Global Macro: Trading the US Election

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Political uncertainty ahead...





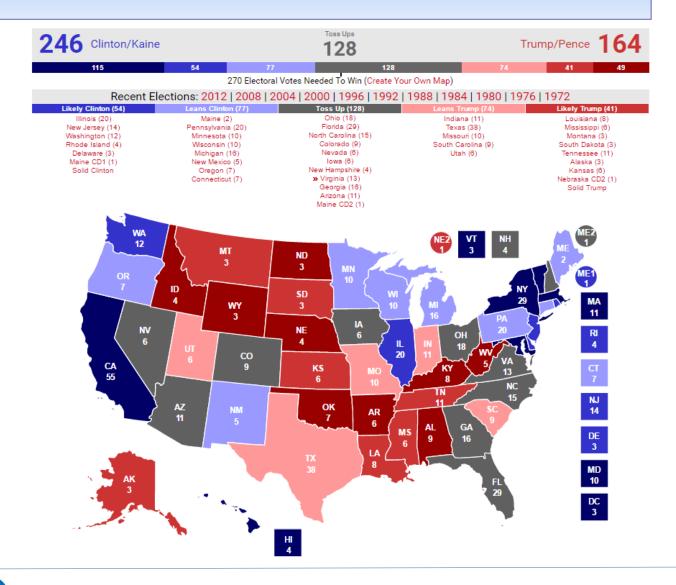




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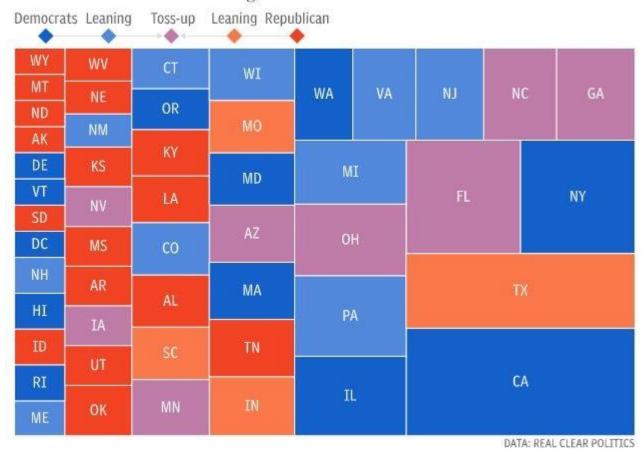






US Election: Electoral College Votes

US Election 2016 predictions Scale based on state electoral college votes







US Election: Importance of individual states

	Solid S	tates			
CLINTO	ON/KAINE (115)	TRUMP/PENCE (49)			
Massachusetts (11)	New York (29)	Alabama (9)	Arkansas (6)		
California (55)	District Of Columbia (3)	Kentucky (8)	Idaho (4)		
Hawaii (4)	Maryland (10)	Nebraska (4)	North Dakota (3)		
Vermont (3)		Oklahoma (7)	West Virginia (5)		
		Wyoming (3)			

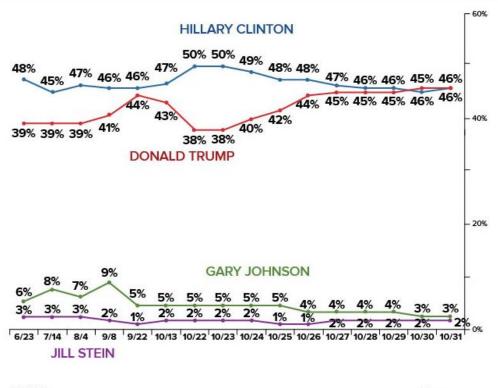
STATE	CLINTON	TRUMP	RCP AVERAGE *	RCP STATUS	2012	2008	2004
Nevada (6)	44.3	44.8	Trump +0.5	Toss Up	Obama +6.7	Obama +12.5	Bush +2.6
Maine CD2 (1)	41.7	41.0	Clinton +0.7	Toss Up	Obama +8.6	Obama +11.7	Kerry +6.0
North Carolina (15)	46.3	47.0	Trump +0.7	Toss Up	Romney +2.0	Obama +0.3	Bush +12.4
Florida (29)	44.5	45.5	Trump +1.0	Toss Up	Obama +0.9	Obama +2.8	Bush +5.0
lowa (6)	40.3	41.7	Trump +1.4	Toss Up	Obama +5.8	Obama +9.5	Bush +0.7
Arizona (11)	43.5	45.0	Trump +1.5	Toss Up	Romney +9.1	McCain +8.5	Bush +10.5
Ohio (18)	44.3	46.8	Trump +2.5	Toss Up	Obama +3.0	Obama +4.6	Bush +2.1
Georgia (16)	43.5	47.5	Trump +4.0	Toss Up	Romney +7.8	McCain +5.2	Bush +16.6
Colorado (9)	44.0	40.0	Clinton +4.0	Toss Up	Obama +5.4	Obama +9.0	Bush +4.7
Virginia (13)	48.0	43.3	Clinton +4.7	Toss Up	Obama +3.9	Obama +6.3	Bush +8.2
New Hampshire (4)	46.0	41.3	Clinton +4.7	Toss Up	Obama +5.6	Obama +9.6	Kerry +1.3





US Election: Reaction to polls

2016 GENERAL ELECTION VOTE PREFERENCE AMONG LIKELY VOTERS



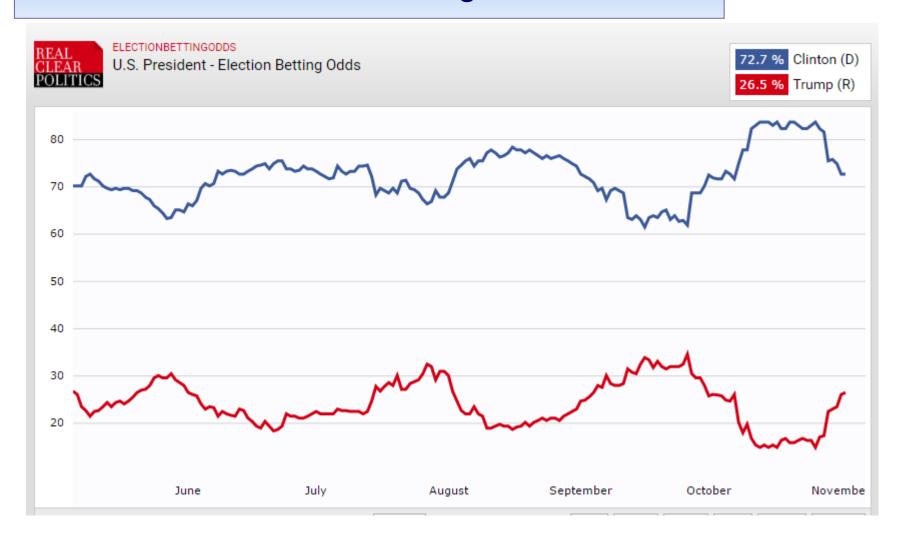
- Strong enthusiasm for Hillary Clinton has ebbed since the renewal of the FBI's email investigation
- While vote preferences have held essentially steady, Clinton's fell a slim point behind Donald Trump -- a first since May -- in a recent ABC News/Washington Post tracking poll, produced for ABC by Langer Research Associates







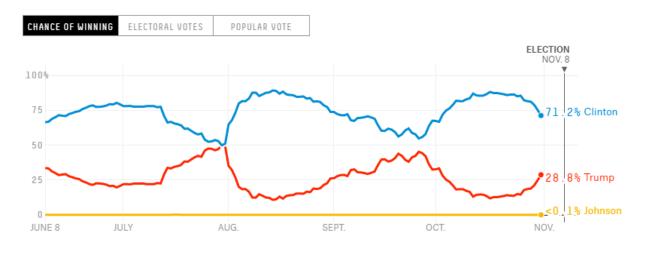
US Election: Betting Odds

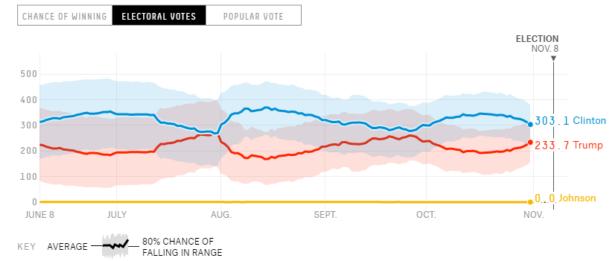






US Election: What the polls are showing





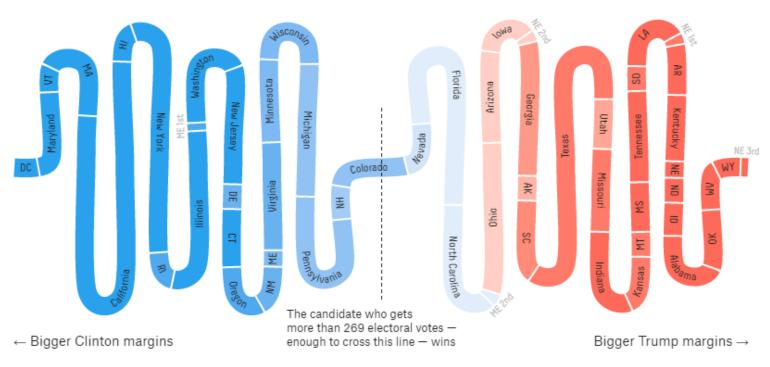
- Forecasts based upon latest polls
- Poll results
 aggregated from
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 polling firms and
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- Source: fivethirtyeight.co m





US Election: If polls prove correct

A candidate needs at least 270 electoral votes to clinch the White House. Here's where the race stands, with the states ordered by the projected margin between the candidates — Clinton's strongest states are farthest left, Trump's farthest right — and sized by the number of electoral votes they will award.





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Pennsylvania Rhode Island

Arizona Colorado Louisiana Minnesota Michigan Nebraska New Mexico New York South Dakota Texas Wisconsin Wyoming lowa Idaho Montana Nevada North Dakota Utah California Hawaii Oregon Washington Alaska

US Election: Timing on the night

Oklahoma

HSBC guide to the 2016 US Presidential Election

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Solid Democrat	Likely Democrat Lea	n Demo	crat Toss-up	Lean Republican	Likely Repo	ublican	Solid Republican				
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Voting probabilities according to FiveThirtyEight and New York Times Poll closing times											
	Electoral votes		538 model	NYT model	EST	GMT	State				
	D.C.	3	99%	99%	6pm	11pm	Indiana				
(C)	Hawaii	4	99%	99%	opin	- inpili	Kentucky				
	Vermont	3	98%	99%			nonuoxy				
114	Maryland	10	99%	99%	7pm	12am	Florida				
	California	55	99%	99%	,		Georgia				
070	New York	29	99%	99%			South Carolina				
272	Massachusetts	11	99%	99%			Vermont				
Z Z	Illinois	20	99%	99%			Virginia				
Electoral votes	Rhode Island	4	97%	99%	_						
	New Jersey	14	98%	99%	7.30pm	12.30am	North Carolina				
From 24 likely	Delaware	3	95%	99%			Ohio				
Democrat states	Maine (CD 1)*	1	94%	99%			West Virginia				
	Connecticut	7	98%	99%							
270 electoral vote	wasningion	12	97%	99%	8pm	1am	Alabama				
are needed to wir	¹ Oregon	7	95%	99%			Connecticut				
	Virginia	13	93%	99%			Delaware D.C.				
	New Mexico	5	94%	98%			Illinois				
	Wisconsin	10	89%	96%			Kansas				
	Michigan	16	92%	96%			Maine				
	Pennsylvania	20	88%	95%			Maryland				
	Minnesota	10	87%	95%			Massachusetts				
	New Hampshire	4	86%	95%			Mississippi				
	Maine	2	86%	94%			Missouri				
	Colorado	9	88%	92%			New Jersey				
	Flonda	29	74%	81%			New Hampshire				

110	North Carolina	15	69%	73%			Pennsylva
1 36	Mahazaka (CD 014)						
	Nebraska (CD 2)*	1	50%	66%			Rhode Isla
110	Ohio	18	59%	58%			Tennessee
Electoral votes	Maine (CD 2)*	1	51%	50%			
From 11	lowa	6	54%	53%	8.30pn	1.30am	Arkansas
competitive	Arizona	11	54%	57%			
states	Georgia	16	68%	70%	9pm	2am	Arizona
otates	Utah	6	77%	80%			Colorado
	South Carolina	9	89%	82%			Louisiana Minnesota
	Texas	38	82%	87%			
	Missouri	10	81%	88%			Michigan Nebraska
	Mississippi	6	95%	89%			New Mexic
	Alaska	3	69%	89%			New York
	Nebraska (CD 1)*	1	85%	95%			South Dak
	Indiana	11	86%	96%			Texas
	Louisiana	8	99%	98%			Wisconsin
	Montana	3	86%	99%			Wyoming
	Nebraska	2	95%	99%			, ,
4.40	Kansas	6	90%	99%	10pm	3am	lowa
1/12	South Dakota	3	87%	99%			Idaho
140	Arkansas	6	99%	99%			Montana
Electoral votes	Tennessee	11	97%	99%			Nevada
	North Dakota	3	92%	99%			North Dak
From 21 likely	Alabama	9	99%	99%			Utah
Republican states	Kentucky	8	95%	99%			
	Idaho	4	97%	99%	11pm	4am	California
	West Virginia	5	99%	99%			Hawaii
***	Oklahoma	7	99%	99%			Oregon
	Wyoming	3	98%	99%			Washingto
	Nebraska (CD 3)*	1	99%	99%	1am	6am	Alaska

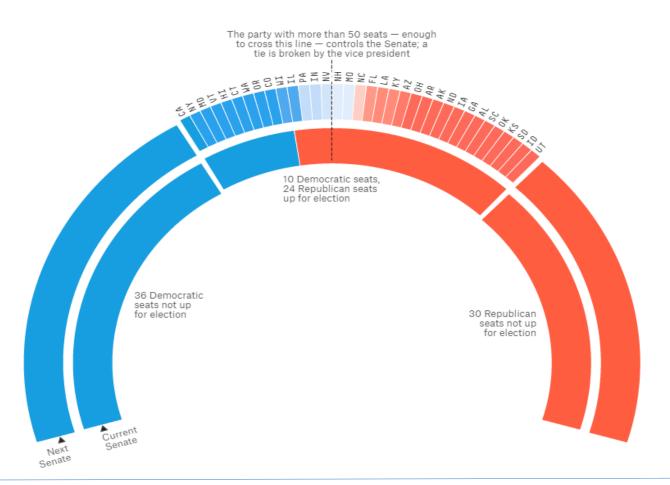
* Maine and Nebraska award two electoral votes to the statewide winner and a single electoral vote to the winner of each Congressional district Sources: New York Times election model, Five Thirty Eight polis-only election model, data as of 25 October 2016





US Election: Composition of the Senate

More than twice as many Republican seats are up for election this year as Democratic seats, giving Democrats more opportunities to build a majority. To win control of the chamber, they'll need to net four additional seats — if they win the presidency. Without the White House, they'll need five.



- 10 Democratic seats, 24
 Republican seats up for election
- Democrats need 4 more plus the Presidency to reclaims control
- Pennsylvania,
 Nevada, New
 Hampshire,
 Indiana, Missouri





US Election: Other considerations

Early-Voting States

In 2016, more than half the states will allow voters to cast ballots before Election Day on Nov. 8, either by voting at authorized locations or by mail. In 2014, 31 percent of all votes were cast before Election Day.



The number of
Americans casting
early, absentee or
mail-in ballots
could top 50
million this year,
up from 46 million
in 2012, the Pew
Research Centre
estimates

That means about
40 percent of
votes could
already be in
before Nov. 8

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

Bloomberg Quick Take





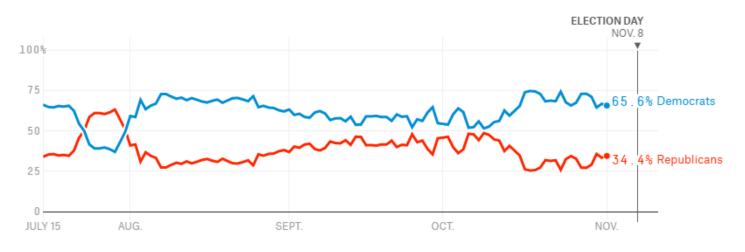
US Election: Potential outcome

Table 1: Probability of different political configurations

	Configuration	Probability ¹	Economic impact
1	H. Clinton + Divided or Republican Congress	70	Political gridlock Risk: slightly positive
2	D. Trump + Divided or Democrat Congress	14	Political gridlock Risk: higher policy uncertainty/Tariffs
3	D. Trump + Republican Congress	8	Tariffs and immigration reforms: negative for growth / higher inflation Tax reform: unclear with a trade-off between tax cuts/higher public debt Tighter monetary policy
4	H. Clinton + Democrat Congress	8	Positive for growth in the short run with higher inflation and tighter monetary policy

¹ Implied by polls as of October 7

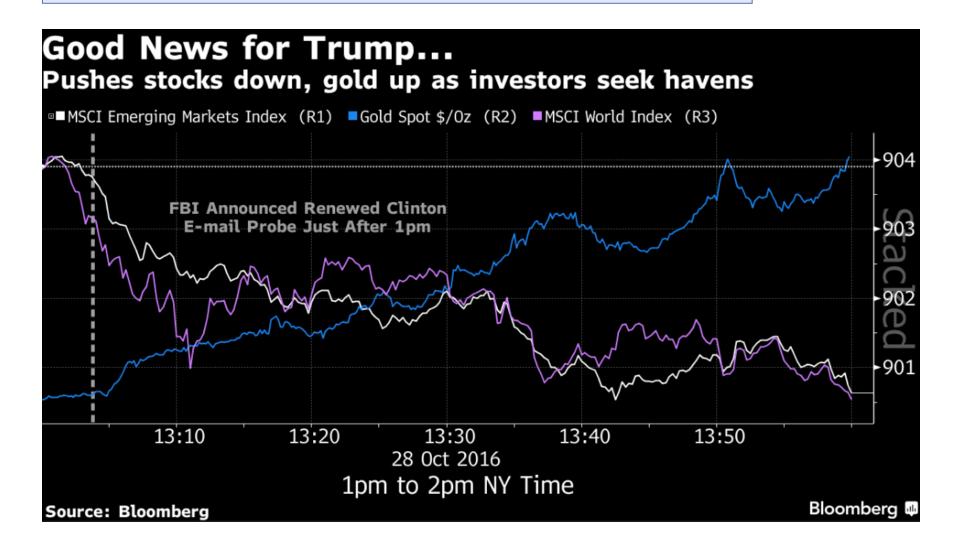
Sources: FiveThirtyEight, Ulowa, Natixis







US Election: Market reactions (instant)







US Election: Market reactions (multi-asset)

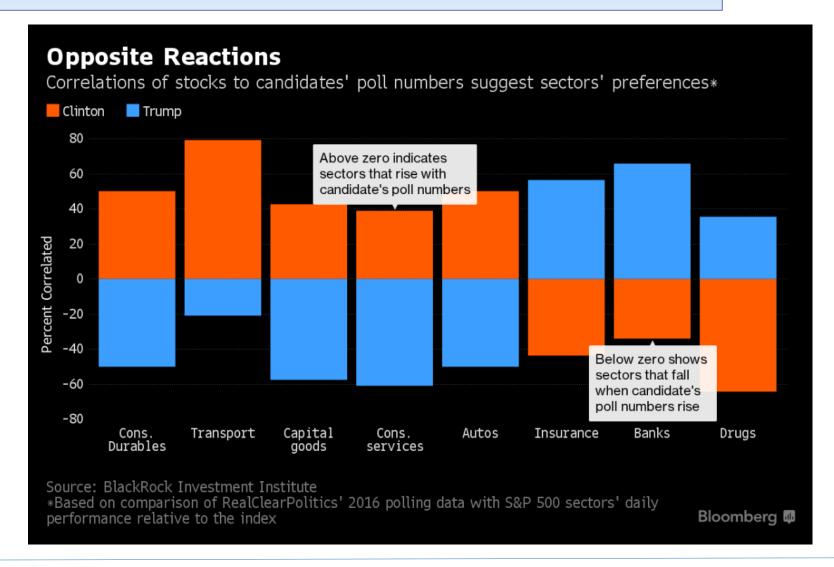
Three potential US election policy scenarios and their impact

	Clinton win	Clinton 'clean sweep'	Trump win
US ECONOMY	Status quo / gridlock. Trend GDP growth, 2% CPI, low-for-longer Fed. Moderate rise in uncertainty	lift with higher policy uncertainty	
FX	Little FX impact within G10. Modest relief rally in EM FX, notably MXN	USD bullish on fiscal stimulus. EM FX could rally on US growth impulse despite more hawkish Fed	USD bearish as negative forces outweigh positive
GOLD	Some limited upside	Higher prices on fiscal easing	Decidedly bullish given protectionism, budget spending and geopolitical risks
US RATES	Moderate front-end steepening. Legislative gridlock keeps yields trapped	Higher rates on expectations of fiscal stimulus	Lower yields on risk aversion and initial focus on possible trade war rather than fiscal stimulus
US CREDIT	Supportive of credit asset class	Neutral to negative for credit spreads	Higher volatility, risk of spread back-up
EQUITIES	Temporary near-term rally but fundamentals still weak	Double-edged sword as higher growth offset by less accommodative Fed	Negative, especially for DM multi-nationals. Commodities and defensives to outperform
EMERGING MARKETS	Continuation of supportive backdrop but focus on NAFTA and TPP	Initial headwind from more hawkish Fed but some support from higher US growth	EM markets hurt via financial market and economic channels
Source: HSBC		J J	





US Election: Market reactions (sector specific)

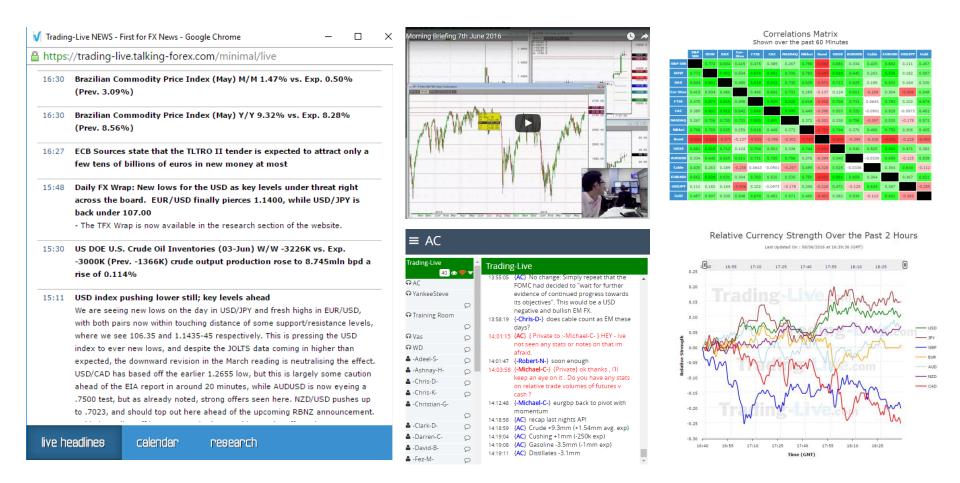






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