

SECURING OUR FUTURE 

# MEET THE FRESHMAN CLASS

Everything You Need to Know  
About the 117th Congress





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# OVERVIEW

The 2020 presidential election was held on November 3. Aside from the Presidential and VP race, **435 seats in the House of Representatives** were in play along with **35 seats in the Senate**.

Democrats took narrow control of both the House of Representatives and Senate. Starting on January 3, 2021, the 117th Congress convened and **70 new members** were sworn in, with **60 in the House and 10 in the Senate**.

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

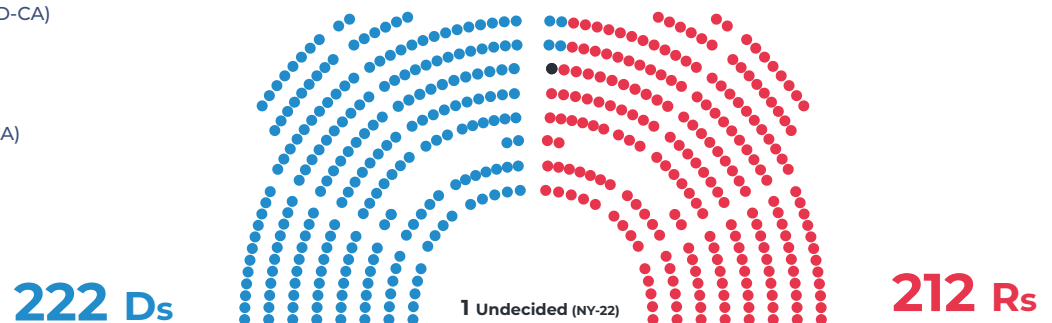
**Speaker of the House:** Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

**Majority Leader:** Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

**Majority Whip:** Rep. Jim Clyburn (D-SC)

**Minority Leader:** Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)

**Minority Whip:** Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)



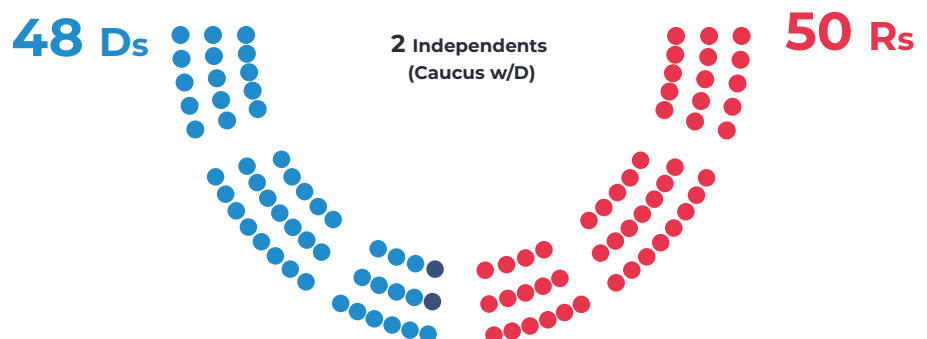
## U.S. SENATE

**Majority Leader:** Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

**Majority Whip:** Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)

**Minority Leader:** Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

**Minority Whip:** Sen. John Thune (R-SD)





# INCOMING FRESHMEN

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## U.S. SENATE

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Tommy Tuberville  
Alabama (R)



Mark E. Kelly  
Arizona (D)



Alex Padilla  
California (D)



John Hickenlooper  
Colorado (D)



Jon Ossoff  
Georgia (D)



Raphael Warnock  
Georgia (D)



Roger Marshall  
Kansas (R)



Ben Ray Luján  
New Mexico (D)



Bill Hagerty  
Tennessee (R)



Cynthia Lummis  
Wyoming (R)



# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Jerry Carl**  
Alabama-1 (R)



**Barry Moore**  
Alabama-2 (R)



**Jay Obernolte**  
California-8 (R)



**David Valadao**  
California-21 (R)



**Young Kim**  
California-39 (R)



**Michelle Steel**  
California-48 (R)



**Darrell Issa**  
California-50 (R)



**Sara Jacobs**  
California-53 (D)



**Lauren Boebert**  
Colorado-3 (R)



**Kat Cammack**  
Florida-3 (R)



**Scott Franklin**  
Florida-15 (R)



**Byron Donalds**  
Florida-19 (R)



**Carlos Gimenez**  
Florida-26 (R)



**Maria Elvira Salazar**  
Florida-27 (R)



**Nikema Williams**  
Georgia-5 (D)



**Carolyn Bourdeaux**  
Georgia-7 (D)



**Andrew Clyde**  
Georgia-9 (R)



**Marjorie  
Taylor Greene**  
Georgia-14 (R)



**Kaiali'i Kahele**  
Hawaii-2 (D)



**Marie Newman**  
Illinois-3 (D)



**Mary Miller**  
Illinois-15 (R)



**Frank Mrvan**  
Indiana-1 (D)



**Victoria Spartz**  
Indiana-5 (R)



**Ashley Hinson**  
Iowa-1 (R)



**Mariannette  
Miller-Meeks**  
Iowa-2 (R)



**Randy Feenstra**  
Iowa-4 (R)



**Tracey Mann**  
Kansas-1 (R)



**Jake LaTurner**  
Kansas-2 (R)



**Jake Auchincloss**  
Massachusetts-4 (D)



**Peter Meijer**  
Michigan-3 (R)



# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Lisa McClain  
Michigan-10 (R)



Michelle Fischbach  
Minnesota-7 (R)



Cori Bush  
Missouri-1 (D)



Matt Rosendale  
Montana-AL (R)



Yvette Herrell  
New Mexico-2 (R)



Teresa Leger  
Fernandez  
New Mexico-3 (D)



Andrew Garbarino  
New York-2 (R)



Nicole Malliotakis  
New York-11 (R)



Ritchie Torres  
New York-15 (D)



Jamaal Bowman  
New York-16 (D)



Mondaire Jones  
New York-17 (D)



Deborah Ross  
North Carolina-2 (D)



Kathy Manning  
North Carolina-6 (D)



Madison Cawthorn  
North Carolina-11 (R)



Stephanie Bice  
Oklahoma-5 (R)



Cliff Bentz  
Oregon-2 (R)



Nancy Mace  
South Carolina-1 (R)



Diana Harshbarger  
Tennessee-1 (R)



Pat Fallon  
Texas-4 (R)



August Pfluger  
Texas-11 (R)



Ronny Jackson  
Texas-13 (R)



Pete Sessions  
Texas-17 (R)



Troy Nehls  
Texas-22 (R)



Tony Gonzales  
Texas-23 (R)



Beth Van Duyne  
Texas-24 (R)



Blake Moore  
Utah-1 (R)



Burgess Owens  
Utah-4 (R)



Bob Good  
Virginia-5 (R)



Marilyn Strickland  
Washington-10 (D)



Scott Fitzgerald  
Wisconsin-5 (R)



# KEY THEMES

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- **Historic Engagement** - Last year was an age of hyper-activism. Americans were consistently eager to protest, march and vote in 2020.
  - **Very Close Outcomes** - American politics remains closely divided. There were no breakthrough moments in 2020.
  - **The Electorate is Not Monolithic** - You won't bring all Americans together until you understand them.
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## PRESIDENTIAL RACE

With **306 of the 538 electoral votes, former Vice President Joe Biden won** the 2020 presidential election. For the first time in almost 30 years, a sitting president has lost reelection. In the last century, only four have lost reelection.

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## BIDEN'S FIRST 100 DAYS

- **Filling his Cabinet**
- **Addressing the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Reversing Trump administration policies**
  - Start the process of rejoining international organizations: Paris Climate Accord, WHO, Iran nuclear deal
  - Reverse orders on immigration, reproductive health, and civil rights
  - Use the Congressional Review Act to reverse policies
- **Advancing legislative priorities**
  - Climate change and infrastructure
  - Political reform
  - Health care reform





# THE 117TH CONGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

The 2020 election cycle was historic in a number of ways. **Joe Biden amassed more than 81 million votes** while **Donald Trump received nearly 74 million** – the most and second-most in U.S. history.

## 16 incumbents lost their fights for reelection.

At least **26 Republican women were elected** to the U.S. House, the most ever. A record number of GOP women ran for Congress this year as well.



**66.3% of the eligible voting population cast their ballot**—the highest since 1900, when 73.7% of eligible Americans cast ballots.

## ANOTHER YEAR OF ELECTION FIRSTS

- **Kamala Harris** - First female VP and first woman of color
- **Cori Bush** - First woman of color to be elected to Congress from Missouri
- **Mondaire Jones** - First openly gay Black member of Congress
- **Ritchie Torres** - First openly gay Afro-Latino member of Congress
- **Rev. Raphael Warnock** - First Black senator from Georgia
- **Jon Ossoff** - First Jewish senator from Georgia and the youngest senator in the new Congress
- **Marilyn Strickland and Michelle Steel** - First Korean-American women elected to Congress; Strickland is also the first Black Congress member from Washington State
- **Yvette Herrell** - First Republican Native American woman elected to Congress
- **Madison Cawthorn** - First person born in the 1990s to become a member of Congress (and youngest Republican ever elected to the House at age 25)
- **Sarah McBride** - First openly transgender State Senator
- **Zohran Mamdani & Jenifer Rajkumar** - First South Asians to represent the lower house of New York's state legislature
- **Mauree Turner** - First openly nonbinary state lawmaker in the country who is also the first Muslim lawmaker in Oklahoma



# WHAT'S NEXT?

## INDUSTRY IMPACT

### OUR PRIORITIES

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In 2021, Securing Our Future will continue to look to our members to help us work with policymakers on both sides of the aisle to help find solutions to issues that impact consumers, businesses and communities. Our priorities include:

- **Lawsuit Abuse Reform** - Social inflation and abusive lawsuit practices continue to drive up costs for consumers and clog our nation's court system with frivolous litigation. We will work to protect businesses from COVID-19 liability suits; limit third-party litigation financing and advertising; and defend against rampant bad faith lawsuits.
- **Preserving Contract Sanctity and Promoting Financial Solvency Regulation** - We will continue our efforts to prevent retroactive coverage proposals – such as business interruption, workers compensation presumption, or regulatory mandates – in pandemic-related challenges. We also will continue to promote the Business Continuity Protection Program as the leading consumer proposal for managing future pandemic risk.
- **Evolution of Catastrophe Insurance** - Pandemic risk has forced a public policy reassessment of natural and man made catastrophes. We will advocate for policies that reform our nation's disaster response apparatus and invest in pre-disaster mitigation to better protect our communities and lessen the burden on taxpayers.
- **Risk-based Pricing and Social Equity and Inclusion** - We are committed to ensuring that all customers are treated fairly when it comes to property casualty insurance products and financially empowering individuals, businesses, and communities. We will continue to push policymakers to address the underlying issues that can make insurance unaffordable and defend against policies that attempt to eliminate many risk-based rating factors.
- **Innovation and Regulatory Modernization** - Insurers need to be able to quickly adapt in a rapidly changing environment. We will work with regulators to modernize the industry and develop privacy and data uniformity that preserves protections without compromising business utility.
- **Improving and Protecting State-Based Workers Compensation Insurance** - We will continue our work to preserve a framework that encourages return to work, cost containment, and high-quality care for injured workers.



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