

# **2016 State Election Analysis: Virginia**

Presidential, Senate and House election results

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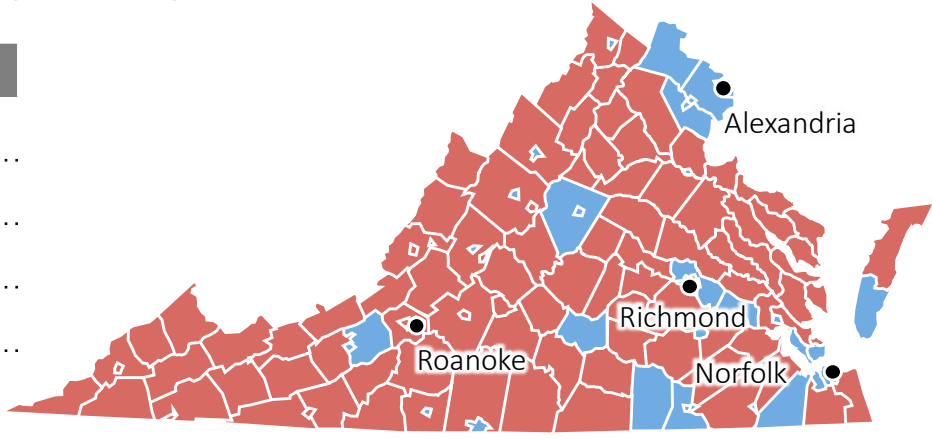
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# Hillary Clinton keeps Virginia blue after producing large margins in northern Virginia

## Virginia presidential election results, by county

Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	1,981,473	49.8%
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	1,769,443	44.4%
	Gary Johnson/Bill Weld	118,274	3.0%
	Evan McMullin/Mindy Finn	54,054	1.4%



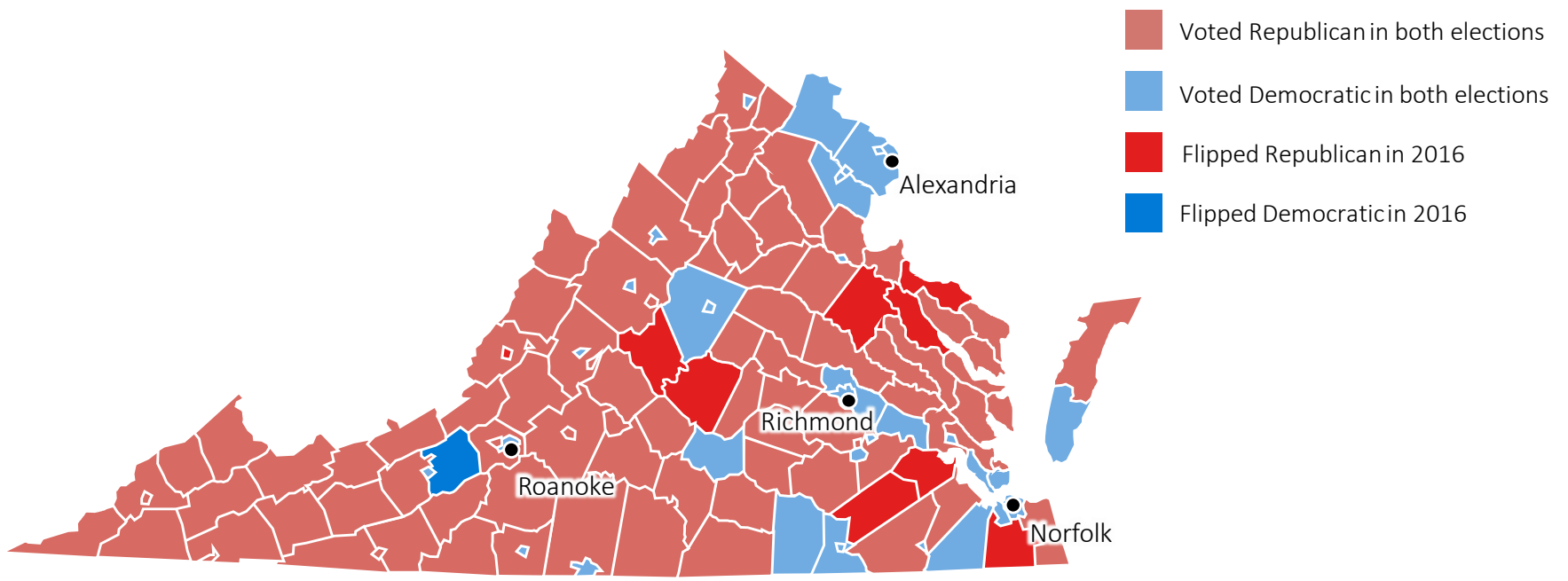
### Analysis

- Hillary Clinton produced margins of between 20 and 30 points in the populous, northern Virginia suburbs of Washington DC
- Donald Trump flipped a large handful of counties in the eastern portion of the state that voted for President Obama in 2012

Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.

# Flipping eight counties wasn't enough to secure a win for Trump in Virginia

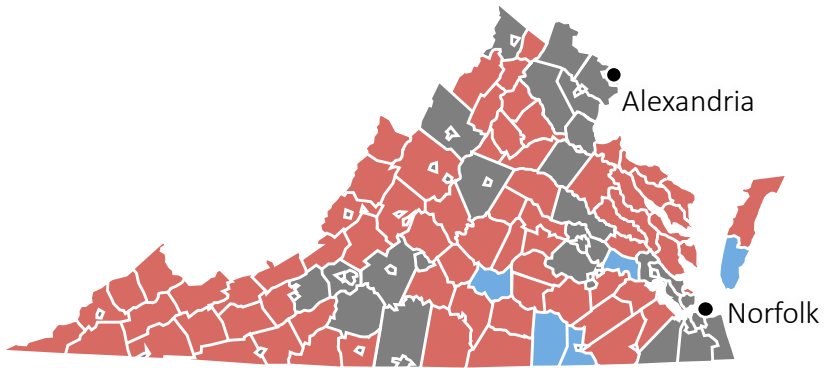
## Comparing 2012 and 2016 presidential election results



Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.

# Urban and rural turnout in the state was nearly identical

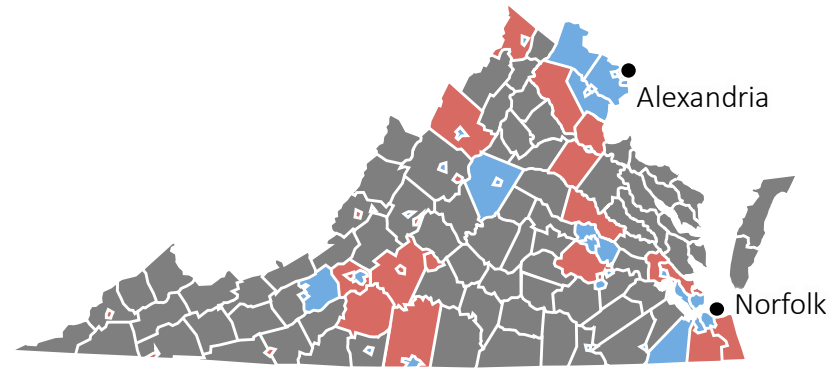
## Rural counties



Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	540,947	64.4%
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	264,147	31.4%

**Rural Turnout: 71%**

## Urban and suburban counties



Legend	Candidate	Votes	Pct.
<span style="color: blue;">■</span>	Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine	1,718,889	54.6%
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Donald Trump/Mike Pence	1,232,011	39.1%

**Urban Turnout: 71%**

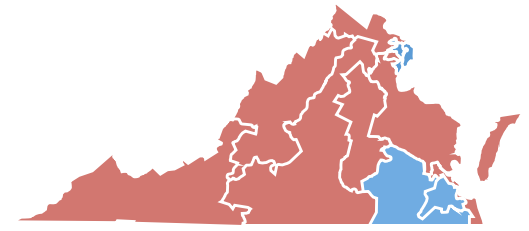
Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016; Virginia Board of Elections, "Election results by locality," 2016.

# Virginia elects three freshmen to Congress, all incumbents win their races

## Results of Virginia congressional races

*Italics denote incumbent*

District	Winner	% Vote	Challenger	% Vote
VA-01	<i>Wittman (R)</i>	61%	Rowe (D)	36%
VA-02	Taylor (R)	62%	Brown (D)	38%
VA-03	<i>Scott (D)</i>	67%	Williams (R)	33%
VA-04	McEachin (D)	57%	Wade (R)	43%
VA-05	Garrett (R)	58%	Dittmar (D)	42%
VA-06	<i>Goodlatte (R)</i>	67%	Degner (D)	33%
VA-07	<i>Brat (R)</i>	58%	Bedell (D)	42%
VA-08	<i>Beyer (D)</i>	69%	Hernick (R)	27%
VA-09	<i>Griffith (R)</i>	69%	Kitts (D)	28%
VA-10	<i>Comstock (R)</i>	53%	Bennett (D)	47%
VA-11	<i>Connolly (D)</i>		Uncontested	



Sources: National Journal Research, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.

# Tax exemption for spouses of law enforcement passes, amendment weakening unions fails

## Results of Virginia state ballot measures

Title and Topic	Full Text	% For	% Against
Question 1: "Right to work" amendment	"Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?"	46.38%	53.62%
Question 2: Tax exemption for surviving spouses of police	"Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?"	79.74%	20.26%

Source: Ballotpedia, 2016; Associated Press, 2016.