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Topline Takeaways

Topline Election Takeaways

On Saturday, November 2, Ann Selzer and the *Des Moines Register* released their final Iowa Poll before the election, which showed Kamala Harris leading Donald Trump by 3%. This poll, by one of the most widely respected pollsters, set off a wave of speculation that Democrats could have a surprise victory in Iowa, winning its six electoral votes and making gains in the statehouse. That did not happen. Instead, a red wave swept the country as Republicans outpaced polls in Iowa and across the nation.

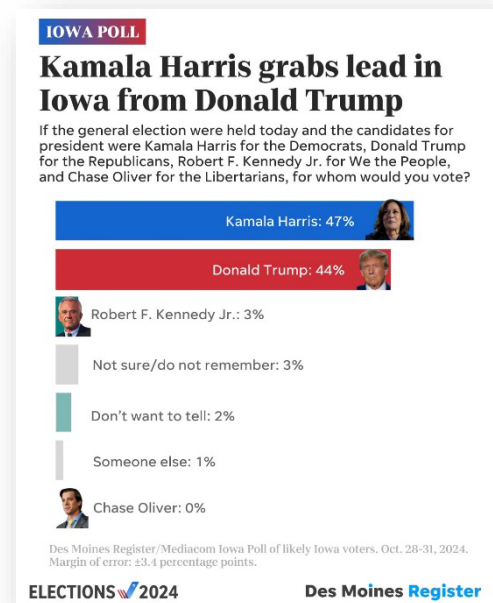
Federal Trifecta in the Balance

As of the morning of Wednesday, November 6, Republicans have won the presidency and taken control of the U.S. Senate, though control of the U.S. House of Representatives remains too close to call.

Former President Donald Trump secured the 270 electoral votes needed to be re-elected to the White House after being defeated in 2020 by President Joe Biden. While several states are still counting ballots and the final electoral votes are not yet decided, the Associated Press and other major networks have called the race in favor of the GOP. Contrary to the predictions made by the Iowa Poll, Donald Trump won Iowa by his largest margin yet, 14% as of early Wednesday morning.

Republicans have gained a majority in the U.S. Senate after flipping Democrat-held seats in West Virginia, Ohio, and Montana. Races have yet to be called in Arizona, Maine, Nevada, and Pennsylvania, but as of Wednesday morning, the chamber stands at 52 Republicans and 42 Democrats. Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has indicated he will not continue to lead his party in the Senate, setting up an intra-party contest to become the next Senate Majority Leader.

Party balance in the U.S. House of Representatives is still in question, and with key races yet to be called (about two dozen toss-up races), neither party has secured the 218 seats needed to hold a majority. The AP has called 374 of the 435 races, calling 180 seats for Democrats and 198 seats for Republicans with 57 seats too close to call as of Wednesday morning;



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however as of noon CT, Decision Desk HQ projects Republicans with a 94.7% chance of controlling the U.S. House.

Iowa was home to two of the most closely contested races for Congress in the nation. In Iowa's 3rd Congressional District, centered around Des Moines, incumbent Zach Nunn defeated challenger Lanon Baccam by a margin of 51.78% - 47.93%, in a district that saw nearly \$50 million spent. Iowa's 1st Congressional District featured a closer race between incumbent Marinette Miller-Meeks (R) and Christina Bohannon (D). Representative Miller-Meeks leads Bohannon by 413 votes as of early Wednesday morning and has not been called by any major network.

Republicans Gain in Both Iowa Chambers



Iowa Republicans and Iowa Democrats each flipped a Senate seat in the Des Moines suburbs; however, Republicans gained a seat in Cedar Falls, maintaining and increasing supermajority control with a 20-seat majority in the chamber (35-15). Longtime Iowa Senator Brad Zaun (R) was defeated by Urbandale City Councilor Matt Blake (D) in an election that cost more than \$1.5 million in Des Moines' northwestern suburbs. Two term Democratic Senators Nate Boulton (Polk) and Eric Giddens (Black Hawk) were both defeated Tuesday night.

Iowa House Republicans did not lose a single incumbent running for re-election and flipped four Democrat-held seats. Republicans now hold an increased 67-seat majority in the Iowa House, controlling the chamber 67-33. Predictions of a challenging election for Republican House candidates in suburban seats did not come to fruition as Republicans held all their suburban seats and gained a seat in Ankeny. Republicans continued a recent trend of winning in mid-sized cities across Iowa – which used to deliver consistent seats for Iowa Democrats – with House Republicans gaining seats in Mason City, Marshalltown, and Dubuque.

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Federal Results

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Presidential Race

Leading up to the election, national polls indicated a tight race between former President Donald Trump (R) and Vice President Kamala Harris (D), and campaign efforts were focused on the key battleground states of North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Georgia, and Arizona.



Donald Trump won the 270 electoral votes necessary to secure the presidency and will return to the White House for a second term as the 47th President of the United States. The final electoral count will likely not be known for many days as states count ballots, especially in those battleground states.

U.S. Congressional Overview

The U.S. Senate has flipped Republican from the current 51-49 split after Republicans gained Senate seats in Ohio, Montana, and West Virginia. Current counts put the balance in the chamber at 52 Republicans and 42 Democrats, and six races have yet to be called as of early Wednesday morning. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell announced prior to the election that he would be stepping down as Republican leader ahead of the new Congress. The new class of Republican Senators is expected to gather soon to elect their new Majority Leader.

The U.S. House of Representatives remains too close to call. The current count of AP called races stands at 182 seats for Democrats and 201 seats for Republicans with 52 seats uncalled. Either party needs 218 seats to hold a majority, which should be determined in the coming days. For context, after the election in 2022, the U.S. House was not called for Republicans until eight days after the election.

U.S. House of Representatives – Iowa Delegation

Iowa Congressional District 1

UNCALLED

The race in Iowa's First Congressional District between Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R) and challenger Christina Bohannon has yet to be called. As of early Wednesday morning, Representative Miller-Meeks leads the contest with 413 votes over Bohannon. Miller-Meeks won the seat in 2020 by a mere six votes and retained it against Bohannon in the 2022 midterms by 13 points. This rematch race was categorized as one of the most competitive in the nation and will help determine the balance of the U.S. House.



Iowa Congressional District 2

REPUBLICAN HOLD

Representative Ashley Hinson (R) defeated challenger Sarah Corkey (D) 57.03% to 41.57%. This result is consistent with polling, which favored the incumbent. Representative Hinson will serve her third term in Congress representing Iowa's Second Congressional District.



Iowa Congressional District 3

REPUBLICAN HOLD

Representative Zach Nunn (R) retained his seat representing Iowa's Third Congressional District against Democratic challenger Lanon Baccam 51.78% to 47.93%. Representative Nunn flipped this seat in 2022 by just over 2,000 votes, and the district was once again targeted by both major parties. Representative Nunn successfully defended the district by over 15,000 votes in this competitive toss-up race and will go on to serve a second term in Congress.



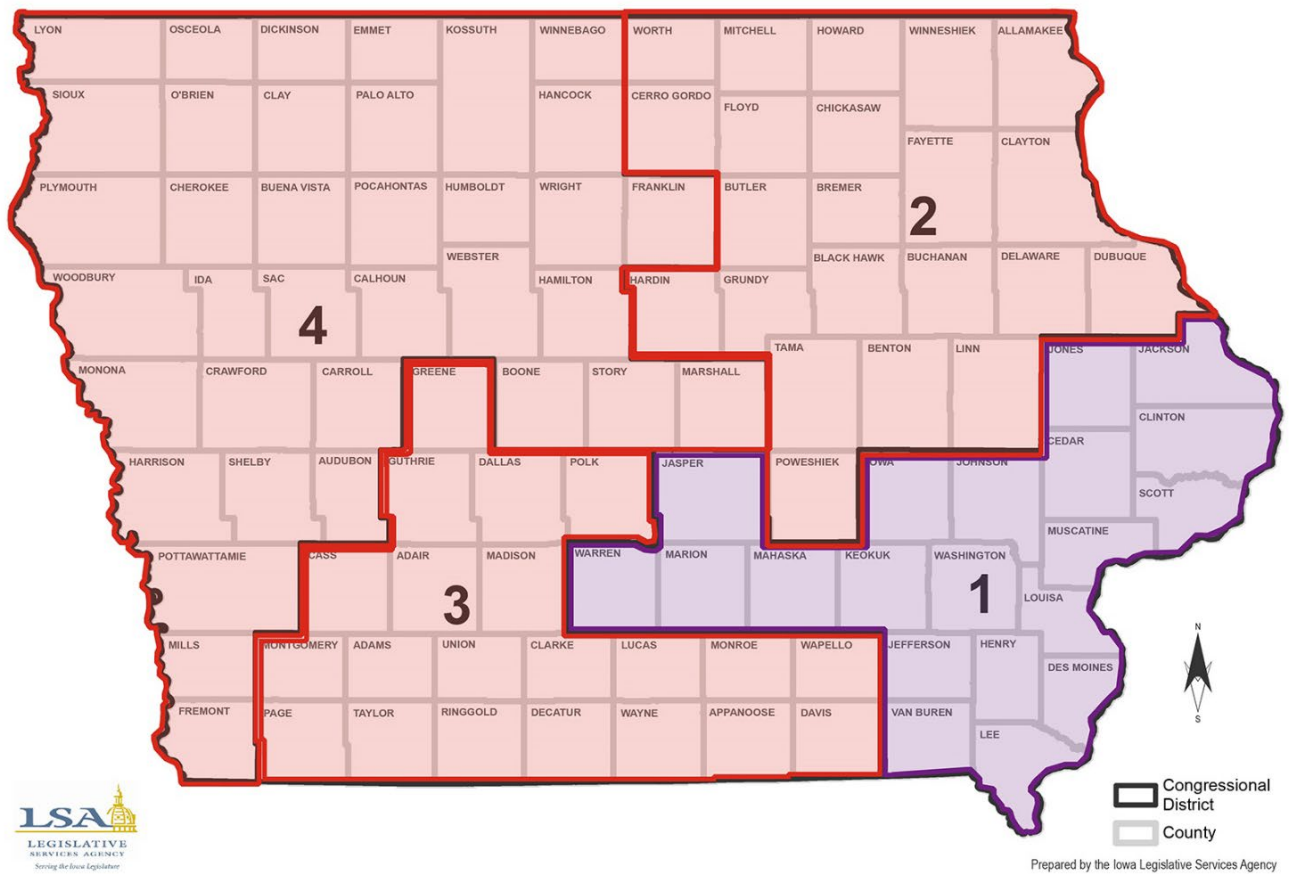
Iowa Congressional District 4

REPUBLICAN HOLD

Representative Randy Feenstra (R) defeated repeat Democratic challenger Ryan Melton 67.08% to 32.62%. Melton challenged the sitting representative in the 2022 midterm elections, where Representative Feenstra earned 67% of the vote to Melton's 30%. In this cycle, Representative Feenstra was heavily favored again to maintain this seat in the most Republican district in the state, and he will head back to Washington, D.C. to serve a third term in Congress.



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Iowa Executive Branch

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No state-level executive branch races were on the ballot this cycle, yet the Lieutenant Governor position remains vacant.

In early September, former Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg resigned from public office to serve as president and CEO of the Iowa Bankers Association.

Gregg was first appointed as acting lieutenant governor when Governor Kim Reynolds assumed the executive office in 2017, then subsequently elected and re-elected alongside the governor in 2018 and 2022, respectively.

Following Gregg's departure from the office, Governor Reynolds announced she would wait until after the November election to announce a new lieutenant governor. The Governor's Office has yet to make an announcement regarding Gregg's successor.

"It has been a great honor to serve alongside Governor Reynolds for seven years. I have enormous respect for her and her leadership, and she will always be one of the most important mentors in my life...While difficult, the decision to resign from this role allows me to honor my most important commitment – my family."

- Adam Gregg



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Iowa Legislative Branch

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All 100 seats in the Iowa House of Representatives were on the ballot, and half of the Iowa Senate was up for re-election (the even-numbered Senate Districts). In the lead-up to the election, the anticipated competitive presidential race at the top of the ticket trickled down the ballot, resulting in several competitive state-level races and record-breaking campaign expenditures.

In the end, Iowa Republicans slightly increased their already-large margins in both the Iowa House and the Iowa Senate. Strong performances by Republicans nationwide continued down ballot in Iowa with Republicans having strong performances in the suburbs, small cities, and rural areas. While overall a strong showing for Republicans, a bright spot for Democrats was their win in the top targeted Iowa Senate Race, Senate District 22 where Urbandale City Councilor Matt Blake defeated incumbent Senator Brad Zaun.

Iowa does not have an automatic recount law. However, if an election is decided by either 1% or 50 votes or less, the state will pay for a recount. Recounts are expected in Senate Districts 14 (Sarah Trone Garriott v. Mark Hanson) and 20 (Nate Boulton v. Mike Pike). There are three potential recounts in the House: House Districts 41 (Molly Buck v. Ryan Weldon), 42 (Heather Matson v. Heather Stephenson), and 98 (Monica Kurth v. Nathan Ramker).

Iowa State House of Representatives

The House Republicans flipped four seats and lost one, increasing control of the chamber to a margin of 67-33.

Republicans 67 | Democrats 33

Winner: Democrat | Republican

District	Incumbent	Candidate(s)/Challenger(s)
1	J.D. Scholten (D)	Josh Steinhoff (R)
2	Robert Henderson (R)	Jessica Lopez-Walker (D)
3	Thomas Jeneary (R)	Emma Bouza (D)
4	Skyler Wheeler (R)	Unopposed
5	Zachary Dieken (R)	Michael Schnoes (NP)
6	Megan Jones (R)	Unopposed
7	Mike Sexton (R)	Martin Podraza (NP)
8	Ann Meyer (R)	Unopposed
9	Henry Stone (R)	Christian He-Man Schlaerth (D)
10	John Wills (R)	Unopposed
11	Open	Jeff Rich (D) Craig Williams (R)

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District	Incumbent	Candidate(s)/Challenger(s)	
12	Steven Holt (R)	Dustin Durbin (D)	
13	Open	Rosanne Plante (D)	Travis Sitzmann (R) Parker Hansen (NP)
14	Jacob Bossman (R)	Unopposed	
15	Matt Windschitl (R)	Benjamin Schauer (D)	
16	David Sieck (R)	Candella Foley-Finchem (D)	
17	Devon Wood (R)	Unopposed	
18	Thomas Jay Moore (R)	Tripp Narup (D)	
19	Brent Siegrist (R)	Roger Petersen (D)	
20	Josh Turek (D)	James Wassell (R)	
21	Brooke Boden (R)	Spencer A Waugh (D)	
22	Open	Rory D. Taylor (D)	Samantha Fett (R)
23	Ray Bubba Sorensen (R)	Karen Varley (D)	
24	Open	Sonya Hicks (D)	Sam Wengryn (R)
25	Hans Wilz (R)	Brenda Curran (D)	
26	Austin Harris (R)	Darcie Whitlow (D)	Donald Grier (L)
27	Kenan Judge (D)	Oliver Bardwell (R)	
28	David Young (R)	Laura Snider (D)	
29	Brian Meyer (D)	Unopposed	
30	Megan Srinivas (D)	Jerry Cheevers (R)	
31	Mary Lee Madison (D)	Unopposed	
32	Jennifer Konfrst (D)	Unopposed	
33	Ruth Ann Gaines (D)	Toya S. Johnson (L)	
34	Open	Rob Johnson (D)	Danielle Duggan (R)
35	Sean Bagniewski (D)	Angela Kay Schreader (R)	David Green (L)
36	Austin Baeth (D)	Unopposed	
37	Barb Kniff McCulla (R)	Unopposed	
38	Jon Dunwell (R)	Brad Magg (D)	
39	Rick Olson (D)	Troy Clark (R)	
40	Bill Gustoff (R)	Heather Sievers (D)	
41	Molly Buck (D)	Ryan Weldon (R)	
42	Heather Matson (D)	Heather Stephenson (R)	
43	Eddie Andrews (R)	Tiara Mays-Sims (D)	Brett Harvey Nelson (NP)
44	Open	Larry McBurney (D)	Jake Heard (L)
45	Brian Lohse (R)	Anthony William Thompson (D)	
46	Dan Gehlbach (R)	Lynne Campbell (D)	
47	Carter Nordman (R)	Joe Shelly (D)	
48	Open	Penny Vossler (D)	Chad Behn (R)
49	Beth Wessel-Kroeschell (D)	Eric Cooper (L)	

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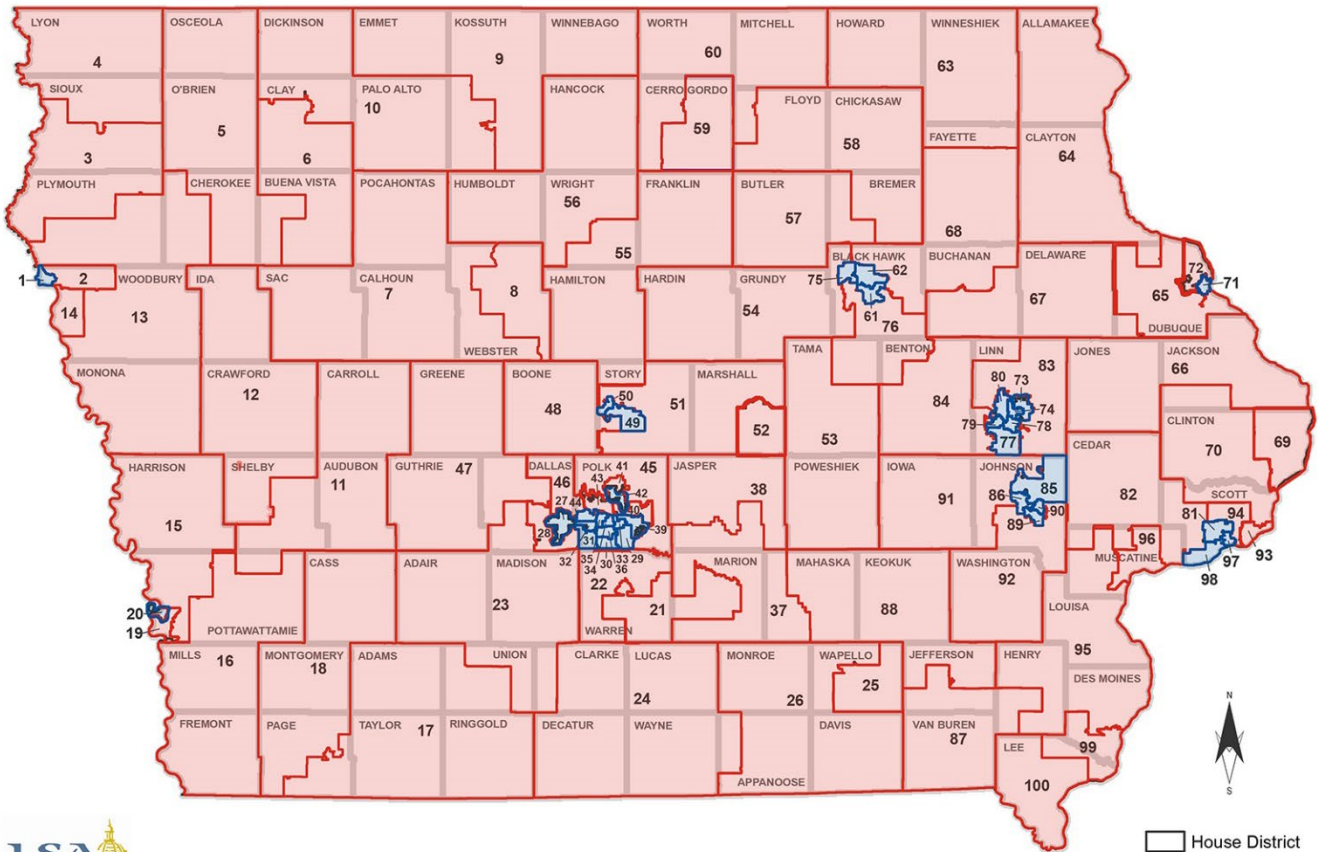
District	Incumbent	Candidate(s)/Challenger(s)	
50	Ross Wilburn (D)	Unopposed	
51	Open	Ryan Condon (D)	Brett Barker (R)
52	Sue Cahill (D)	David Blom (R)	
53	Dean Fisher (R)	Tommy Hexter (D)	
54	Joshua Meggers (R)	Unopposed	
55	Shannon Latham (R)	Unopposed	
56	Mark Thompson (R)	Kyle Kruse (D)	
57	Pat Grassley (R)	Shawn Ellerbroek (D)	
58	Charley Thomson (R)	Gail Allison (D)	
59	Open	Jeremy True (D)	Christian Hermanson (R)
60	Jane Bloomingdale (R)	Unopposed	
61	Timi Brown-Powers (D)	Unopposed	
62	Jerome Amos Jr. (D)	Ervin Sabic (L)	
63	Michael R. Bergan (R)	Unopposed	
64	Open	Jason Gearhart (R)	Ian Zahren (NP)
65	Shannon Lundgren (R)	Carolyn Wiezorek (D)	
66	Steven Bradley (R)	Andy McKean (D)	
67	Craig Johnson (R)	Unopposed	
68	Chad Ingels (R)	Tim O'Brien (D)	
69	Tom Determann (R)	Randy Meier (D)	
70	Norlin Mommsen (R)	Kay Pence (D)	
71	Lindsay James (D)	James McClain (R)	
72	Charles Isenhardt (D)	Jennifer J. Smith (R)	
73	Elizabeth Wilson (D)	Unopposed	
74	Eric Gjerde (D)	Unopposed	
75	Bob Kressig (D)	Unopposed	
76	Derek Wulf (R)	Jarred Johnston (D)	
77	Jeff Cooling (D)	Unopposed	
78	Sami Scheetz (D)	Unopposed	
79	Tracy Ehlert (D)	Barclay Woerner (R)	
80	Open	Aime Wichtendahl (D)	John Thompson (R)
81	Open	Daniel Gosa (D)	
82	Bobby Kaufmann (R)	Phil Wiese (D)	
83	Cindy Golding (R)	Kent McNally (D)	
84	Thomas Gerhold (R)	Ashley Meredith (L)	
85	Amy Nielsen (D)	Unopposed	
86	David Jacoby (D)	Stephen Knoner (R)	
87	Jeff Shipley (R)	Thomas O'Donnell (D)	Curtis Oliver (NP)

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District	Incumbent	Candidate(s)/Challenger(s)
88	Helena Hayes (R)	Unopposed
89	Elinor A. Levin (D)	Unopposed
90	Adam Zabner (D)	Unopposed
91	Open	Jay Gorsh (D) Judd Lawler (R)
92	Heather Hora (R)	Anna Banowsky (D)
93	Gary M. Mohr (R)	Mindy Smith-Pace (D)
94	Mike Vondran (R)	Tracy Jones (D)
95	Taylor Collins (R)	Jeff Poulter (D)
96	Mark Cisneros (R)	Mandy Moody (D)
97	Ken Croken (D)	Josue Rodriguez (R)
98	Monica Kurth (D)	Nathan Ramker (R)
99	Matthew Rinker (R)	Jim Beres (D)
100	Martin Graber (R)	Nicolas Atwood (NP)

D = Democrat | R = Republican | L = Libertarian | NP = No Party

Iowa House of Representatives Districts



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Iowa State Senate

In 2022, the Senate Republicans attained a supermajority with 34 of the total members. This election cycle, party control was never up for debate, but several legislators holding key committee chair positions retired. Party caucus meetings will take place next week, determining key leadership for the 91st General Assembly.

On Election Day, the Senate Republicans flipped two seats and lost one, increasing control of the chamber to a margin of 35-15.

Republicans 35 | Democrats 15

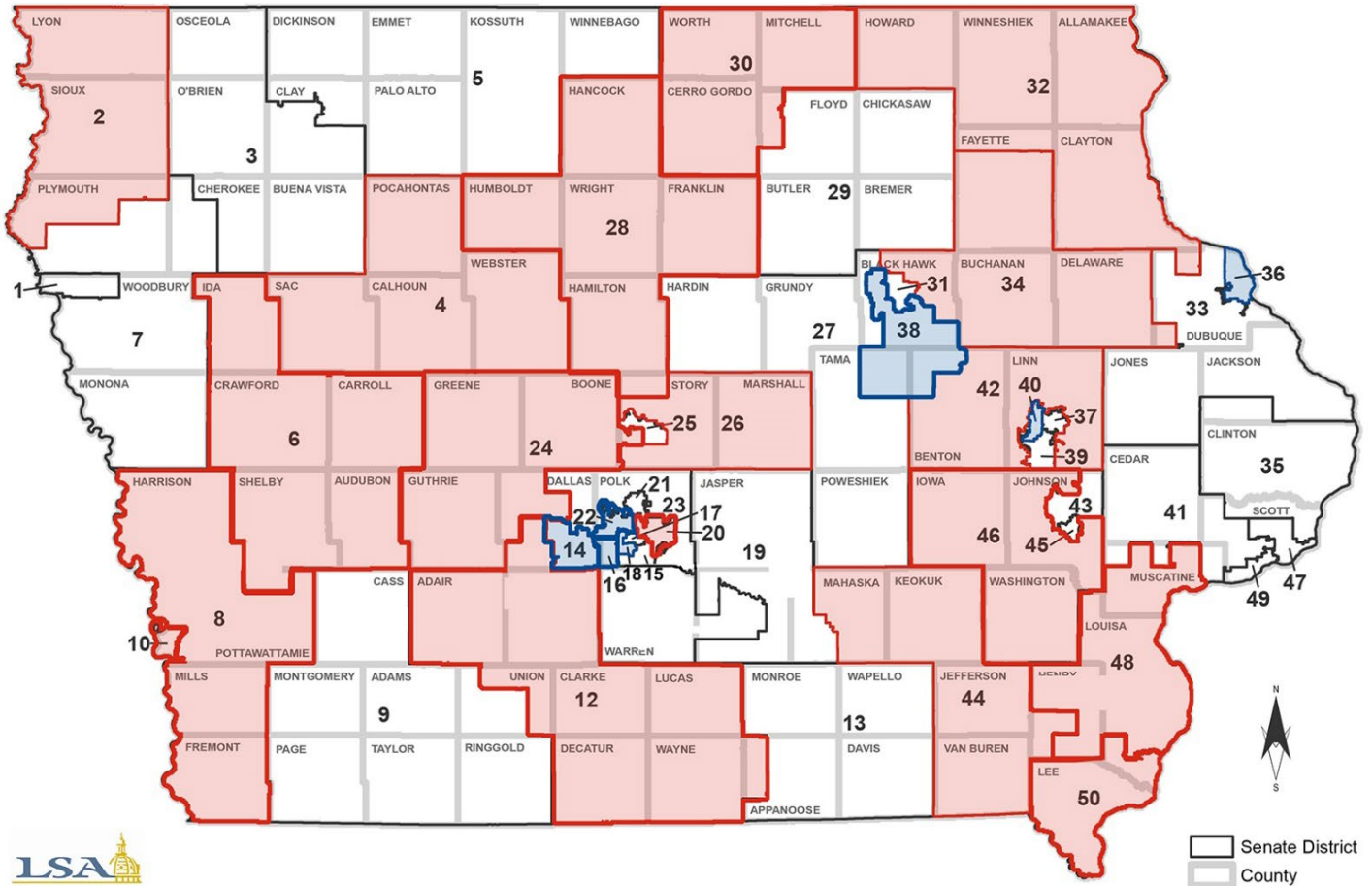
Winner: Democrat | Republican

District	Incumbent	Candidate(s)/Challengers	
2	Jeff Taylor (R)	Unopposed	
4	Tim Kraayenbrink (R)	Unopposed	
6	Jason Schultz (R)	David M. Davis (L)	
8	Mark Costello (R)	Ryan Lee Roenfeld (D)	
10	Dan Dawson (R)	Steve Gorman (D)	
12	Amy Sinclair (R)	Nicole Loew (D)	
14	Sarah Trone Garriott (D)	Mark A. Hanson (R)	
16	Claire Celsi (D)	Joshua Smith (L)	
18	Janet Petersen (D)	Unopposed	
20	Nate Boulton (D)	Mike Pike (R)	
22	Brad Zaun (R)	Matt Blake (D)	
24	Jesse Green (R)	Margaret Liston (D)	
26	Open	Mike Wolfe (D)	Kara Warme (R)
28	Dennis Guth (R)	Cynthia Oppedal Paschen (D)	
30	Open	Richard Lorence (D)	Doug Campbell (R)
32	Mike Klimesh (R)	Brian Bruening (D)	
34	Dan Zumbach (R)	Joe Hegland (D)	
36	Open	Thomas Townsend (D)	Nicholas Molo (R)
38	Eric Giddens (D)	Dave Sires (R)	
40	Open	Art Staed (D)	Kris G. Gulick (R)
42	Charlie McClintock (R)	Unopposed	
44	Adrian Dickey (R)	Lisa Ossian (NP)	
46	Dawn Driscoll (R)	Ed Chabal (D)	
48	Mark S. Lofgren (R)	John Dabeet (D)	
50	Jeff Reichman (R)	Nannette Griffin (D)	

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New Iowa Legislators



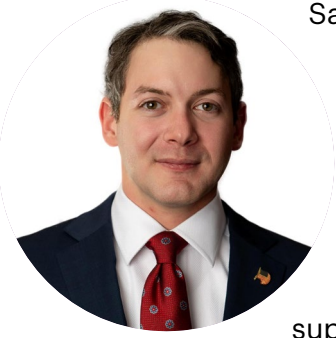


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New Iowa Legislators




Iowa House of Representatives

<p>Craig Steven Williams House District 11</p> <p>Counties: Audubon, Carroll, Pottawattamie, Shelby</p>	 <p>Craig Williams (R) represented the sixth district in the Iowa State Senate from 2020-2022, deciding not to run for re-election after redistricting. When former Representative Brian Best announced his retirement from the Iowa House, Williams launched his campaign in House District 11. Craig serves as Chairman of the Carroll County Republican Central Committee and works as an independent agribusiness consultant. He resides in Manning, Iowa, with his wife, Cindy.</p>
<p>Travis Sitzmann House District 13</p> <p>Counties: Cherokee, Monona, Woodbury, Plymouth</p>	 <p>Travis Sitzmann (R) won the open seat in Iowa House District 13 following the retirement of former Representative Ken Carlson. Sitzmann grew up in District 13 outside of Merrill, Iowa, attending Gehlen Catholic High School and obtaining a degree in Political Science from the University of Northern Iowa. He has a background in manufacturing and insurance and has experience as a former Reserve Deputy Sheriff in Plymouth County.</p>
<p>Samantha Fett House District 22</p> <p>County: Warren</p>	 <p>Samantha Fett (R) launched her campaign for Iowa House in the 22nd District after former Representative Stan Gustafson announced his retirement. Fett won the primary by defeating former Representative Garrett Gobble. Fett attended Drake University and currently works as the Communications and Marketing Director for Inspired-Life. She is the chapter chair of the Warren County Moms for Liberty and a former member of the Carlisle School Board with experience in grassroots activism.</p>

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<p>Sam Wengryn House District 24</p> <p>Counties: Clarke, Lucas, Decatur, Wayne</p>	 <p>Sam Wengryn (R) ran a successful campaign in Iowa House District 24, assuming the seat after the retirement of Representative Joel Fry. Wengryn resides in Pleasanton in Decatur County, where he serves as chairman of the county board of supervisors and as chair of the Decatur County Republican Central Committee.</p>
<p>Rob Johnson House District 34</p> <p>County: Polk</p>	 <p>Rob Johnson (D) won the election in Iowa House District 34 and will succeed Representative Ako Abdul-Samad following his retirement. Johnson received a degree in Politics from Drake University and works as a Field Service Representative for Wellmark and as an Associate Minister at Corinthian Baptist Church. He is a member of several community boards, has worked on numerous Democratic campaigns, and is locally known for his annual birthday gas giveaway, where he has given away over \$50,000 in free gasoline.</p>
<p>Larry McBurney House District 44</p> <p>County: Polk</p>	 <p>Larry McBurney (D) won the open seat in Iowa House District 44 following the retirement of Representative John Forbes, who lost a seat on the Polk County Board of Supervisors. McBurney attended Des Moines North High School and served for eleven years in the Iowa Air National Guard as a Weapons Armament Technician. He is an active volunteer, a city counselor for the City of Urbandale, and Vice President of the Urbandale 4th of July Committee.</p>

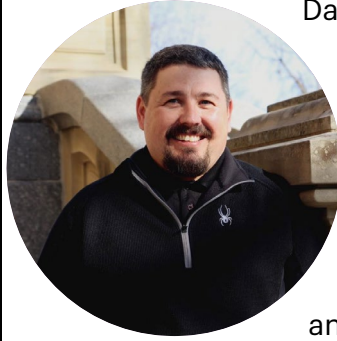
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<p>Chad Behn House District 48</p> <p>County: Boone</p>	 <p>Chad Behn (R) was elected to represent the Iowa House to represent District 48 after the retirement of Representative Phil Thompson. Behn graduated from Boone High School and received an associate's degree from Des Moines Area Community College and a B.S. in Communications from Presentation College. He is a former Boone County board supervisor who currently lives and farms in Boone and serves as a member of several boards.</p>
<p>Brett Barker House District 51</p> <p>County: Marshall</p>	 <p>Brett Barker (R) ran and won the open seat in Iowa House District 51, succeeding Representative Dave Deyoe after his retirement. Barker is a practicing pharmacist with a Doctorate in Pharmacy from the University of Iowa. Barker is the current mayor of the City of Nevada and has served on several boards, including the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, and as a senior policy advisor for the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Notably, Barker won a blue ribbon at the Iowa State Fair for "Best Beard."</p>
<p>Jason Gearhart House District 64</p> <p>Counties: Allamakee, Clayton</p>	 <p>Jason Gearhart (R) won the election in Iowa House District 64 following the retirement of Representative Anne Osmundson and a contentious Republican primary. Gearhart served for five years as an active-duty military police officer and now works as an environmental specialist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. He is a member of the Strawberry Point City Council, Starmount County School Board, and Clayton County Republican Central Committee.</p>

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Daniel Gosa
House District 81

County: Cedar



Daniel Gosa (D) won in an uncontested election to serve Iowa House District 81 after Republican Representative Luana Stoltenberg retired. Gosa was born and raised in Davenport, where he is a member of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 81. He serves as President of the Davenport Public School Board and the Quad City Federation of Labor.

Ryan Weldon
House District 41

County: Polk



Ryan Weldon (R) successfully flipped Iowa House District 41 in northern Ankeny, winning against Democratic incumbent Representative Molly Buck. Weldon holds a bachelor's degree in Christian leadership and management from Liberty University and currently works as a digital business development manager. He has served on the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners and as President of the Ankeny Community School District Board.

David Blom
House District 42

County: Marshall



David Blom (R) won against Democratic incumbent Representative Sue Cahill in Iowa House District 52, which includes Marshalltown and the southeast section of Marshall County. Blom is a graduate of Marshalltown Community College, where he attended while clerking for Representative Dean Fisher. He resides in Marshalltown and works as a union sheet metal worker at Raymon Enterprises.

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Christian Hermanson
House District 59

County: Cerro Gordo



Christian Hermanson (R) won the open seat against challenger Jeremy True in Iowa House District 59 and flipped the seat to the Republicans after Representative Sharon Steckman's retirement. Hermanson grew up in Winnebago County, and he has served in the Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and as a military and federal police officer. He works in property management in Mason City, where he resides with his wife, Angela.

Jennifer Smith
House District 72

County: Dubuque



Jennifer Smith (R) unseated incumbent Representative Charles Isenhardt of Iowa House District 72 and flipped the northeastern part of Dubuque County red. Smith holds a PhD. In Economics from Northern Illinois University and teaches the subject at a local community college. She has served as Co-Chair and Chair of the Dubuque Republican Party and as a member of the Iowa State Central Committee, where she chaired the Organization Committee.


Aime Wichtendahl
House District 80

County: Lynn



Aime Wichtendahl (D) defeated Republican candidate John Thompson, retaining Democratic control of Iowa House District 80 after Representative Art Staed launched his Senate campaign. Wichtendahl holds a bachelor's degree from Mount Mercy University, currently working as a freelance writer and consultant with U.S. Cellular. She was elected to the Hiawatha City Council in 2016 when she became the first openly transgender woman elected to government in the state.




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<p>Judd Lawler House District 91</p> <p>Counties: Iowa, Johnson</p>	 <p>Judd Lawler (R) won against Democratic challenger Jay Gorsh, maintaining Republican control of the open seat in House District 91 after the retirement of Representative Brad Sherman. Lawler is a graduate of Yale College and Georgetown Law. Lawler was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, later vacating the position to homeschool his children while his wife launched her medical career as a hand surgeon.</p>
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Iowa State Senate

<p>Kara Warme Senate District 26</p> <p>Counties: Story, Marshall</p>	 <p>Kara Warme (R) won the Iowa Senate seat in District 26 after Senator Jeff Edler retired. Warme holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University and an M.B.A. from the University of Iowa. She is the Chief Development Officer at YSS, a licensed substitute teacher, and the founder and troop coordinator of American Heritage Girls Troop IA2016.</p>
<p>Doug Campbell Senate District 30</p> <p>Counties: Worth, Mitchell, Cerro Gordo</p>	 <p>Doug Campbell (R) will represent Iowa Senate District 30 after former Senator Waylon Brown announced his resignation after winning in the primary election by just 273 votes against Campbell. Campbell won the Republican Party nomination at a special convention after Brown's retirement. A key issue in the primary was the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines, and Campbell's replacement of Brown in this senate seat is expected to have major implications for that issue at the Capitol. Campbell is a</p>

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	<p>retired pharmacist and former member of the Mason City School Board.</p>
<p>Mike Pike Senate District 20</p> <p>County: Polk</p>	 <p>Mike Pike (R) launched a successful senate campaign in Iowa Senate District 20 against Senator Nate Boulton, flipping the district in favor of the GOP. Pike was born and raised in Des Moines and lives with his wife and family on the same street he grew up on. He is the owner of Pike Mechanical, a general contractor and plumber.</p>
<p>Matt Blake Senate District 22</p> <p>County: Polk</p>	 <p>Matt Blake (D) defeated incumbent Senator Brad Zaun in one of the most competitive state legislative races in the nation. The Senate race in Iowa Senate District 22, covering Johnston and Urbandale, was one of the most expensive legislative races in state history. Blake is a graduate of Drake University Law School, subsequently joining the Iowa Army National Guard to serve as a Judge Advocate and currently working as a lawyer at Dickinson Bradshaw Law Firm in Des Moines. He lives with his wife, Alaina, and two children in Urbandale, where he served on the city council from 2019-2023.</p>
<p>Thomas Townsend Senate District 36</p> <p>County: Dubuque</p>	 <p>Thomas Townsend (D) won the open seat against Republican candidate Nicholas Molo in Senate District 36 after Senator Pam Jochum announced her retirement. Townsend served for six years in the U.S. Navy as an electrician, subsequently entering an apprenticeship program as a journeyman. He has been an active member of unions his entire career, currently serving as President of the Dubuque Federation of Labor, ALF-CIO.</p>

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Dave Sires
Senate District 38

Counties: Black Hawk,
Benton, Tama



Dave Sires (R) ran a successful Senate campaign against incumbent Representative Eric Giddens, flipping party control of Senate District 38. Sires was born and raised in Cedar Falls and attended the University of Northern Iowa to study economics. He served as Councilman At-Large in Cedar Falls, and his wife of 41 years, Lisa, owns and operates Cedar Village, a manufactured housing community and self-storage facility.

Art Staed
Senate District 40

County: Linn



Art Staed (D) is new to the Iowa State Senate, but he has served as a state representative for eight general assemblies. Staed launched his Senate campaign after former Senator Todd Taylor did not seek re-election, instead running and winning the office of Linn County Auditor. Staed retained Democratic control of Iowa Senate District 40 in the northwest portion of the Cedar Rapids metro against challenger Kris Gulick. Staed is retired with experience as a teacher, workforce development advisor, manager, corporate trainer, and small business owner.

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Iowa Ballot Measures

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In Iowa, two constitutional amendments appeared on the ballot. Amendment One related to the gubernatorial line of success, and Amendment Two codified the voting age and citizen language. Both ballot measures passed as expected, amending the Iowa State Constitution.

Amendment One

Amendment One clarifies the process following the resignation, death, or removal of a governor from office. The ballot measure passed 77% to 23%, so the state constitution now reads as follows:

Lieutenant governor or lieutenant governor-elect to become or act as governor or governor-elect.

If there is a temporary disability of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall act as governor until the disability is removed, or the governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office. In case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall become governor for the remainder of the term, which shall create a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor. This section shall also apply, as appropriate, to the governor-elect and the lieutenant governor-elect.

Prior to this amendment, legal interpretations of Iowa State Constitution Article IV, Section 17 differed on whether a lieutenant governor who becomes governor can appoint an individual to fill the lieutenant governorship. This Amendment does not impact the process for replacing former Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg.

Amendment Two

Amendment Two passed with 81% of voters in favor and 19% against. The measure repeals and replaces Article II, Section I of the Iowa State Constitution, modifying the voting age from 21 to 18 and codifying that 17-year-olds are allowed to vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the general election.

This Section of the Iowa Constitution has been unenforceable since the passage of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1971. With the passage of this amendment, Iowa's Constitution is now in line with federal requirements on voting age.

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Additionally, the amendment changes the wording of the current section from “every citizen of the United States” with the proper qualifications to “only a citizen of the United States” with the qualifications can vote. The full constitutional amendment reads:

Only a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years, who shall have been a resident of this state for such period of time as shall be provided by law and of the county in which the citizen claims the citizen’s vote for such period of time as shall be provided by law, shall be entitled to vote at all elections which are authorized by law. However, for purposes of a primary election, a United States citizen must be at least eighteen years of age as of the next general election following the primary election. The required periods of residence shall not exceed six months in this state and sixty days in the county.

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Sydney Gangestad has over a decade of public policy experience. In her various policy roles, she has developed a fundamental understanding of the legislative process and a non-partisan, bipartisan approach to lobbying to help advance clients' legislative agendas. Before Dentons, she represented the interests of the Iowa Judicial Branch before the legislative and executive branches of government. As an experienced lobbyist and grassroots strategist, Sydney offers clients the legal skills they need to accomplish their goals.



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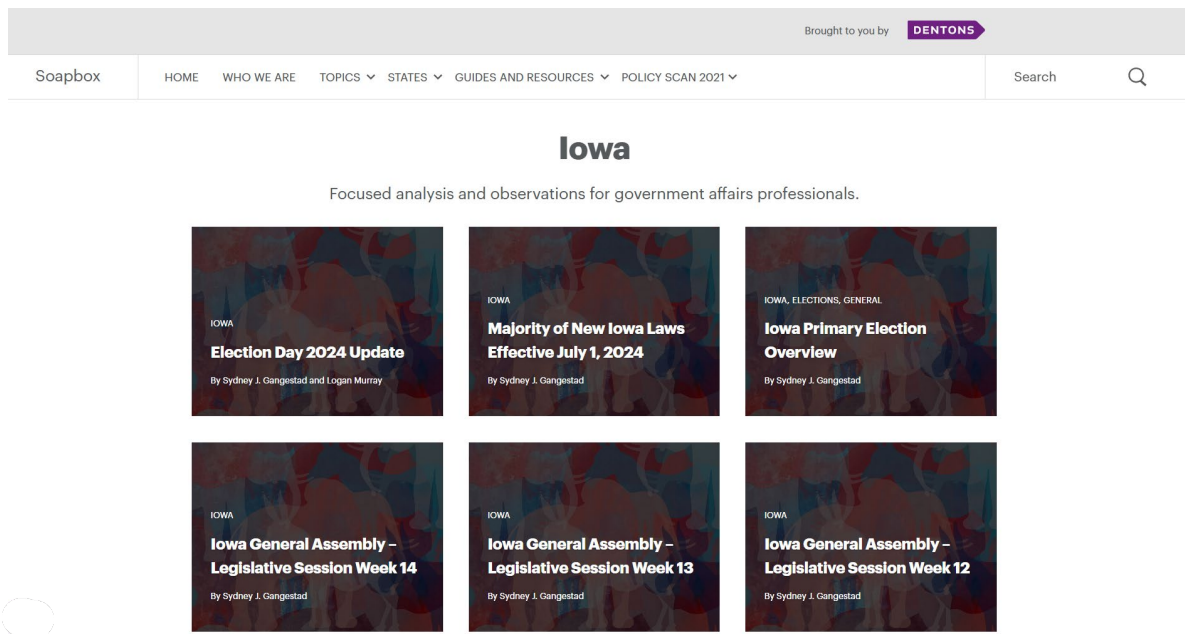
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Iowa Policy Soapbox

During the Iowa Legislative Session, the Dentons Government Relations team publishes a weekly update to the [Iowa Policy Soapbox](#). Clients automatically receive this content *first* and often with the most pertinent details. The team also publishes updates throughout the year - after the governor's veto period, elections, special sessions, and effective law dates.



The screenshot shows the Dentons Iowa Policy Soapbox website. The header includes the Dentons logo and navigation links: Soapbox, HOME, WHO WE ARE, TOPICS, STATES, GUIDES AND RESOURCES, POLICY SCAN 2021, and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Iowa" and features a sub-header: "Focused analysis and observations for government affairs professionals." Below this, there are six article cards with the following titles and authors:

- Election Day 2024 Update** (By Sydney J. Gangestad and Logan Murray)
- Majority of New Iowa Laws Effective July 1, 2024** (By Sydney J. Gangestad)
- Iowa Primary Election Overview** (By Sydney J. Gangestad)
- Iowa General Assembly - Legislative Session Week 14** (By Sydney J. Gangestad)
- Iowa General Assembly - Legislative Session Week 13** (By Sydney J. Gangestad)
- Iowa General Assembly - Legislative Session Week 12** (By Sydney J. Gangestad)