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# Midterm Elections and What to Expect in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

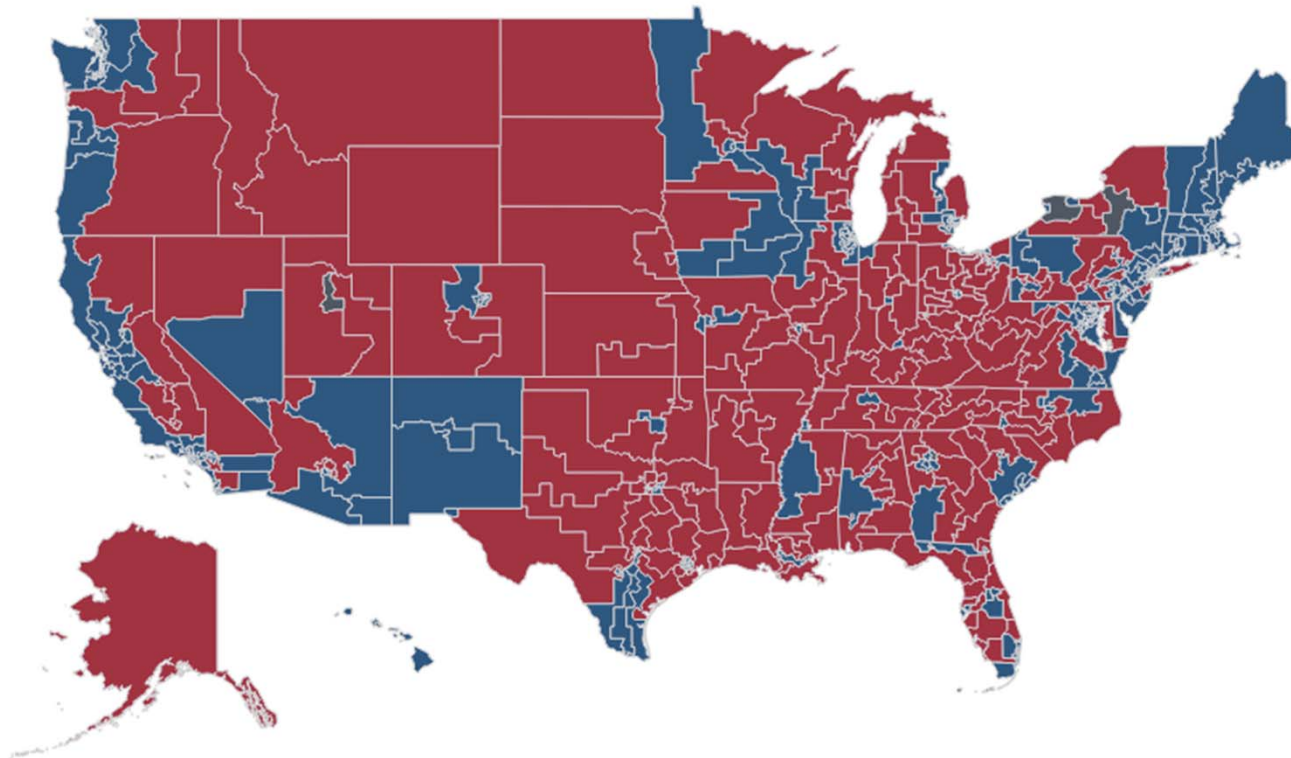


## 2018 U.S. Senate election results map

# Democrats won 40 seats and now control the House of Representatives 235-200

**2018 U.S. House election results map**

■ Republican won ■ Democrat won

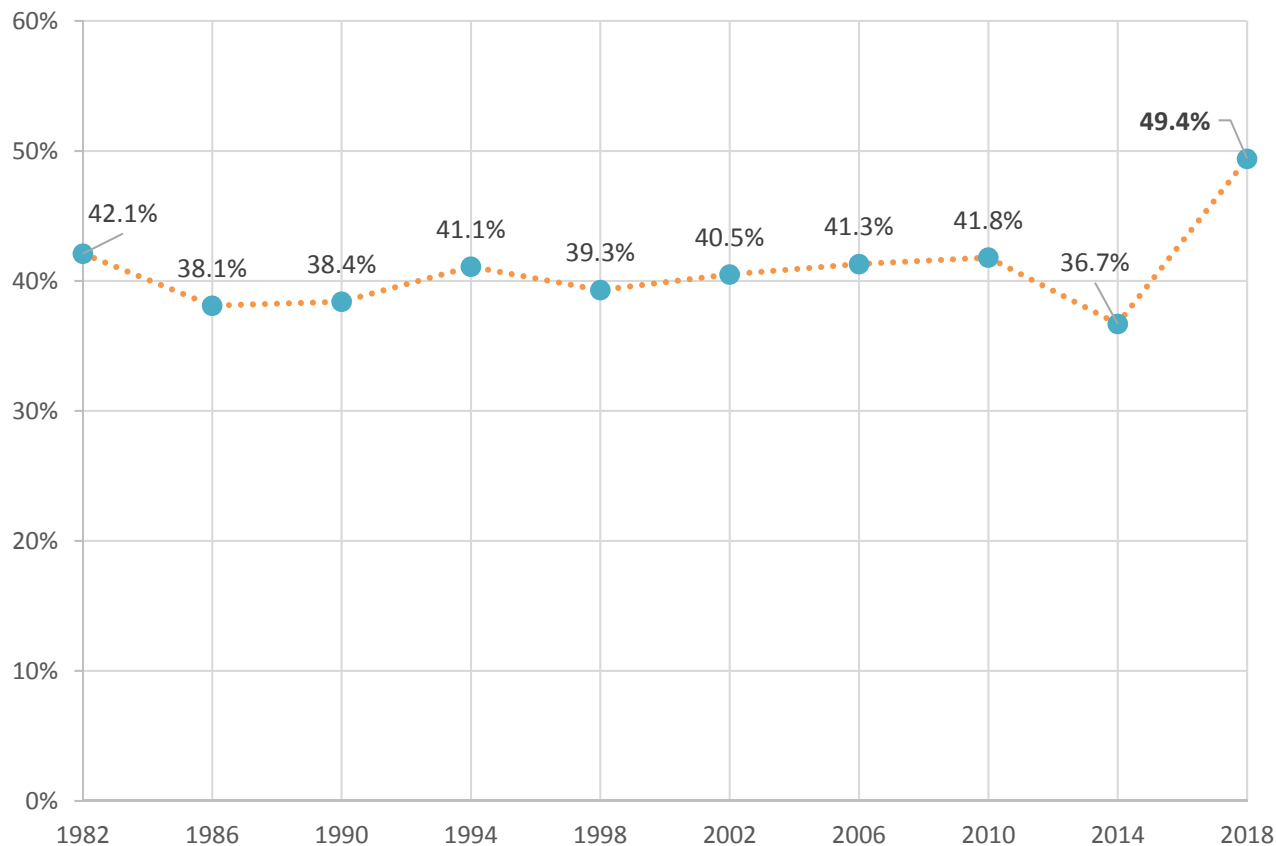


## High turnout on both sides

- **Democrats: 60,727,598 (53.4% of total popular vote)**
- **Republicans: 50,983,895 (44.8%)**
- Turnout in the suburbs helped Democrats. Minneapolis, Detroit, Atlanta, Dallas, New York and D.C.
- Turnout in rural areas helped Republicans. Republicans easily picked up Senate seats in Missouri, Indiana, North Dakota and Florida.
- Democrats won more than 53 percent of the total popular vote in House elections. That's a larger share than Democrats have captured in any election since 1988.

# Voter turnout in the 2018 midterm elections was the highest it has been in several decades

Voter turnout in midterm elections, 1982-2018\*



- Minnesota had the highest voter turnout in 2018, at an estimated 64%
- About 46% of Texan voters turned out, 14 points higher than the average Texas turnout from 1982-2014
- Georgia's turnout (about 55%) was 21 points higher than the state's average from 1982-2014
- Hawaii had the lowest turnout, at 39.3%

\*Data from 1998-2018 reflects turnout based on total ballots counted; turnout data from 1982-1994 reflects turnout based on votes for the highest office  
Sources: U.S. Election Project compilation of midterm voter turnout

# What to expect in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

- **February 15th Deadline for short-term FY 19 Budget Agreement.** Action still needed on the seven remaining spending bills for FY 19.
- **March 2nd \$22 Trillion debt limit.** After short-term measures, another increase in the limit will be needed by mid-summer.
- **October 1st.** 12 spending bills for FY 20 Budget.
- Additional executive and judicial branch appointments with a larger Republican majority in the Senate.
- Greater oversight of the Trump Administration by the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives.





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