



**AAUW: Leading the
Way to Advancing
Equity
for Women and Girls
in 2025**

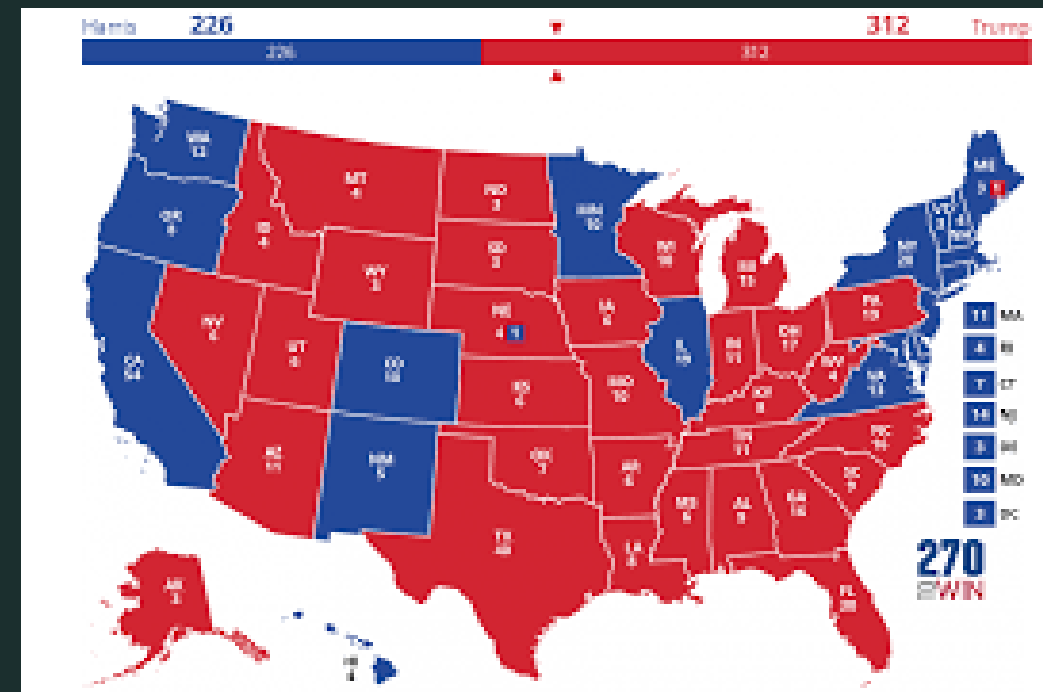
Presentation Overview

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2024 Federal Election Results

- President and Vice President
 - Donald Trump and J.D. Vance
- U.S. Senate
 - 53-47 Republican Majority
- US Congress
 - 219-215 Republican Majority
 - 1 vacancy (Matt Gaetz)



2024 Minnesota Election Results

Minnesota House Initially Tied: 67 - 67

- Curtis Johnson (DFL - 40B) violated the residency requirement
- Representative Tabke (DFL - 54A): Won by 14 votes, 20 are missing
- Session will begin with a 67-66 GOP majority

Minnesota Senate was not on the ballot

- Had been a 64 - 63 DFL majority
- Session will begin with a 63-63 tie

Constitutional officers in place until 2026



Minnesota Special Elections

- 40B and SD60
- Both are considered "safe" DFL seats
- Primary election on January 14
- Special election on January 28

What to Expect When Session Begins

- House will begin with a 1 seat GOP majority
 - Control of committees
- House will be tied 67-67 after special election
 - Happened last in 1979
 - Power sharing
- A bill needs 68 votes to pass

- Senate will begin with a tie
 - Power sharing
- DFL will have a 1 seat majority after the special election
 - DFL control of committees
- Open question: Senator Nicole Mitchell (DFL - 47)

What Does It All Mean?

State Level

- Most bills are DOA, including the ERA
- Focus on organizing in your community and personal networks

Federal Level

- DEFENSE DEFENSE DEFENSE
- Supreme Court's Immunity Decision
- Comstock Act

2026 and Beyond

- Build power, Focus on 2026





The Personal is Political

- "It's not personal, it's politics"
- Rise in anti-trans legislation
- First federal ban on gender-affirming care is signed
- 2024 election - \$215M in anti-transgender ads

Next Steps for AAUW

- National
 - 33 Senate seats up for election in 2026
 - Ask Biden to publish the ERA before January 20
 - Lawsuits and buying time
 - Organize
 - Donate to abortion funds
 - Donate to LGBTQ+ orgs getting people into safe states
- State Level
 - Organize at the local level
 - Maintain constitutional officers committed to equity
 - Share your story
 - Build connections
 - Let them know we are paying attention
 - Support organizations working with queers folks and reproductive health care

DON'T LOSE HOPE.



Questions?