

US ELECTION 2024



Left, Supporters of Donald Trump celebrate as election results coming in at a Republican watch party at Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, Wisconsin yesterday. Right, Tearful supporters react to election results during an election night event for Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris at Howard University in Washington, DC yesterday.

Trump's return brings criminal cases to a halt

REUTERS, Washington

Donald Trump's win in US presidential election will essentially end the criminal cases brought against him, at least for the four years he occupies the White House. The first former US president to face criminal charges, Trump for much of this year faced four simultaneous prosecutions, over allegations ranging from his attempt to cover up a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels during his 2016 campaign to his attempts to overturn his 2020 election defeat. A New York jury in May found him guilty of falsifying business records tied to the Daniels payment, making him the first former US president convicted of a felony.

Trump, a Republican, told an interviewer on October 24 that he would fire US Special Counsel Jack Smith – who led the federal prosecutions over his attempts to overturn his election defeat and retention of classified documents after leaving office – “within two seconds” of being sworn in. Trump pleaded not guilty to all charges and cast the prosecutions as politically motivated. “The American people have heard these Democrat prosecutors’ cases against President Trump and they’re still going to elect him anyway,” said Mike Davis, the founder of the Article III Project, a conservative legal advocacy group. Davis is the former Chief Counsel for Nominations to Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley.

How did Trump pull it off?

REUTERS

Republican Donald Trump has won over Democrat Kamala Harris in the US presidential election, avenging his own loss to President Joe Biden four years ago. How did Trump pull it off? He had the fortune of running when Americans were frustrated by high prices and, to a lesser extent, illegal immigration across the US southern border. Those were Trump's signature issues, ones that proved to be anvils that weighed down Vice President Harris' candidacy. The result was a quicker-than-expected set of returns that placed Trump on the cusp of securing the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House. Here are some takeaways from the exit polls and results:

TOUGH SLEDDING
The national exit poll of voters conducted by Edison Research

underscored what public opinion surveys had long shown: Voters are in a bad mood and have been for some time. Three-fourths of voters surveyed by Edison said the country was going in a negative direction. Of those voters, 61 percent went for Trump. Of the voters who called themselves “angry,” 71 percent backed the Republican. Voters who believe abortion should be a legal procedure in most instances surprisingly only backed Harris 51 percent to 47 percent, suggesting Trump's efforts to blur his position may have partially negated one of her largest advantages. Trump said he opposed a federal abortion ban but that

states are free to pass laws as restricted or unrestricted as they choose.

VOTERS OF COLOR
The Trump campaign put a great deal of effort into persuading Black and Latino voters to defect from Democratic Party – and there were some indications those efforts paid off. In North Carolina, exit polls showed Trump boosting his share of the Black vote to 12 percent, from 5 percent in 2020. He garnered the support of 20 percent of Black male voters, the poll said. According to the Edison national poll, Trump's support among Latino male voters jumped 18 percentage points from four years ago.

A GENDER GAP?

Harris' campaign was looking to exploit a large gender gap in the electorate, with the hope that legions of women voters would flock to the vice president because of issues such as abortion rights. But Trump seemed to hold onto the support of at least white women voters, according to exit polls. Black women overwhelmingly supported Harris. In Pennsylvania, Trump was maintaining close to the same level of support among white women voters that he enjoyed in 2020. That was also true in Georgia.

AN AGE GAP
The national exit poll showed Trump slightly edging Harris among men between the ages of 18 and 44 and beating her solidly with men 45 and up. In Michigan and Wisconsin, Trump was up 5 percentage points with overall voters under 45 compared with four years ago. In Nevada, he jumped 6 points with those voters.

Americans must wait for first woman president

AFP, Washington

For the second time in eight years, a woman has won the Democratic nomination for US president, only to come up short in a campaign where gender was a central issue. Like Hillary Clinton in 2016, Kamala Harris had a shot at becoming the first woman to occupy the Oval Office but stumbled at the final hurdle. While the charisma of their opponent – Trump, in both cases – clearly played a role in these historic defeats, many observers also saw misogyny as a factor. In their dueling campaigns, Harris and Trump laid out starkly different visions for women's status and rights. Trump, who has faced multiple accusations of sexual assault he denies, sought to broadcast a hypermasculine image, appearing alongside mixed martial artists and offering praise for autocratic world leaders. Harris did not campaign heavily on female celebrities such as Beyonce, Jennifer Lopez, Lady Gaga and Oprah Winfrey, betting that they would help her reach even conservative women voters. Harris did not campaign openly on the fact that she would have been the first female president of the United States. But she made the defense of women's rights, and abortion in particular, one of the cornerstones of her campaign. This does not appear to have won over enough moderately conservative women.

“The US elections are not really our business... We made the necessary predictions before and there will not be change in people's livelihoods.”

Iran's govt spokesperson
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New MPs seek restoration of partial autonomy

REUTERS, Srinagar

Newly-elected lawmakers in India's Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) territory yesterday passed a resolution demanding New Delhi restore the partial autonomy of the Himalayan region, a contentious move Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is likely to reject. Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government revoked Jammu and Kashmir's partial autonomy in 2019, splitting the state into the two federally administered territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. The decision was opposed by opposition parties, and many people were detained in 2019 to forestall a backlash against the shock move. Modi's government also imposed months of curbs on communications in the Kashmir Valley. Yesterday, J&K's newly-elected ruling alliance passed the resolution seeking the restoration, despite protests by BJP lawmakers. "This legislative assembly re-affirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees which safeguarded the identity, culture and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and expresses concern over their unilateral removal," it said.

World pledges to work with Trump

AFP, Paris

World leaders raced to congratulate Donald Trump yesterday as he triumphed in a stunning US election victory over Kamala Harris. European leaders in particular were quick to extend their best wishes and offers of cooperation, in contrast to a much cooler reaction when Trump won for the first time in 2016. There were some exceptions, such as Russia, where the foreign ministry frostily commented on the outcome but let it be known that no congratulations would be forthcoming from President Vladimir Putin. Here are yesterday's reactions, with many being expressed even before the election win was confirmed:

China: 'mutual respect'
Without directly mentioning Trump, foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning told a regular briefing that China hopes for "peaceful coexistence" with the United States. "We will continue to approach and handle China-US relations based on the principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation," she said.

Russia: 'no illusions'
"We are under no illusions about the American President-elect," Moscow's foreign ministry said, adding that it will "work with" a new US administration and prioritise achieving its "set goals" in Ukraine. It said its "conditions" on ending the conflict "are unchanged and are well known in Washington".

India: 'heartiest congratulations'
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed a "historic election victory" offering his "heartiest congratulations" to Trump, describing him as "my friend." "As you build on the successes of your previous term, I look forward to renewing our collaboration," he said in a statement.

Israel: 'powerful recommitment'
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described Trump's win as "history's greatest comeback" as well as a "new beginning for America and a powerful recommitment to the great alliance between Israel and America."

Ukraine: hopes 'just peace' closer
President Volodymyr Zelensky congratulated Donald Trump on his "impressive victory" and said he hoped his presidency would bring a "just peace in Ukraine closer." "I appreciate President Trump's commitment to the 'peace through strength' approach in global affairs," Zelensky said on social media.

Nato: 'peace through strength'
Nato chief Mark Rutte said Trump's return to power would help keep the alliance "strong". "His leadership will again be key to keeping our Alliance strong. I look forward to working with him again to advance peace through strength through Nato," Rutte said in a statement.

EU: 'strong transatlantic agenda'
"I warmly congratulate Donald J. Trump," European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen wrote on X. "We are bound by a true partnership between our people, uniting 800 million citizens. Let's work together on a strong transatlantic agenda that keeps delivering for them."

United Nations: 'work constructively'
The UN is "ready to work constructively with the incoming administration to address the dramatic challenges our world is facing," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement.

Britain: 'historic election victory'
Prime Minister Keir Starmer congratulated the 78-year old on his "historic election victory." "From growth and security to innovation and tech, I know that the UK-US special relationship will continue to prosper on both sides of the Atlantic."

France: 'respect and ambition'
French President Emmanuel Macron congratulated "President Donald Trump", saying he was ready to work together "with respect and ambition" like "we managed to do for four years". In a post on X, Macron said that the relationship with Trump would "take account of your convictions, and mine", adding: "For more peace and prosperity."

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