NETWORK Post-Election Debrief: Understanding the 2020 Election Results

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Overview

We will be discussing:

- The Presidency & Build Back Better
- The Senate & Budget
- The House of Reps & COVID-19
- Democracy Policy Agenda
- Q&A
- What We Do Going Forward

There will be time for questions at the end. Remember to type your questions in the Q&A Box throughout the presentation!
The Presidency

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Presidential Election Timeline

Governors’ Ascertainment of Results
(ASAP, no later than December 14, 2020): The executive of each state is required to certify his/her ascertainment of the state’s election results to the Archivist of the United States “as soon as practicable,” but no later than the date the Electoral College meets. Date set by federal law. See 3 U.S.C. § 6.

Meeting of Electoral College:
Elector(s) meet in their respective states on the same day to cast their votes. Date set by federal law (but required by the Constitution to be the same for all states). See 3 U.S.C. § 7; U.S. Const. art. II, § 1, cl. 4.

New Congress Sworn In:
This is the day on which all newly elected Members of Congress are sworn in to office. Date set by Constitution. See U.S. Const. amend. XX, § 1.

End of Current Presidential Term:
The current presidential term ends at noon on January 20th. Date set by Constitution. See U.S. Const. amend XX, § 1.

General Election:
This is the method all states have chosen for appointing electors. Date set by federal law. See 3 U.S.C. § 1.

State “Safe Harbor” Deadline:
This is the deadline for states to resolve disputes concerning the appointment of electors (pursuant to laws enacted before Election Day) in order to have those appointments treated as “conclusive” by Congress. Date set by federal law. See 3 U.S.C. § 5.

Receipt of Certificates of Electoral Votes:
This is the last day for certificates of electoral votes to be received by the Senate and Archivist. Date set by federal law. See 3 U.S.C. §§ 12-13.

Joint Session of Congress:
Congress opens electoral certificates from the states, considers any objections and resolves them under federal law, and counts electoral votes. Date set by federal law. See 3 U.S.C. § 15.
The Presidency

BUILD BACK BETTER
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The Senate

United States Senate
Battle for Control

Democrats 48
- 2 33 no 2020 election
- 13 2 2

Republicans 48
- 2 2 18 no 2020 election
- 30

Current
- 47 53

No Election
- 35 30

Decided
- 13 18

Total (Live)
- 48 48

Remaining
- 4

Safe
- 0 0

Likely
- 0 0

Leaning
- 1 1

Toss-up
- 0

Runoff
- 2

Forecast
- 49 49

Vice President
- 1

Total
- 50 49

Vice President breaks ties. Senate control goes to party with a total of 51 or more.

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The House of Representatives

United States House
Battle for Control

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The Election & Democracy

- Endangered Election
- Democracy delivers
- Mixed Prospects for Reform
- Faithful Democracy
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Upcoming Opportunities

- **Post-Election Dialogue with Field**, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. PT

- **Transformative Conversations to Bridge Divides**, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m. ET/4:00 p.m. PT

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Thank you!

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