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Congressional Update: The Electoral College

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C-SPAN's 2016 Electoral College Map



The Electoral College
by the Numbers

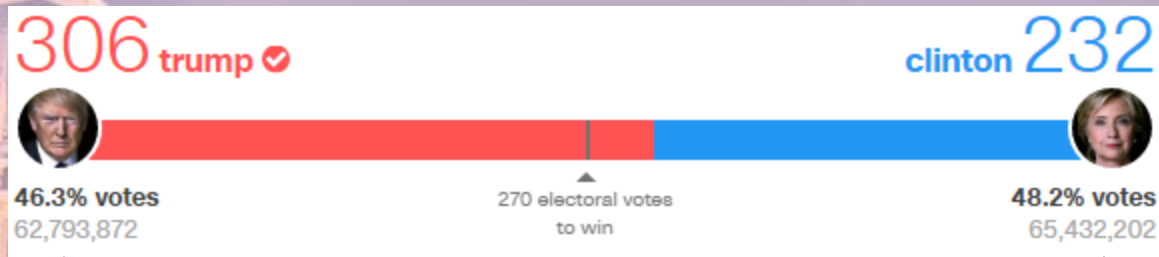
$435 + 100 + 3 = 538$

270

Key
Numbers represent how many electoral votes each state will have in 2016.
Red states: Voters voted Republican in 2012.
Blue states: Voters voted Democrat in 2012.
Purple states: Voters voted Republican in 2008.
Green states: Voters voted Democrat in 2008.

What is the Electoral College?

- Consists of 538 electors distributed throughout each state based on population.
- A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President.



62,793,872

65,432,202

The History of the Electoral College

- Was ratified in 1803.
- Designed in part because at the time, a direct election system would cause the North to outnumber the South, whose many enslaved men and women (more than half a million in all) could not vote.
- The Electoral College was designed to enhance the power of slave states.
- The southern states, although they gave absolutely no rights to enslaved men and women, counted them as three-fifths of a person when it came to voting representation in the House, and did the same in the Electoral College.
- The politics of race and sectional conflict have been absolutely instrumental to preserving the Electoral College over our history.

How does the Electoral College vote?

- Presidential Electors do have the option to vote against the popular vote in their state.
- It would be unprecedented for enough (47) electors to switch their vote to Hillary Clinton. Trump will be the 45th President.
- The 2016 Presidential election was only the fifth time the candidate who lost the popular vote won the electoral college vote.

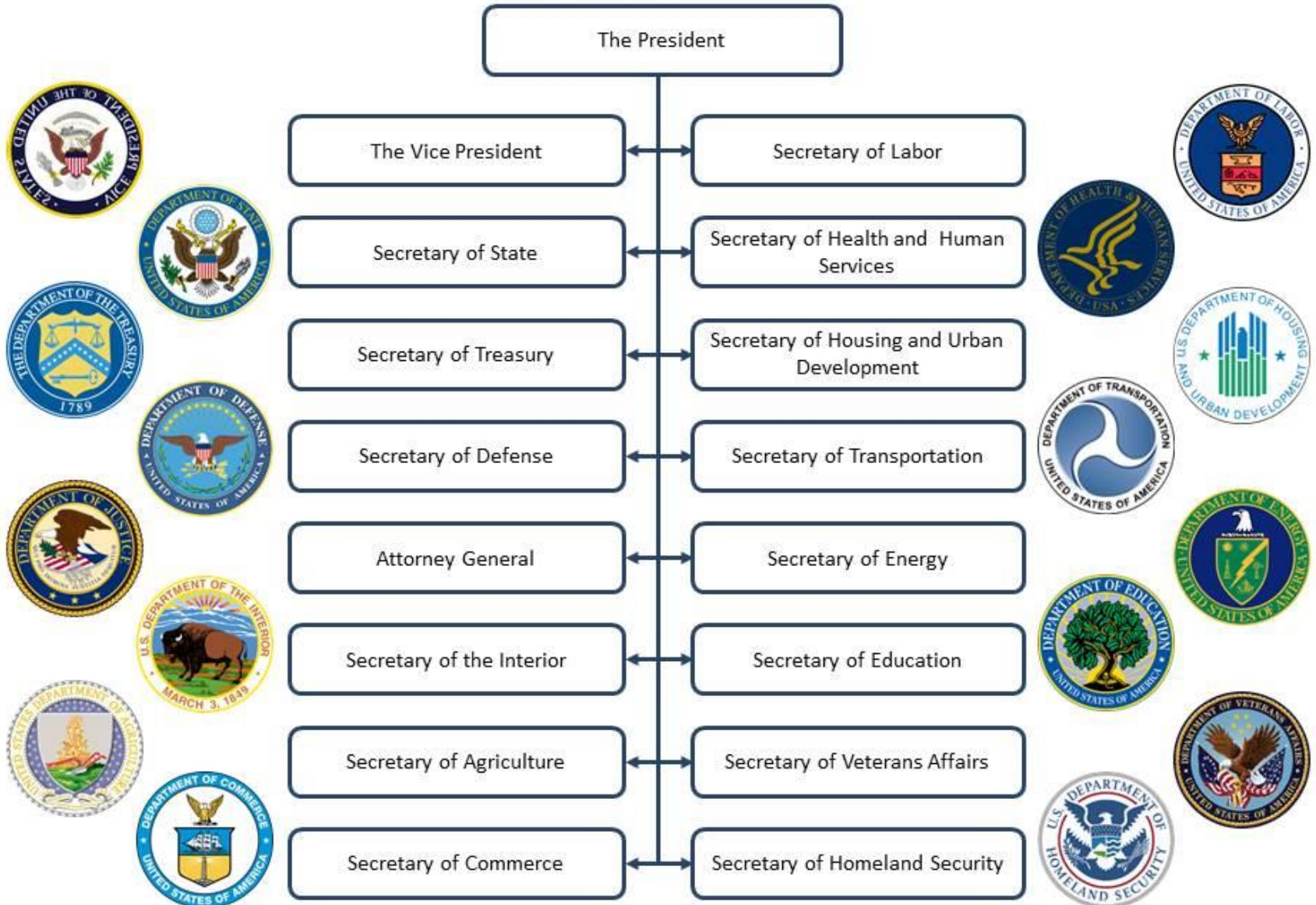


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Congressional Update: Trump's Appointments

Executive Branch



Trump Administration Appointments: Former Military



DIRECTOR OF CIA

MIKE POMPEO



NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

RET. LT. GEN. MIKE FLYNN



**DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND
SECURITY**

JOHN KELLY



**DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE**

JAMES MATTIS



**DEP'T OF JUSTICE
(ATTORNEY GENERAL)**

JEFF SESSIONS

Trump Administration Appointments: Former Bankers



**DEPARTMENT
OF THE TREASURY**

STEVEN MNUCHIN



**COUNCIL OF
ECONOMIC ADVISERS**

GARY COHN



**DEPARTMENT
OF COMMERCE**

WILBUR ROSS

Attorney General Jeff Sessions

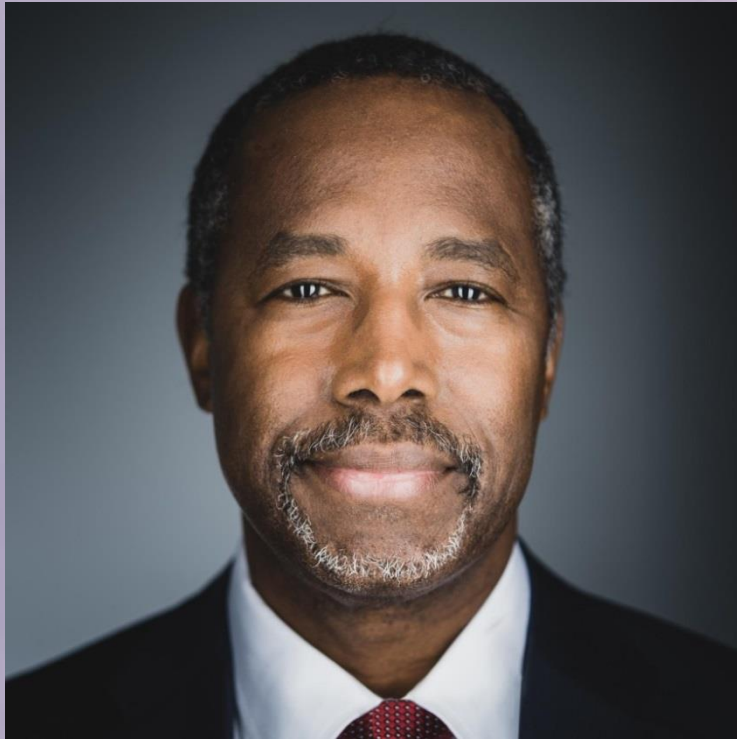


- Is known for his anti-Muslim views.
- In 2013, he questioned the National Endowment for the Humanities' expenditure of public money on 900 books in libraries across the country to educate people about Islam.
- Defended Trump's anti-muslim comments during campaign.
- Rejected for a federal judgeship in 1986 over allegations he made racist remarks,



Housing and Urban Development

Ben Carson



- No Government Experience.
- Claimed he didn't feel qualified to run a govt. agency.
- Publically opposed a move to strengthen the HUD-controlled Fair Housing Rule



Secretary of Energy

Rick Perry



- Fmr. Governor of Texas
- Has questioned the scientific consensus on climate change and once forgot the name of the agency when listing those he wanted to eliminate.
- Dismissed climate science
- Graduated with an Animal Science degree
- Flunked organic chemistry while at Texas A&M, got a C in physics
- Doesn't have an advanced degree



Environmental Protection agency

Scott Pruitt

- Former AG of Oklahoma
- Climate change denier and fossil fuel industry shill
- Boasts being “a leading advocate against the EPA’s activist agenda.”
- Has fought to pad the profits of Big Polluters at the expense of public health.
- Currently suing the EPA over the clean power plan implementation and methane reduction efforts.
- Sued the Obama Administration over immigration policies.



Trump Will Reverse the Clean Power Plan (CPP)

- CCP is the single greatest regulatory boon to the natural gas industry in history.
- Requires states to develop plans to lower carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.
- Trump promised to “cancel” the Paris Agreement on climate change and to revoke the CPP, which would increase use of natural gas and decrease coal production by 25%.
- Trump’s Supreme Court appointment will affect the CPP.

Trump on Fracking

- Trump recently tweeted: “Fracking will lead to American energy independence. With price of natural gas continuing to drop, we can be at a tremendous advantage.”
- Trump supports fracking but says towns and states should be allowed to ban the drilling practice.



What Can We Do To Protect The Environment?

- Apply public pressure- polls demonstrate bipartisan support for action on climate change and protections for clean air and clean water, and we should urge Donald Trump to respect that support.
- Expose the ties between the fossil fuel industry and Trump appointees as they recommend changes in laws and regulations on things such as the clean air act.
- Trump cannot reverse Obama's national monument designations (which protect public lands and water) absent an act of Congress, which would be unprecedented.
- Environmental groups can sue the administration over bad energy policy.
- We can win in the states: Much of the progress on climate change over the past decade has occurred at the state and local level, and that will be even more true in a Trump era. Large environmental and progressive groups have reported record fundraising in the days after the election. Community-based groups have also seen an outpouring of support.

Department of Labor

Andrew Puzder



- CEO of CKE Restaurants (Hardee's/Carl's Jr.)- base salary is \$1 million.
- No gov. experience.
- Opposed efforts to expand overtime pay.
- Fought against \$15 minimum wage.
- Supports replacing jobs with machines.
- Supports repealing ACA.



Images from Carl Jr. Commercials



Commerce Secretary: Wilbur Ross



- President: WL Ross & Co
- A practiced corporate raider- Built his estimated \$2.5 billion fortune by snapping up distressed industrial businesses.
- Has repeatedly denounced plans to raise the minimum wage and the Associated Press quotes him as saying that he will replace workers with robots if this happens.
- 60 percent of his restaurants have rampant wage and hour violations and California alone has fined his corporation \$20 million for breaking labor laws.
- Trump owes him favors – Ross helped resurrect Trump’s Atlantic City casinos after they went bankrupt.



Treasury Secretary: Steven Mnuchin



- Billionaire former Goldman Sachs executive and current Hollywood producer.
- Outsider to public policy. No government experience.
- Was picked because he raised millions for Trump campaign as Chief fundraiser.

National Economic Council: Gary Cohn



- Current Goldman Sachs President and COO
- May get a tax benefit if he sells his \$216 Million in shares in order to avoid conflict of interest
- Does not require Senate Confirmation



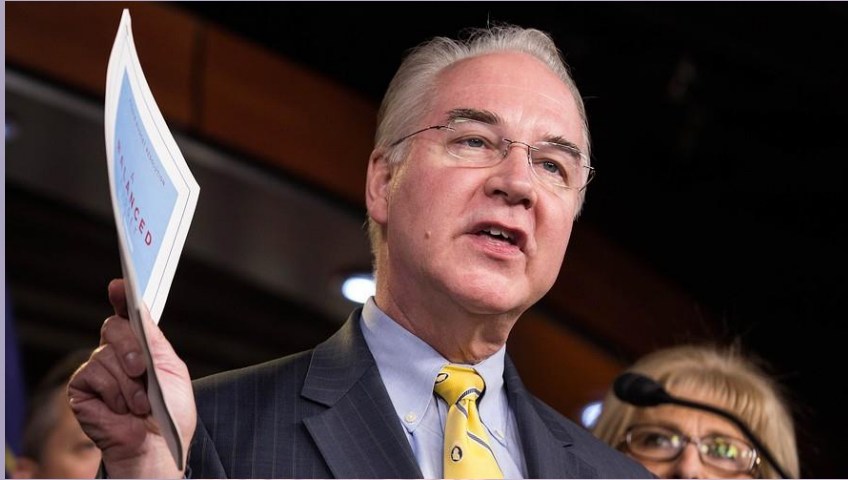
Trump's Hypocritical Views on Bankers

- Trump once condemned the "global power structure" for robbing America's working class and enriching the elite.
- Now, the president-elect is leaning on several former Goldman Sachs executives to help him run the country after he takes over in January.
- This is the same Trump who said Goldman Sachs had "total, total control" over his rivals Hillary Clinton and Ted Cruz. And he often referenced Clinton's speeches to Goldman Sachs, accusing her of meeting "in secret with international banks to plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty."

Trump Could Destroy the Economy

- A report from Moody's predicted that Trump's plans would lead to a recession
- Trump's planned spending splurge and tax cuts will create an economic boom in 2017 and 2018 - but a recession in 2019, according to economists at Legal & General.
- The economy is already running at full capacity with low unemployment and rising wages. The fiscal injection will cause the economy to overheat, pushing up inflation and forcing the Fed to raise interest rates, before running out of steam and crashing.
- Trump's plan has been called "completely unaffordable" and will result in a "catastrophic widening of the budget deficit"
- Congress is unlikely to terminate our trade agreements, but a President Trump can reduce the effectiveness of those treaties by challenging other countries' compliance with the agreements.

Health and Human Services: Tom Price



- Chairman of the House Budget Committee
- Early supporter of Trump's presidential candidacy.
- Voted to Prohibit funding for NPR
- Wants to repeal Obamacare
- Introduced legislation to help doctors better defend themselves against malpractice.
- Wants to reduce the federal govt's control over healthcare providers



Affordable Care Act Under Trump

- Repealing the ACA without any replacement plan could double the uninsured rate by 2019, to 59 million Americans
- Trump is betraying his voters by putting big corporations against the needs of everyday working families, and that will extend to Obamacare
- Trump has no plan to replace Obamacare
- Some Republicans have called for delaying the effects of a repeal for up to three years until a replacement plan can be crafted and agreed upon



Secretary of State: Rex Tillerson



- ExxonMobil CEO
- Owns Exxon shares worth \$151 million
- No government experience
- Has close ties to Vladimir Putin- In 2013 he was awarded the Order of Friendship by Putin
- Little is known of the foreign policy views held by Mr. Tillerson



National Security Adviser: Michael Flynn



- Retired Lt. Gen.
- Known to be a proponent of stronger ties with Russia, as well as a critic of President Obama.
- Once claimed Arabic signs on southern border guide 'radicalized Muslims' into US
- Used social media to promote a series of outrageous conspiracy theories about Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama and their inner circles in recent months.
- Has retweeted accusations that Clinton is involved with child sex trafficking and has "secretly waged war" on the Catholic Church, as well as charges that Obama is a "jihadi" who "laundered" money for Muslim terrorists.



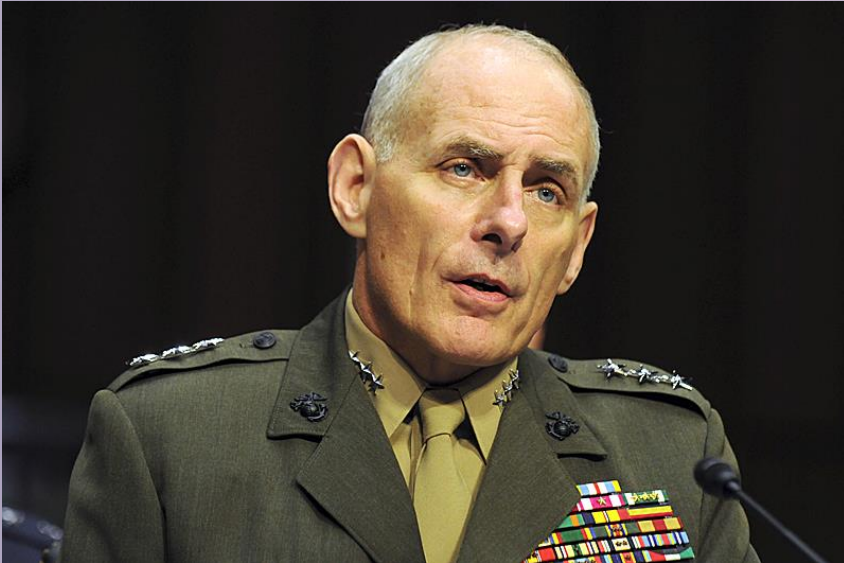
CIA Director: Rep. Mike Pompeo



- Kansas Congressional member first elected during the tea party wave of 2010, serves on the Energy and Commerce and House Intelligence committees
- Served on house select Benghazi committee.
- Accused Muslim leaders of endorsing terrorism.
- Former CEO of an oilfield company and also of an aerospace company he founded.



Secretary of Homeland Security: John Kelley



- Retired Marine General
- We have no idea what Gen. Kelly's views on immigration are or what his experience is
- Kelly has spoken of the need for strong security on the U.S.-Mexico border, but also has shown some empathy when speaking about why migrants choose to flee their home countries in the first place.



Defense Secretary: James Mattis



- Requires a congressional waiver in order to assume the role of secretary of defense.
- Those who serve in this post be retired from active-duty military service for seven years prior to their appointment.
- Mattis retired three years ago, he needs Congress to approve an exemption for the time requirement.



Dept. of Interior: Rep. Ryan Zinke



- Would oversee most of the United States' federal land, along with wildlife, parks, offshore drilling, American Indian tribal relations and more.
- Would lead administration's efforts to open up federal lands and waters to fossil-fuel development
- Received a score of three percent — out of 100 — from the League of Conservation Voters for his voting record on environmentally-friendly legislation.
- Consistently supported harmful, anti-wildlife legislation that would severely undermine the Endangered Species Act and remove or block protections for hundreds of imperiled species

Education Secretary: Betsy DeVos



- Wants to shrink the Dept. of Education
- The billionaire DeVos family also owns the Orlando Magic. Dick DeVos' father founded Amway.
- Prominent charter school advocate from Michigan, has also chaired the state's Republican party.
- Currently serves as Chairwoman of the American Federation for Children, a school choice advocacy group.
- Brother founded Blackwater- a private security firm which had operations in Iraq



Small Business Administration: Linda McMahon



- Co-founder and former CEO of WWE wrestling.
- Current co-founder and CEO of Women's Leadership Live LLC, which aims to help women start or expand their own businesses

