2018 Election Analysis
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Blue Wave?
Mixed Results

Senate Election Results: Republicans Keep Majority

Democrats: 47
- 23 Democrats not up for election
- Lost 1 seat
- 48,298,676 votes (57.5%)

Republicans: 51
- 42 Republicans not up for election
- Gained 1 seat
- 34,324,732 votes (40.9%)

House Election Results: Democrats Take Control

Democrats: 227
- Gained 32 seats
- 53,637,622 votes (51.6%)

Republicans: 198
- Lost 32 seats
- 48,530,393 votes (46.7%)
Some Districts became more Red...

Note: The longer an arrow, the more Republican that district became compared to 2016.
Way more swung Blue

Note: The longer an arrow, the more Democrat that district became compared to 2016.
The Suburbs!!!
Democrats Primarily Won Congressional Seats in Urban and Suburban Areas

Rise of the Suburbanites!
Things Seem Pretty Good...

- Dow up 42.3% since Election 2016 (St. Louis Federal Reserve)
- Unemployment at 3.7% (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Wage growth over 3% in October, first time since 2009 (CNBC)

7 of out 10 think the economy is in “good shape” (NBC News Exit Poll)
...But

Only 4 out of 10 think country is headed on the “right track” (NBC News Exit Poll)
President Trump

Trump Approval

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<th>National (NBC News Exit Poll)</th>
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<td><strong>Approve</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Disapprove</strong></td>
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**Approval Percentages:**
- 38% for Minnesota
- 45% for National
Many used vote to express disapproval with Trump

- 55% of voters say they want Democrats to control Congress in order to be a check on the President (Washington Post Poll)
In Minnesota?
Statewide Turnout High

Midterm Voter Turnout in Minnesota

- 2002: 64.89%
- 2006: 60.47%
- 2010: 55.83%
- 2014: 50.51%
- 2018: 63.89%
Voter Turnout Spikes in Greater MN

Midterm Voter Turnout in Greater Minnesota

- 2002: 1,038,139
- 2006: 1,023,827
- 2010: 976,401
- 2014: 923,846
- 2018: 1,115,203
But Greater Minnesota Vote Share is Declining

Share of Total Vote from Greater Minnesota

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Where did Walz win?

Walz & Johnson 2018 Vote Totals by Region

- **7-County Metro**
  - Tim Walz: 899,988
  - Jeff Johnson: 527,573

- **7-County Metro + Olmsted & St. Louis County**
  - Tim Walz: 998,993
  - Jeff Johnson: 593,322

- **Remaining 78 Counties**
  - Tim Walz: 393,962
  - Jeff Johnson: 504,398

- **Statewide**
  - Tim Walz: 1,392,955
  - Jeff Johnson: 1,097,720

Tim Walz   Jeff Johnson
Walz cleans up in Metro

2018 Governor Election Results

Walz (Vote Totals in 7-County Metro + Olmsted and St. Louis Counties) 998,993
Johnson (Statewide Vote Total) 1,097,720
Dayton vs. Walz
Margin of Victory: Walz vs. Dayton

- Dayton 2010: 8,770
- Dayton 2014: 109,856
- Walz 2018: 295,327
County by County: Dayton vs. Walz

2010
Dayton wins 28 counties

2014
Dayton wins 34 counties

2018
Walz wins 22 counties
2018 TOTAL VOTES

Amy Klobuchar: 1.57M
Tim Walz: 1.39M
DFL House Caucus: 1.39M
Tina Smith: 1.37M
Steve Simon: 1.33M
Julie Blaha: 1.25M
Keith Ellison: 1.25M
GOP House Caucus: 1.15M
The Race for the MN House
DFL Flips House

House 2016

DFL: 77
GOP: 57

House 2018

DFL: 59
GOP: 75
2016 General Election for Minnesota House
Winning Margin by District

Officials Results

- Republican win
- DFL win
- Margin of 5-15%
- Margin of 15%

Margins reflect the difference between the final and second-place vote percentages, except in districts where only one major party candidate filed, in which case the candidate receiving the largest share of the vote is declared winner.

Minnesota Secretary of State
Elections Division
November 2016
House DFL, Rural vs. Metro

2016 House DFL
- Rural: 16
- Metro: 41

2018 House DFL
- Rural: 18
- Metro: 57
Urban – Rural Divisions Grow

Minnesota House Caucus Vote Totals
Metro v Greater Minnesota

DFL Vote Total  
Metro: 903,090  
Greater Minnesota: 546,372

GOP Vote Total  
Metro: 485,749  
Greater Minnesota: 604,789
Blue Wave Felt Across Minnesota

Number of MN House Districts that Swung Left or Right

DFL Vote Share Increased in District: 112

GOP Vote Share Increased in District: 22
GOP lost ground in Trump Country, but not seats

Average Margin of Victory by House GOP Candidate in Districts Trump Won

- **2016**: 24.65%
- **2018**: 16.54%
State Senate Special Election

Jeff Howe (GOP)  
57.38%

Joe Perske (DFL)  
42.57%
What does this mean for governing?
A Suburban Majority

Number of Metro Seats Held by House Majority Party

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Senior Leadership

Melissa Hortman (DFL)
Speaker of the House

Ryan Winkler (DFL)
Majority Leader
Likely House Chairs

- Ways and Means = Lyndon Carlson
- Capital Investment = Alice Hausman
- Jobs/Econ. Dev. = Tim Mahoney
- Environment = Jean Wagenius or Rick Hansen
Saving Grace for Greater MN...

Likely Tax Chair = Paul Marquart
Likely Priorities for DFL House

- Budget
- Health care
- Clean water/green energy
- Unfinished business
  - Tax conformity
  - Opioid crisis
  - Nursing home abuse/neglect
  - Other items from “omnibus omnibus bill”
House GOP Leadership

Kurt Daudt (GOP)
Minority Leader
GOP Senate, Rural vs. Metro

2018 Senate GOP

- 23: Rural
- 11: Metro

Legend: Metro - Rural
Tom Bakk (DFL)
Minority Leader
MN Only State with Divided Legislature

- Compromise will be required
- Metro/rural interests will still need to be balanced
- Will divided legislature mean better process?
- Gov. Walz will have significant influence on outcomes large and small
- Commissioners and agency staff matter
Job for CGMC

- Articulate clear, reasonable agenda for Greater Minnesota
- Engage! Engage! Engage!
- Pay attention to all three legs of governing stool: Gov., House, and Senate
- Look for ways to ensure Greater MN perspective is part of discussion
- Electoral outcomes do not change our positions **BUT** will inform our strategy
Questions?