







election night at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York, yesterday; Joy and despair of Republicans and Democrats. PHOTO: REUTERS, AFP

"I highly value China-US relations,

and look forward to working

together with you, and holding

fast to mutual respect and non-

Xi Jinping, China's President

conflict, non-confrontation."

## Trump's 'deplorables' shake up the elite

REUTERS, Miami/washington

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

Once dismissed by Trump's Democratic rival Hillary Clinton as "deplorables," supporters interviewed yesterday shrugged off his late-night tweeted insults, allegations against him of sexual misconduct and dire warnings from many in the Republican establishment that the businessman-turned-reality-television-star would throw US economic and foreign policy into dis-

The economy, terrorism and healthcare ranked as the top three concerns facing Americans casting ballots in the election, according to an early reading from the Reuters/Ipsos Election Day poll of about 35,000 people.

"The freedom-loving Americans pushed back against the elites and the globalists. They might win in the long run, but we're not dead yet," said Andrew Dye, 48, of Dexter, Michigan.

"I think this big country is getting a little too far left a little too quickly and some people finally woke up and said enough," said Dye, a partner in a small management consulting firm.

Cuban-American Sarah Gird, 67, described herself as an independent who had felt let down after twice voting for Democratic President Barack Obama.

"I'm not conservative at all," she said. But Obama "didn't produce anything." In contrast, she said she trusted Trump would fix the economy.

"I think he's sincere, he's truthful, he means what he says," said Gird, adding she thought Trump would address poverty and jobs in African-American neighbor-

For many, the vote was a rejection of Clinton, whose use of a private email server during her time in government came to symbolize what is wrong with Washington.

Others found Trump's promise to build a wall on the southern border with Mexico appealing.

# 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. Several authoritarian and right-wing leaders commended the billionaire businessman and reality TV star who against the odds won the leadership of the world's most powerful country.



Russia is ready and wants to restore full-fledged relations with the US.We understand that this will not be an easy path considering the unfortunate degradation of relations."

Vladimir Putin, Russian President

'Germany and America share the values of democracy, freedom, respect for the rule of law and human dignity, regardless of origin, skin colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political belief." Angela Merkel, German Chancellor



heard and of promoting policies wherever its interests or its values are challenged." Francois Hollande, French President

"We are ready to deal with the elected president on the basis of a two-state solution and to establish a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders."

Mahmud Abbas, Palestinian president



"The nation state is back.

voted for change and to

take back control of their

lives. The Trump victory is

like a supersized Brexit."

Nigel Farage, the

Independence Party

leader of the UK

2016 is the year that people

common values such as freedom, democracy, basic human rights and rule of law." Shinzo Abe, Japanese PM

"Congratulations. What

Democracy is still alive."

Viktor Orban,

a great news.

Hungarian PM



'Today, it is more impor-

strengthen transatlantic

tant than ever to

Donald Tusk,

relations."

"Japan and the United States are unshakeable allies connected by



Hassan Rouhani, Iran's President 小川西巴 片山

Well the good news is,

the election wasn't

rigged. What a relief.

**Natalie Maines** 

Iranophobia and to create a

consensus against Iran"



The revolution is

**Katy Perry** 



"I look forward to working with

president-elect Donald Trump,

building on these ties to ensure

nations in the years ahead.'

the security and prosperity of our

"US leadership is as important as ever... A strong Nato is good for the United States, and good for Europe."

CELEBRITY TWEETS

This is an embarrassing night for

America. We've let a hatemonger

lead our great nation. We've let a

**Chris Evans** 

bully set our course. I'm devastated.

**General Jens** Stoltenberg,



Say a prayer

Lady Gaga

America

"President-elect Trump is a true

friend of the state of Israel, and I

look forward to working with him

to advance security, stability and

Benjamin Netanyahu,

peace in our region."

'Congratulations @realDonaldTrump

working with you closely to take India-

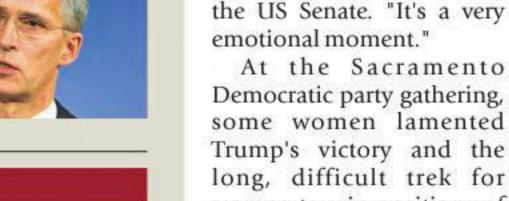
on being elected as the 45th US

President. . . . We look forward to

US bilateral ties to a new height."

Narendra Modi, Indian PM





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

Highest glass

They wore pantsuits to their

polling places, emulating

the preferred dress of their

White House candidate.

Some wept with emotion

and others remembered

their female ancestors as

they cast their vote for

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

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-

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

own political tradition to

vote for the first woman

presidential nominee of a

major US political party.

Republican Cassandra Pye, a

pioneering African-

American political consul-

tant, said she felt the pull of

history as she cast her ballot

the fact that US women won

the right to vote in 1920 and

nearly a century later the

country has yet to elect a

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

"It's been such a hard

woman president.

Several women bemoaned

for Clinton.

Some women defied their

Sacramento.

"I was looking forward to

establishment platform.

Republican Donald

of the United States.

But rather than witness

Democrat Hillary Clinton.

ceiling stays

intact

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." SOURCE: REUTERS



## MELANIA TRUMP

46-year old former model will be the next First Lady

**APRIL 26, 1970** Born Melanija Knavs in Sevnica, Yugoslavia

Begins modelling Career aged 16 1996

Arrives in the US

\*Meets Trump First meets Donald Trump at a party

JAN 22, 2005 Marries Donald Trump in lavish wedding MARCH 20, 2006 Birth of their son, Barron

Becomes US citizen

\* On the campaign trail **JULY 2016** Her speech at the Republican

Convention widely mocked for its plagiarism of a Michelle Óbama 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

SOURCE: AFP

# HOW WORLD CAN CHANGE How surveys get it so wrong?

Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential contest could change Ámerica's relationship with the rest of the world in some important ways. Here are 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. He says America can no longer afford to protect countries in Europe - and in Asia - without adequate compensation, suggesting he would withdraw American forces unless

### they pay up. **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. This could be very important in solving crises in Middle East or in Eastern Europe.

### 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. He has threatened to scrap a number of existing free trade agreements, including the North American Free Trade Agreement

between the US, Canada and Mexico, which he blames for job losses. He has even suggested withdrawing the US from the World Trade Organization. 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". But for Donald Trump, echoing Republican concerns, it was "the worst deal I think I've ever seen negotiated". He has said dismantling it would be his "number one priority". Doing so would potentially have a huge impact on the Middle East, with Iran a key player in the Syrian conflict and a rival of Saudi Arabia and Israel, for instance.

### 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. Trump's adviser on Israel, David Friedman, also said last month the candidate was "tremendously sceptical" about the prospects for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israeli Education Minister Naftali

Bennett said that with Trump's election: "The era of a Palestinian state is over." WAR ON IS AND SYRIA During the campaign Trump repeatedly pledged to "destroy" the jihadist Islamic State group, but presented no clear plan for how. How Trump moves forward with

the anti-IS offensive will depend on how he intends to deal with traditional US allies in the region, in particular Sunni Arab Gulf states, and his approach to the war in Syria. Washington has backed rebel forces opposing President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's five-year civil war, and Hillary Clinton was especially supportive of regime change. Trump said earlier this year that fighting both IS and Assad simultaneously was "madness, and idiocy". SOURCE: AGENCIES

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.

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.

evangelist Nate Silver's 538 website put Clinton's odds at winning the White House at about 72 percent. By midnight, the site Trump. had more than flipped its odds making, winning.

Trump had notched hugely significant and analysts. upset victories in Florida, North Carolina and Wisconsin — critical swing states where almost every public poll and most private projections had shown Clinton ahead.

razor's edge at the publication of this story, seemed to at least partly validate his claims imagine it happening."

that many polls "just put out phony numbers.

And it left pollsters and operatives struggling to explain how everyone had been so far off.

"The pollsters have lost a lot of credibility: By the time polls had closed nationwide and won't be believed on anything soon," said Jonathan Barnett, a Republican National Committeeman from Arkansas: who supported Trump. "The way they poll doesn't work anymore."

Some pointed to the possibility of Headed into Election Day, polling "hidden Trump voters," who were embarrassed to admit even anonymously to pollsters that they planned to support:

giving Trump an 84 percent chance of when some polls hinted at Trump's strength, it was ignored or explained away by the media

"Most of the press and folks in DC were science deniers when it came to this elec-Anderson, an adviser to a pro-Trump super: The Republican nominee's surprisingly PAC. "Even in the face of polls that showed it . strong performance, which left the race on a very close, they all said that Trump had almost no chance. It was because they couldn't

> **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.

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 -brash billionaire Trump won the US election after one of most bitter campaigns in memory. Trump pledged to "Make America Great Again" and restore jobs to middle- and working-class Americans worried about immigration and an exodus of jobs. His insults against Hispanics, Muslims and women were perceived by millions as plain-speaking, or at worst, "locker-room talk", by a support base made up strongly of non-college-educated white voters. His backers also welcomed a man they perceived as a business-savvy white knight who would protect domestic production against foreign trade, and put national interests over international agreements like on Iran or climate change.

### PHILIPPINES' DUTERTE

Pro-Trump operatives argued that even : 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. The firebrand populist has made clear he is willing to forsake human rights for law and order, vowing to kill tens of thousands of criminals. His war on drugs and other crime has already claimed more than 4,100 lives. Duterte has shifted the Philippines' political alignment away from its key alliance with the US, strengthening ties with China. He has taken his blistering anti-American rhetoric far enough to call US President Barack tion," said veteran GOP operative Curt: Obama a "son of a whore", although he later apologised for that remark.

### 'TAKE BACK CONTROL' BREXIT CAMPAIGN

Commentators have drawn strong comparisons between Trump's victory and Britain's shock referendum vote in June to quit the European Union, which was driven by anger over immigration and the perception that Brussels bureaucrats wield too much power. Defying polls and much of Britain's political and media elite, 52 percent of British voters backed a divorce from the 28-nation bloc. Populist Nigel Farage led the anti-EU UK Independence Party into the bitter campaign, becoming the face of a movement to "take back control" of Britain's borders and immigration policy. Trump had vowed in his final campaign push Monday that the US election would be "Brexit plus plus plus".

### **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. In France, Marine Le Pen of the far-right National Front is set to make it into next May's presidential run-off, although polls predict she will be beaten by a more mainstream conservative candidate. From Austria to the Netherlands, Germany and even famously tolerant Scandinavia, once-fringe parties are gaining ground and public acceptance. Germany's anti-migrant, anti-Islam Alternative for · Germany (AfD) is polling at around 12 percent nationally after winning a slew of seats in state assemblies, providing a major headache to Chancellor Angela Merkel · as she heads into an election year. Hungary's rightwing premier Victor Orban has : become a figurehead for anti-refugee sentiment in eastern Europe, while the Austrian far-right's Norbert Hofer is hoping to win December 4's re-run vote for : the presidency, a largely ceremonial role. SOURCE: AFP

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