



2024

ELECTION REPORT

# ELECTION REPORT: THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE 119TH CONGRESS

Every two years, the political landscape shifts as the entire House of Representatives and one-third of the US Senate face re-election. This year's election brought significant changes, with Donald Trump securing the presidency and the Senate flipping to a Republican majority. Republicans have claimed the majority with 218 seats in the US House, with 5 seats left to be called.

## **The 119th Congress and Leadership Changes**

With the change in leadership, both the House and Senate Republicans held their leadership elections the week November 12th. Senator John Thune was tapped as the new Majority Leader in the Senate, the OrthoPAC's first Secretary, Senator John Barrasso, MD was elected as Senate Whip, and Senator Bill Cassidy, MD, will Chair Finance. Speaker Johnson won his nomination to stay in his current role as Speaker, and faces a full US House vote in the new year.

Republicans are eager to capitalize on President Trump's victory and are expected to push forward rapidly during his first 100 days in office. Having learned from their past experience, GOP policymakers are determined to seize this opportunity, focusing their agenda on immigration, taxes, energy, and healthcare.

# THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE 119TH CONGRESS

## **An Influx of Fresh Faces**

This election guarantees a significant influx of newcomers, particularly in the House of Representatives. With 54 seats already assured of new membership—29 Democrats and 25 Republicans—over 60 new members will join the House. Including five new physicians! The Senate has flipped three seats so far, with more results pending, ensuring at least 10 new Senators. This represents more than 10% of the Senate body, and the presence of many new faces will undoubtedly influence legislative dynamics.

## **OrthoPAC's Position and Influence**

Regardless of the party changes, OrthoPAC stands well-positioned for the new Congress. Serving as the sole voice for orthopaedics, OrthoPAC actively participated in numerous races, supporting friends in both the House and Senate. Our investments spanned candidates across party lines, reflecting OrthoPAC's commitment to diversity, dynamism, and broad industry reach.

## **Looking Ahead**

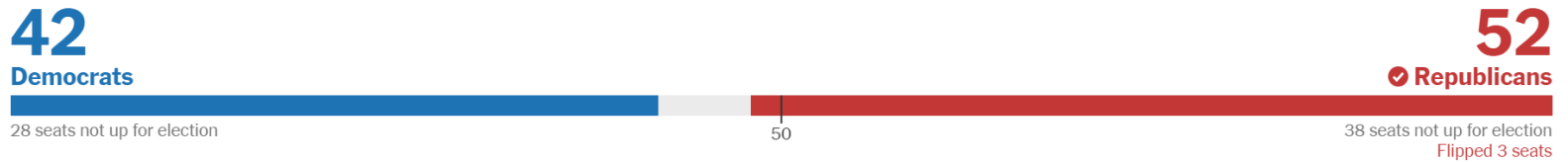
The next few months promise to be pivotal as Republicans set their legislative priorities and new members acclimate to their roles in Congress. OrthoPAC remains committed to advocating for the interests of our profession and ensuring that our patients' voices are heard in this new political era.

Stay informed and engaged as we continue to work towards policies that benefit our profession and support the dedicated professionals within it. Thank you for your support of OrthoPAC. Your support is critical in advancing our patients' access to high quality msk care.

# 2024 SENATE

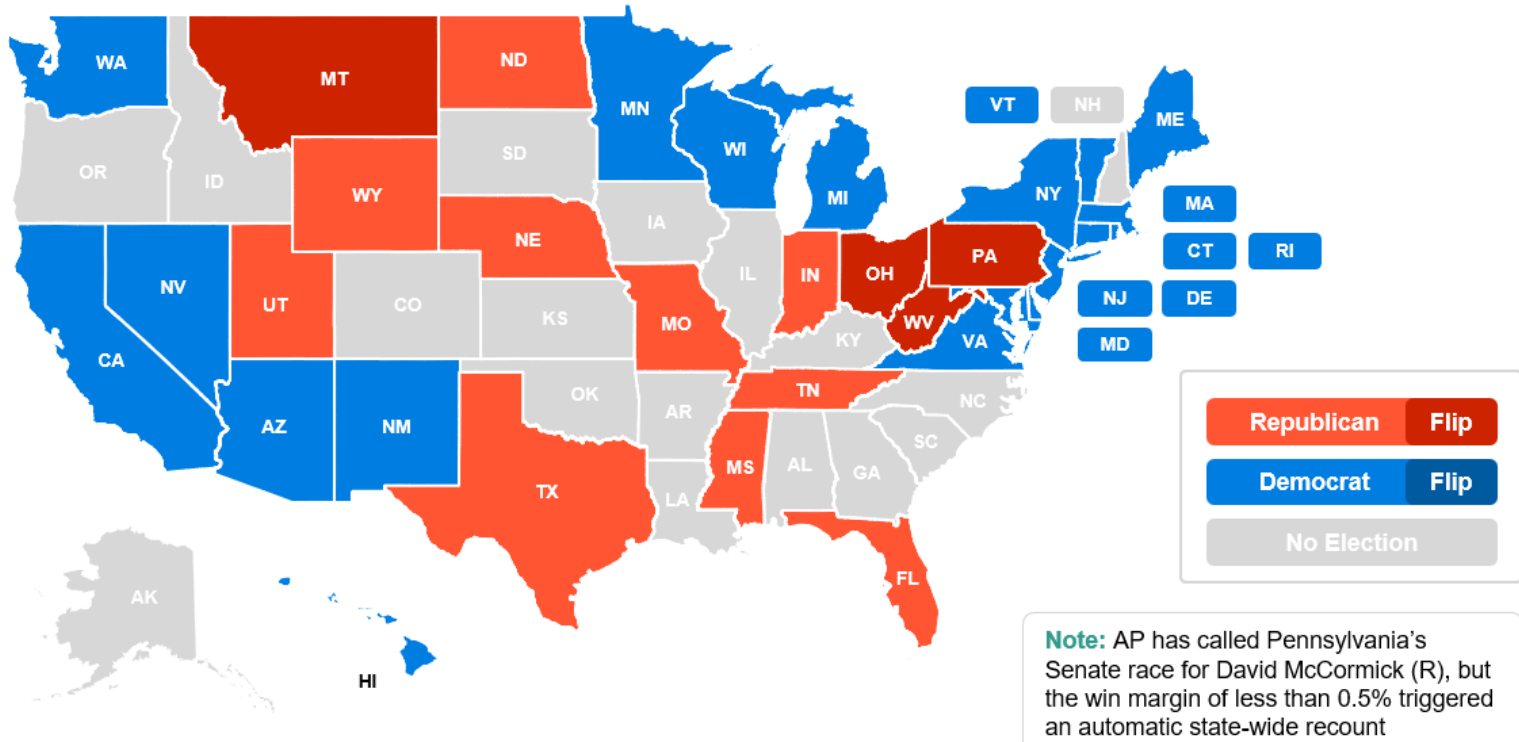
## U.S. Senate Election Results

Republicans captured the Senate after four years in the minority.



## 2024 Senate election results

### OUTCOMES BY PARTY



# 2024 SENATE ORTHOPAC SUPPORTED CANDIDATES

## SENATE RESULTS



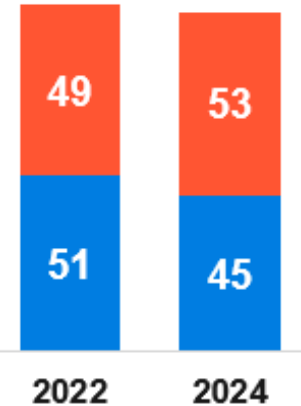
### Republicans flip four seats

- Incumbent Senators Jon Tester (D-MT), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Bob Casey (D-PA) lost their reelection bids, while Governor Jim Justice flipped West Virginia's Senate seat following the retirement of Sen. Joe Manchin



### Democrats lost their majority, but held onto two competitive seats

- Democrats had an unfavorable Senate map in 2024, having to defend close races across Ohio, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan
- Incumbent Sen. Tammy Baldwin held onto her seat in Wisconsin, while Rep. Elissa Slotkin narrowly won in Michigan, succeeding Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D)



## ORTHOPAC Supported Declared Republican Winners:

**Sen. Jerry Moran (KS) \***

**Sen. John Barrasso, MD (WY)**

**Sen. Ted Budd (NC)\***

**Sen. Mike Rounds (SD)\***

**Sen. Marsha Blackburn (TN)**

**Sen. Thom Tillis (NC)\***

**John Curtis (UT) *NEW***

**Sen. John Hoeven (ND)\***

**Sen. Lisa Murkowski (AK)\***

**Sen. Rick Scott (FL)\***

**Sen. Dan Sullivan (AK)\***

**Jim Banks (IN) *NEW***

**Sen. Katie Britt (AL)\***

**Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV)\***

**Sen. Kevin Cramer (MT)**

**Sen. Deb Fischer (NE)**

**Sen. Todd Young (IN)\***

**Sen. Roger Marshall, MD (KS)\***

**Sen. Markwayne Mullin (OK)\***

**Tim Sheehy (MT)**

*\*not up in 2024*

# 2024 SENATE ORTHO PAC SUPPORTED CANDIDATES

## OrthoPAC Supported Declared Democrat Winners:

Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (NM)\*

Sen. Tim Kaine (VA)

Lisa Blunt Rochester (DE) *NEW*

Sen. Tammy Baldwin (WI)

Andy Kim (NJ) *NEW*

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (CT)\*

Sen. Martin Heinrich (NM)

Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)

## OrthoPAC Supported Recount:

Sen. Bob Casey (PA) down by .45%

## OrthoPAC Supported Lost:

Sen. Sherrod Brown (OH)

Sen. Jon Tester (MT) *supported in 22*



**OrthoPAC  
Disbursed  
over \$1.8M  
in 23-24**

# 2024 HOUSE: THE PATH TO 218

**212**  
Democrats

**218**  
✓ Republicans

The US House will remain in Republican majority, retaining a razor-edge majority with a handful of seats yet to be called.

**OrthoPAC Supported Republicans Declared Winners: 105**

**OrthPAC Supported Democrats Declared Winners: 93**

**OrthoPAC Supported Declared Lost: 5**



Districts won

Need 43

**Democrats**

21

22 left

**Republicans**

15

12 left

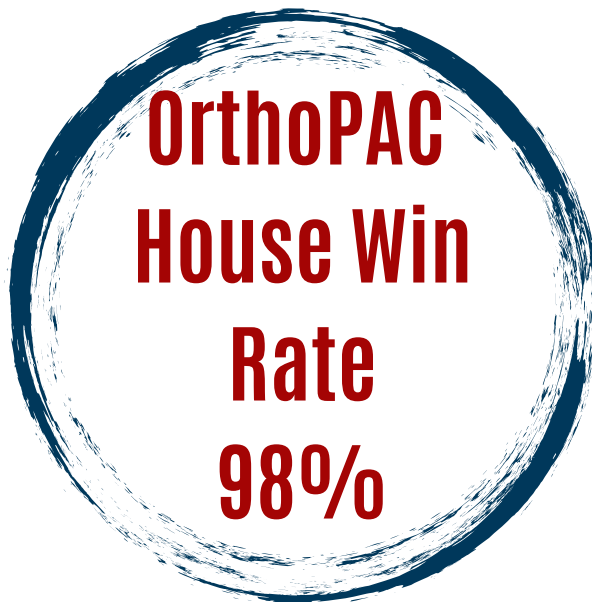
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OrthoPAC Too Close to Call/Recount:

**Mariannette Miller Meeks, MD (R-IA) up by .15**

**Mary Peltola (D-AK) down by 2**



## 119<sup>TH</sup> HOUSE OUTLOOK

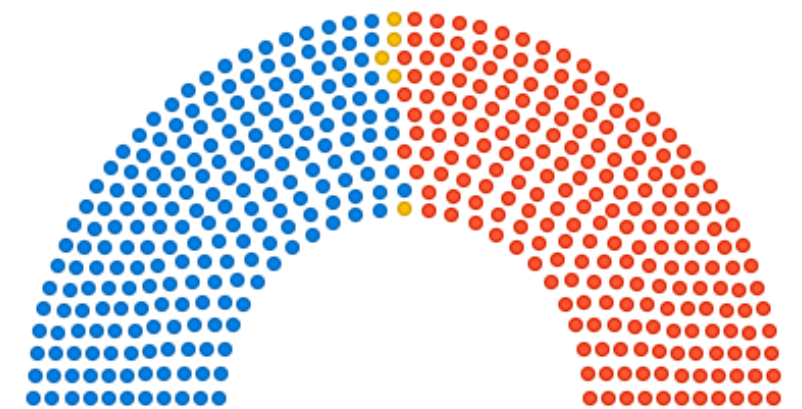


- Republicans successfully maintained control of the house, defending competitive seats and flipping eight Democratic seats



- Republicans are on track for a very slim majority over Democrats
- Five races remain to be called and will determine the size of the GOP majority

## 119<sup>TH</sup> HOUSE COMPOSITION



212

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218

218 VOTES FOR MAJORITY



# ORTHOPAC BY THE NUMBERS

- Supported 30 Healthcare Professionals including 4 of the 5 new physicians joining the 119th:
  - Herb Conaway, MD (NJ)
  - Kelly Morrison, MD (MN)
  - Maxine Dexter, MD (OR)
  - **Mike Kennedy, MD (UT)**
- Of the \$1.8 million invested:
  - 45% D
  - **55% R**
- OrthoPAC Win Rate:
  - House: 98%
  - Senate: 93%

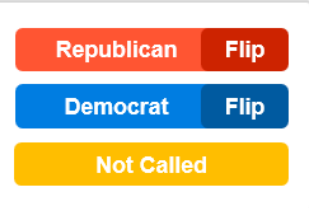
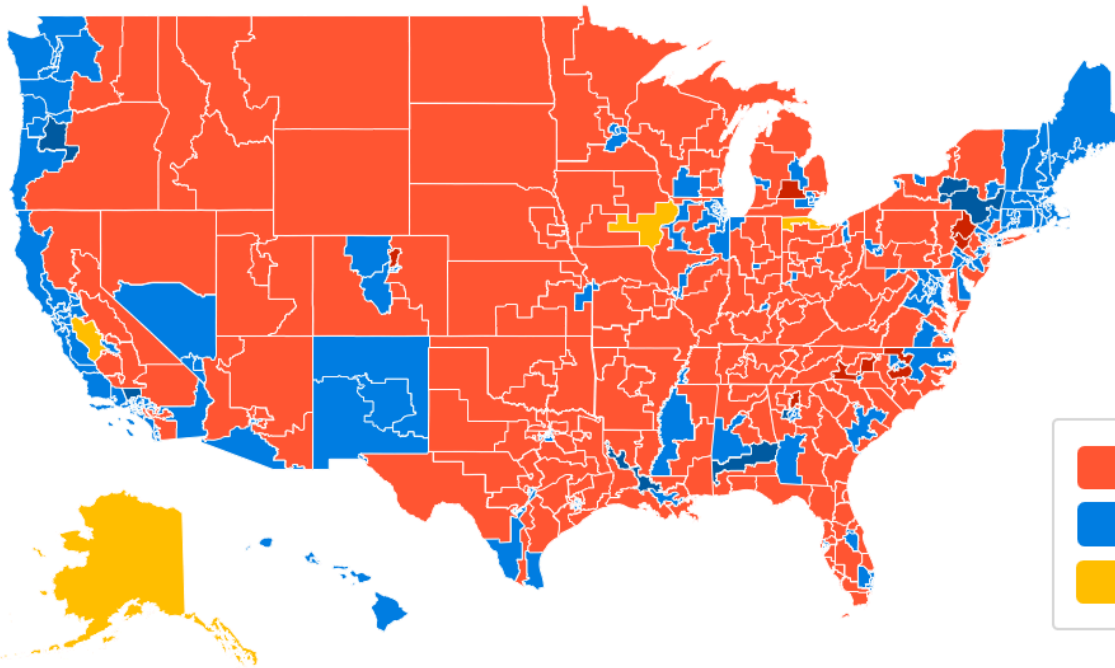
**OrthoPAC**  
**23-24 overall**  
**win rate**  
**97%**



# 119TH US HOUSE MAKEUP

## 2024 House election results

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OrthoPAC's fundraising does not close until December 31. It will be critical for us to rebuild our war chest and start educating the new Congress come 2025. The 119th Congress will bring a lot of new faces and committee make-ups and it is vital that we have the funds to educate these new members on our top issues.

If you have not yet contributed, please consider joining the team, so that we have the funds to be active in forming and maintaining relationships with our industry's champions in Congress.

Here's to a bright and successful 2025!

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