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Week in Review

Friday, November 30

- Gathered in Buenos Aires for the annual G20 Summit, President Donald Trump, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and outgoing Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto [signed](#) the United States–Mexico–Canada trade deal into law, replacing the NAFTA deal.
- House Democrats [unveiled the details of legislation](#) they plan to propose in January after the new Congress is sworn in: an anti-corruption bill that aims to strengthen ethics laws and expand voting rights.
- The Marriott International hotel chain said that the personal details of up to 500 million guests [had been compromised](#) after an unauthorized party hacked into its reservation system earlier this year.

Monday, December 3

- President Donald Trump railed against one longtime associate, Michael Cohen, while [praising](#) another, Roger Stone, for refusing to testify against him. “Nice to know some people still have ‘guts!’” Trump wrote. The tweet drew criticism and [accusations](#) of witness tampering.
- The body of the late President George H. W. Bush, who died Friday at the age of 94, [was flown to Washington, D.C.](#), where he lay in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda before his funeral Wednesday. Trump attended the funeral, but did not deliver a eulogy.

- The House and Senate [plan to vote](#) this week to extend the government-shutdown deadline by two weeks, funding the government through December 21.

Tuesday, December 4

- After a closed-door briefing with CIA Director Gina Haspel, several senators, including the Republican Lindsey Graham, said that [evidence strongly points](#) to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's involvement in the murder of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The Republican Bob Corker said, "If the crown prince went in front of a jury, he would be convicted within 30 minutes."
- In a series of tweets, President Donald Trump threw a potential trade deal between the United States and China into confusion by [threatening to impose](#) more tariffs on China if the country does not adhere to the terms that he and Chinese President Xi Jinping said they agreed upon over the weekend at the G20 summit.
- Incoming House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer [said](#) that Democrats might refuse to seat North Carolina Republican Representative Mark Harris until election officials investigate [allegations](#) of absentee-ballot fraud against his 2018 campaign.

Wednesday, December 5

- The funeral for former President George H. W. Bush, who died Friday at the age of 94, was held Wednesday at the Washington National Cathedral. Several former lawmakers gave eulogies at the funeral, including former President—and eldest son—[George W. Bush](#).
- The GOP-controlled Wisconsin state legislature [passed measures](#) to limit the powers of the incoming Democratic governor and attorney general.
- Faced with 100 lawsuits from former team doctor Larry Nassar's sexual-assault victims, USA Gymnastics [has declared bankruptcy](#).

Thursday, December 6

- Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick has [announced](#) in a statement that he will not be running for president in 2020, saying that the "cruelty of our elections process" would adversely impact people close to him.

- Meng Wanzou, the chief financial officer of Huawei, China's largest telecom manufacturer, was [arrested in Canada](#) on charges likely related to American sanctions against Iran. The American government has requested her extradition.
- Newly disclosed emails [show](#) that a top White House appointee at the Department of Veterans Affairs attempted to prevent the agency's chief diversity officer from condemning white nationalist-associated violence in Charlottesville last year.

Top Stories: Visualized

1. [High-level trends](#) — Key takeaways from the 2018 midterm elections

Republicans have enlarged their Senate majority but lost the House for the first time since the 2010 midterms

Control of Congress and the White House by party

2009-2019; COMPOSITION ON JANUARY 20 OF EACH YEAR

■ Republican control ■ Democratic control

*House & Senate margins as of 8 a.m., 11/29/18

**Independents Sanders and King, who caucus with the Democrats, have been included in the Democratic tally

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| House | D+77 | D+78 | R+49 | R+50 | R+33 | R+33 | R+59 | R+59 | R+47 | R+45 | D+35* |
| Senate** | D+16 | D+20 | D+6 | D+6 | D+10 | D+10 | R+8 | R+8 | R+4 | R+2 | R+5* |
| White House | Obama | Obama | Obama | Obama | Obama | Obama | Obama | Obama | Trump | Trump | Trump |

2. [House Committee Rosters](#) — Up-to-date rosters with all committee and subcommittee members listed in order of seniority with denoted retirements, losses, and successful reelections






| Republicans | Democrats |
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| 1. K. Michael Conaway (TX-11) Chairman | 1. Collin C. Peterson (MN-7) Ranking Member |
| 2. Bob Goodlatte (VA-6) | 2. David Scott (GA-13) |
| 3. Frank D. Lucas (OK-3) | 3. Jim Costa (CA-16) |
| 4. Steve King (IA-4) | 4. Timothy J. Wole (MN-1) |
| 5. Mike Rogers (AL-3) | 5. Marcia L. Fudge (OH-11) |
| 6. Glenn Thompson (PA-5) | 6. James P. McGovern (MA-2) |
| 7. Bob Gibbs (OH-7) | 7. Filemon Vela (TX-34) |
| 8. Austin Scott (GA-8) | 8. Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM-1) |
| 9. Eric A. "Rick" Crawford (AR-1) | 9. Ann M. Kuster (NH-2) |
| 10. Scott DesJarlais (TN-4) | 10. Richard M. Nolan (MN-8) |
| 11. Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) | 11. Cheri Bustos (IL-17) |
| 12. Jeff Denham (CA-10) | 12. Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) |
| 13. Doug LaMalfa (CA-1) | 13. Stacey E. Plaskett (VI) |
| 14. Rodney Davis (IL-13) | 14. Alma S. Adams (NC-12) |
| 15. Ted S. Yoho (FL-3) | 15. Dwight Evans (PA-2) |
| 16. Rick W. Allen (GA-12) | 16. Al Lawson (FL-5) |
| 17. Mike Bost (IL-12) | 17. Tom O'Halleran (AZ-1) |
| 18. David Rouzer (NC-7) | 18. Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) |
| 19. Ralph Lee Abraham (LA-5) | 19. Darren Soto (FL-9) |
| 20. Trent Kelly (MS-1) | 20. Lisa Blunt Rochester (DE-AL) |
| 21. James Comer (KY-1) | |
| 22. Roger W. Marshall (KS-1) | |
| 23. Don Bacon (NE-2) | |
| 24. John J. Faso (NY-19) | |
| 25. Neal P. Dunn (FL-2) | |
| 26. Jodey C. Arrington (TX-19) | |

LEGEND

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| Retired, sought other office, or lost primary/general election |
| Won reelection |
| (For Senate) Not up for reelection in 2018 |
| Race not yet called |

3. [Leadership in the 116th Congress](#) — House and Senate leadership shifts

Majority leadership, US House, 116th Congress (1/2)

| | Leadership position | Leadership PAC <small>Data released by FEC on Oct. 26, 2018</small> |
|---|---|--|
| 1 |  Nancy Pelosi (CA-12) Speaker-designate | PAC to the Future Total raised: \$1,237,137 |
| 2 |  Steny Hoyer (MD-05) Majority Leader | AmeriPAC: The Fund for a Greater America Total raised: \$4,524,614 |
| 3 |  James Clyburn (SC-06) Majority Whip | BRIDGE PAC Total raised: \$1,248,164 |
| 4 |  Ben Ray Luján (NM-3) Assistant Democratic Leader | Turquoise PAC Total raised: \$520,296 |
| 5 |  Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08) Democratic Caucus Chair | Jobs, Education & Families First PAC Total raised: \$268,500 |

Hotline: Overlooked

Where Age Is More Than Just a Number: Republicans hold just two of the 26 districts with the youngest median age, and both are in Utah, [The Hill](#) reported.

First-Term Wonder: Had Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) run for governor, he would have been the first senator to run for an office other than president during his first term since Jon Corzine (D-NJ), who was elected to the Senate in 2000 and governor in 2005.

In the Split-Ticket Thicket: Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Cory Gardner of Colorado will be the only two Republican senators in the next Congress from states carried by Hillary Clinton, [Bloomberg](#) noted, and both are up for reelection.

The Most Junior Freshman: Sen.-elect Rick Scott's (R-FL) [decision](#) not to take the oath until Jan. 8, when his term as governor ends, will make him the most junior member of the Senate, barring the timing of an appointment to replace Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, who has not committed to serving through the next Congress.

Hotline: Quotes of the Week

"People are telling me, this building is better than that one and I'm like—either way, I'm on the Hill." —Rep.-elect **Jahana Hayes** (D-CT 05), on the office lottery Friday, [Roll Call](#), 11/29.

"Where they stand is how they see the world. And the world is not their congressional district." —Retiring Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL 27), on most of the remaining House Republicans, [New York Times](#), 12/2.

"I am a gaffe machine, but my God what a wonderful thing compared to a guy who can't tell the truth." —Former Vice President **Joe Biden**, on a book tour stop in Montana, [CNN](#), 12/4.

"I think he could learn a few things from me." —Maryland Gov. **Larry Hogan** (R), on President **Trump**, [National Journal](#), 12/4.

Look Ahead

Tuesday, December 11

SEC Oversight: The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "Oversight of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)"

National Debt: The House Financial Services Committee holds a hearing on "The National Debt: Washington, We Have a Spending Problem."

Google: The House Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on "Transparency and Accountability: Examining Google and its Data Collection, Use and Filtering Practices."

Wednesday, December 12

U.S. Interests in Africa: The House Foreign Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "Development, Diplomacy, and Defense: Promoting U.S. Interests in Africa."

Chinese espionage: The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on "China's Non-Traditional Espionage Against the United States: The Threat and Potential Policy Responses."

Missing Native People: The Senate Indian Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "' Missing and Murdered: Confronting the Silent Crisis in Indian Country."

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