

DONALD TRUMP: THE PATH TO THE PRESIDENCY

The billionaire businessman is elected president of the United States

Donald Trump

Timeline of Donald Trump's life and political career from 1946 to 2016, including his business ventures, marriages, and election as president.



Highest glass ceiling stays intact

They wore pantsuits to their polling places, emulating the preferred dress of their White House candidate.

But rather than witness the shattering of the ultimate glass ceiling, women across America watched an historic breakthrough slip away as Clinton failed to become the first woman elected president of the United States.

Republican Donald Trump, who had waged a heated campaign painting the former secretary of state as "crooked" and threatening to put her in jail, swept to surprise victory on an anti-establishment platform.

"I was looking forward to having a woman president. I really was. I can't believe people voted for that terrible man," said Mariana Mejia, 61, sitting at a subdued party at California Democratic Party headquarters in Sacramento.

Some women defied their own political tradition to vote for the first woman presidential nominee of a



(From top anti-clockwise) Republican presidential elect Donald Trump (L) arrives with his family to speak during election night at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York, yesterday; Joy and despair of Republicans and Democrats.

Trump's 'deplorables' shake up the elite

Fed up with Washington and feeling left behind, supporters of Republican Donald Trump upended the US presidential election, electing a political newcomer they say offers the country a shot at dramatic change.

TRUMP'S VICTORY IN US POLLS: WORLD REACTION

World leaders reacted to Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election with offers to work with him tinged with anxiety over how he would deal with a host of problems, from the Middle East to an assertive Russia.

A grid of world leaders' reactions to Trump's victory, including Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, Narendra Modi, Angela Merkel, Donald Tusk, Theresa May, Francois Hollande, Hassan Rouhani, Benjamin Netanyahu, Shinzo Abe, and General Jens Stoltenberg.



major US political party. Republican Cassandra Pye, a pioneering African-American political consultant, said she felt the pull of history as she cast her ballot for Clinton.

Several women bemoaned the fact that US women won the right to vote in 1920 and nearly a century later the country has yet to elect a woman president.

"It's been such a hard struggle for women, a very hard struggle," said US Senator Barbara Boxer, who in 1992 made history along with Senator Dianne Feinstein as the first women elected from California to the US Senate.

At the Sacramento Democratic party gathering, some women lamented Trump's victory and the long, difficult trek for women to win positions of power.

"I thought by the time I hit 61 it would be different for women and minorities," said Chris Cage, 61, a former journalist and labor organizer. "I see a victory for Trump as a vote against both."



MELANIA TRUMP

46-year old former model will be the next First Lady. APRIL 26, 1970 Born Melania Knavs in Sevnica, Yugoslavia. 1986 Begins modelling. Career aged 16. 1996 Arrives in the US. *Meets Trump. 1998 First meets Donald Trump at a party. JAN 22, 2005 Marries Donald Trump in lavish wedding. MARCH 20, 2006 Birth of their son, Barron. 2006 Becomes US citizen. * On the campaign trail. JULY 2016 Her speech at the Republican Convention widely mocked for its plagiarising of a Michelle Obama speech. OCTOBER 2016 Shrugs of tape of husband's lewd comments about women as "boy talk". Brands women accusing Trump of sexual assault as liars.

HOW WORLD CAN CHANGE

Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential contest could change America's relationship with the rest of the world in some important ways. Here are a few of them. NATO FACES A SHAKE-UP. Trump has been hugely critical of Nato, a cornerstone of American foreign policy for more than 60 years. He has attacked the organisation as obsolete and characterised its members as ungrateful allies who benefit from US largesse. NEW COSIER TIES WITH RUSSIA? As for Russia itself, Trump has said he believes he can ease tensions with President Vladimir Putin, and has praised him as a strong leader with whom he would love to have a good relationship. BAD NEWS FOR FREE TRADE DEALS. Donald Trump's trade policies would amount to the single biggest change to the way America does business with the rest of the world in decades. IRAN NUCLEAR ACCORD ON THE LINE. For President Obama, the deal that saw sanctions against Iran lifted in exchange for guarantees it would not pursue nuclear weapons was a "historic understanding". TWO-STATE SOLUTION MAY SUFFER. Meeting Netanyahu in New York in September, Trump pledged to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's "undivided" capital if elected, in a break with longstanding US policy.

How surveys get it so wrong?

POLITICO ONLINE. When Election Day dawned, almost all the pollsters, analytics nerds and political insiders in the country had Hillary Clinton waltzing into the White House. By the time polls had closed nationwide on Tuesday night, those projections had been left in shambles — just like the ones a year ago that all-but ruled out the possibility of Donald Trump winning the Republican Party's presidential nomination. Headed into Election Day, polling evangelist Nate Silver's 538 website put Clinton's odds at winning the White House at about 72 percent. Trump had notched hugely significant upset victories in Florida, North Carolina and Wisconsin — critical swing states where almost every public poll and most private projections had shown Clinton ahead. The Republican nominee's surprisingly strong performance, which left the race on a razor's edge at the publication of this story, seemed to at least partly validate his claims that many polls "just put out phony numbers."

POPULIST SURGE OR GROUND REALITY?

Donald Trump's election as US president is the latest example of surging political populism fuelled by supporters' fears that globalisation is leaving them behind. Here are examples from three continents: MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN? Despite the fact that he has never held public office — or maybe because of it — brass billionaire Trump won the US election after one of most bitter campaigns in memory. PHILIPPINES' DUTERTE Rodrigo Duterte's foul-mouthed tirades against the Filipino elite helped him cultivate a man-of-the-people image that propelled him to the presidency in June. EUROPE'S RIGHTWING TIDE A populist tide has been sweeping Europe as it battles its worst migration crisis since World War II, struggling to cope with the arrival last year of hundreds of thousands of refugees and other migrants from the Middle East, Africa and South Asia.



A Hillary Clinton supporter clashes with a Donald Trump supporter outside the White House early yesterday. Protests and occasional clashes were reported from different parts of the country.



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