Divided Congress means gridlock, more investigations

- More powerful administration with tools to effectuate policy
  - CMMI
  - Regulations
  - Justice Department/FTC

- States ascendant - more tools to change markets
  - ACA - 1332 and 1333 Waivers
  - Medicaid Waivers – work requirements, drug formularies

- Healthcare will continue to be a battleground, but there are possible areas of bipartisan agreement
  - Drug pricing
  - Opioids
  - Infrastructure
Four Main Health Care Drivers

POLITICS
DEBT LIMIT
BUDGET CAPS
DSH CUTS
116th Senate Health Care Agenda

- Budget Deal?
- Health Reform?
- Rural Health
- Drug Pricing
- Opioids
- Surprise Billing
- Competition Report
The RUSH Act: Ripe for Action in 2019

H.R. 6502, the Reducing Unnecessary Senior Hospitalizations (RUSH) Act of 2018

- Adrian Smith (R-NE), Diane Black (R-TN)*, Joe Crowley (D-NY)*, Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), David Schweikert (R-AZ), & Anna Eshoo (D-CA).

- The Problem:
  - 1.3 million patients transported to the ED from nursing homes every year
  - Two-thirds of those ambulance trips are avoidable per CMS
  - $40 billion of unnecessary costs incurred by the healthcare system

- The Solution:
The RUSH Act would allow Medicare to selectively enter into value-based arrangements with innovative medical groups to provide acute care at skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) using a combination of a telehealth connection to an emergency physician and on-site first responders.
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