The 2018 General Election and What's Ahead in 2020

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2018 General Election



"Conventionalism won, but it was close."



U.S. Senator Manchin by Less Than Four Percent



U.S. Senate 1 ELECTED					% Complete			
	Precincts Reporting:	1735	of	1735	100%			
			VOTES		%			
D	(i) JOSEPH MANCHIN III		28	8,770	50%			
R	PATRICK MORRISEY		26	9,846	46%			
L	RUSTY HOLLEN		24	1,227	4%			
	JOSEPH MANCHIN III leading by 18,924 votes							



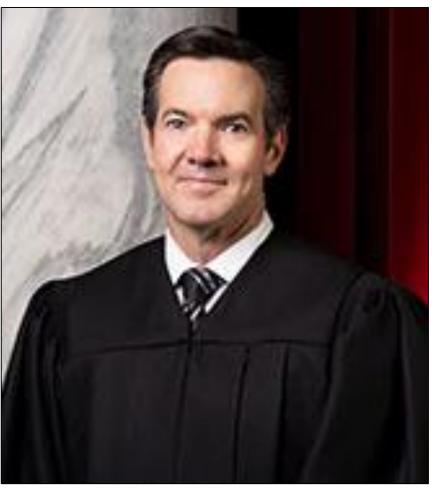
U.S. House Delegation Stays GOP





WV Supreme Court Justices





WV Legislature – GOP Control Maintained – Minor Dem Gains

•WV SENATE

20 Republicans

14 Democrats

Democrats picked up two WV Senate seats. +2 •WV HOUSE

59 Republicans

41 Democrats

Democrats picked up five WV House seats. +5

What Did We Learn From The 2018 General Election?



What Happened in the Population Centers? CITY (County)

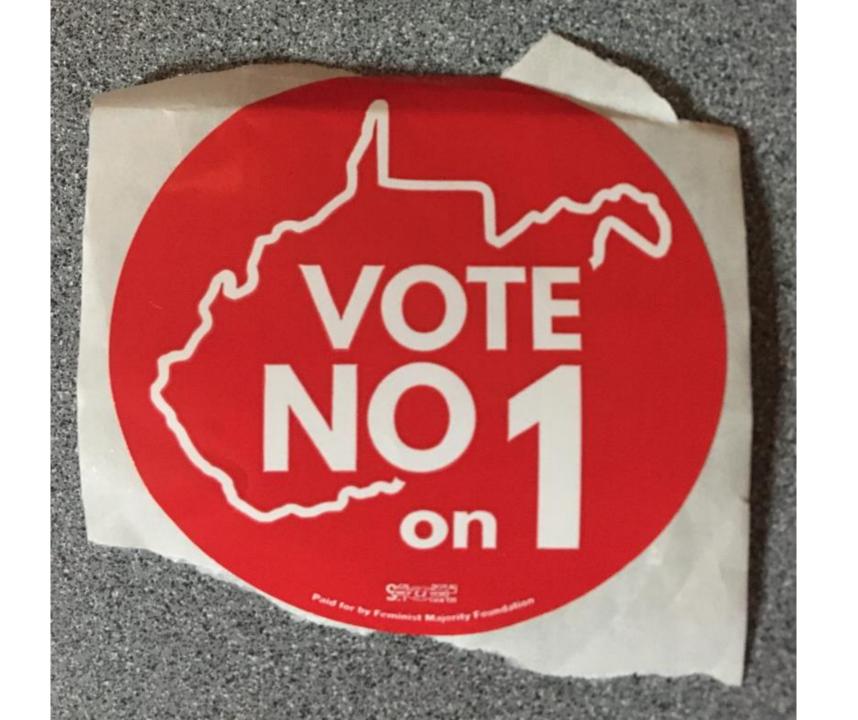
- CHARLESTON (Kanawha) Manchin 16,538+, Sergent 6,633+, Gaunch loses, Dems win Mayor and all City Council Races, Amendment One loses by 6,597
- **HUNTINGTON (Cabell)** Amendment One loses by 1,077
- CHARLES TOWN (Jefferson) Folk, Upson & Moore lose, Amendment One loses by 2,621
- MORGANTOWN (Monongalia) Manchin 7,029+, Oliverio & Frich lose, Amendment One loses by 7,232



Abortions! Not with my money!

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"I have a daughter who's the secretary of health for the state of Louisiana and she's an OB-GYN. She'll tell you that [amendments like Amendment 1] are not helpful in increasing the quality of healthcare for a state."

WVU President E. Gordon Gee



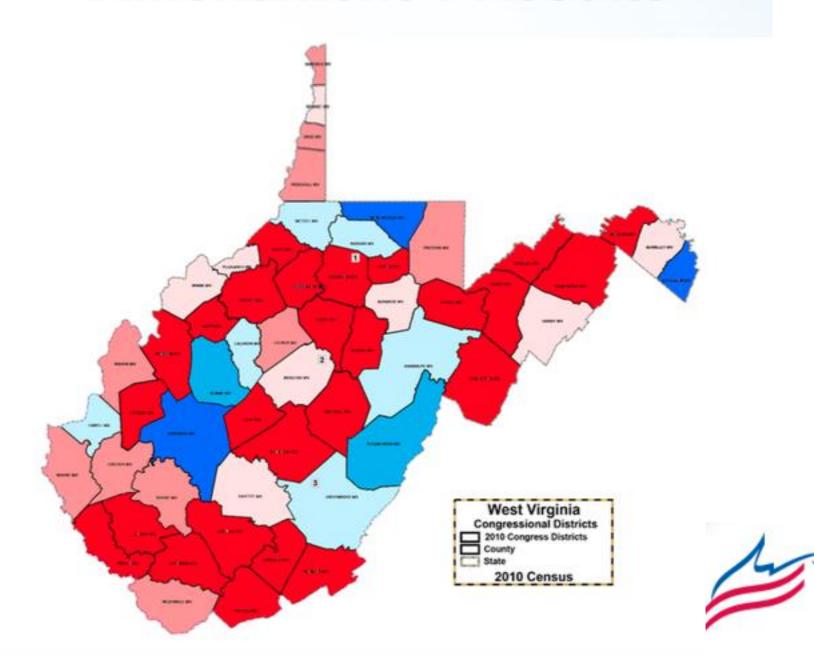


Amendment One Passes

Amendment No 1: No Constitutional Right to Abortion Amendment							
Precincts Reporting: 1735			1735	100%			
			VOTES				
FOR		29	5,511	52%			
AGAINST		27	5,708	48%			
FOR leading by 19,803 votes							

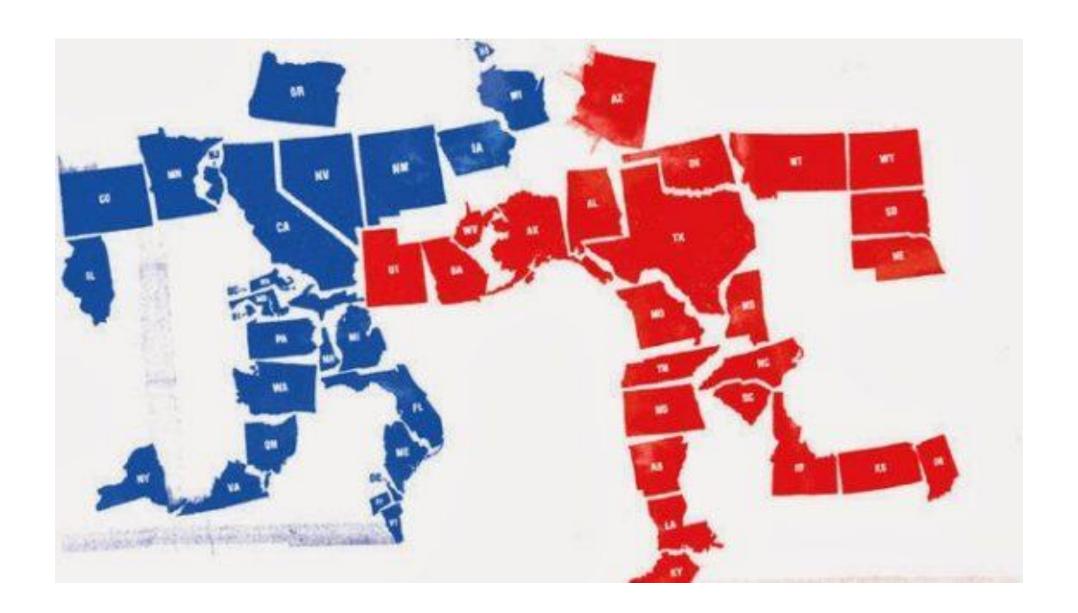


Amendment 1 Results



The Waning Roll of WV's Political Parties





WV Political Parties?

- National Democrats vs. West Virginia Democrats?
- Split in GOP Pro-Business vs. Christian,
 Right vs.

Tea Party

 More Independent Expenditures and Issue Groups with Larger Budgets & Influence

2020 General Election



"If you thought 2018 was crazy, wait until you see 2020!"

2020 Presidential Race





Blue States vs. Red States







Reelection of U.S. Senator Capito



Does WV's U.S. House Delegation Stay GOP?





Reelection of Governor Justice



Other Possible Candidates for Governor?



Governor Justice's First Opponent





Why I'm Running

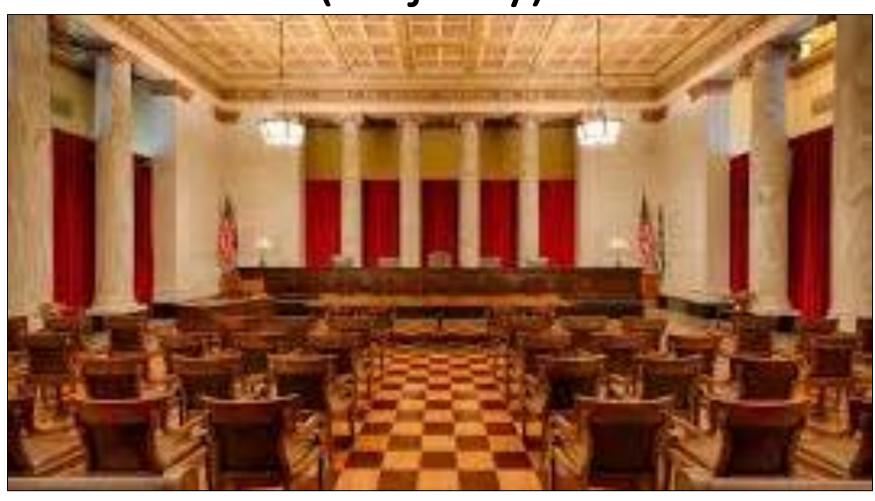


You can feel it. This is a moment. Every 50 years or so, the nation turns to West Virginia for leadership. The American revolution started here. The Civil War, the Mine Wars, the Teachers' Strike - it is in our blood to fight for our people, no matter their race, their accent, or who their father was.

Stephen Smith – Why I'm Running

• "The idea of this campaign is simple: what if the values of generosity and service that guided our neighborhoods also governed our statehouse? What if our state's four billion dollar budget were accountable to working families, instead of Wall Street interests?"

Three WV Supreme Court Races in 2020: 60% of the Court (Majority)



Environmental Activism in West Virginia



Man straps self to machine to protest West Virginia pipeline

November 21, 2018











Arrests

West Virginia

Mountains

LINDSIDE, W.Va. (AP) — Authorities have arrested a protester who strapped himself to construction equipment at a Mountain Valley Pipeline site in West Virginia.

News outlets report state police haven't released details about the Monday arrest at the Lindside site. The man was strapped that morning to the equipment roughly 20 feet above the ground with a sign that said "No pipelines on stolen land."

Authorities arrested him by late that afternoon. A group of protesters also gathered in a nearby parking lot with signs asking to stop the pipeline.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline is a 300-mile (483-kilometer) natural gas pipeline that is being constructed in West Virginia and Virginia and has used eminent domain to acquire project space.

Pipeline developers recently submitted an application to extend pipeline into North Carolina.





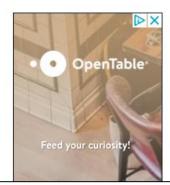
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By Associated Press

November 21

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North Dakota vs. West Virginia

NORTH DAKOTA

Population – 755K

70,762 sq. mi

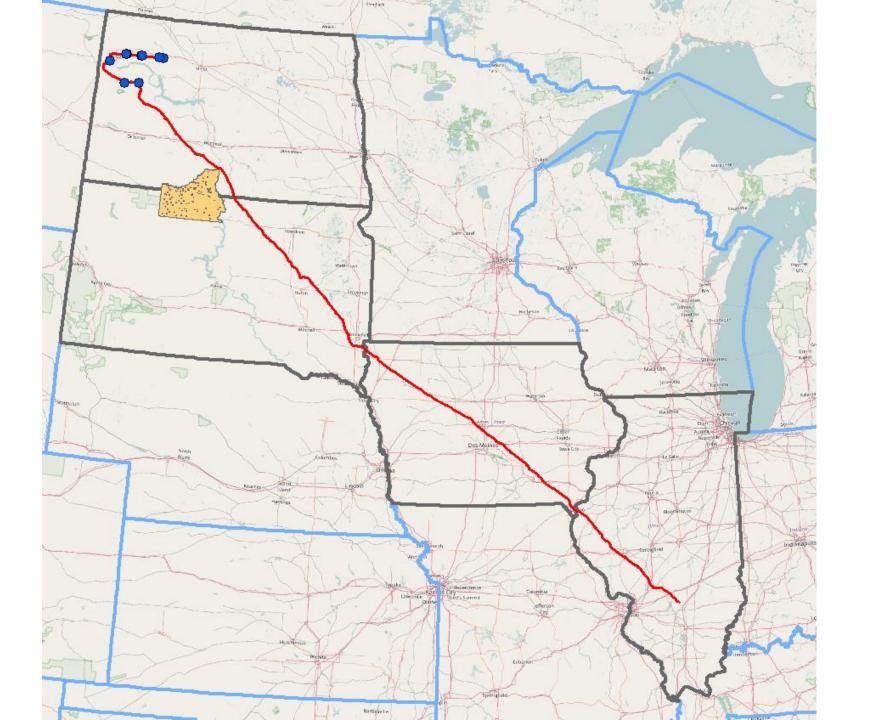
- GOP Congressional Delegation Except for Dem U.S. Senator
- GOP Governor and Both Houses of Legislature

WEST VIRGINIA

Population – 1,815K

24,230 sq. mi

- GOP Congressional Delegation Except for Dem U.S. Senator
- GOP Governor and Both Houses of Legislature





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TOP STORY

Police investigate threats against Rockwool

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RANSON – Ranson Police Chief William Roper says his office is investigating multiple threats made against Rockwool, the Danish stonewool insulation manufacturer completing site preparation at the former Jefferson Orchards.

Though he said he could not go into detail about active



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