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ELECTION 2006: Impact In Indian Country

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Election 2006: Impacts in Indian Country

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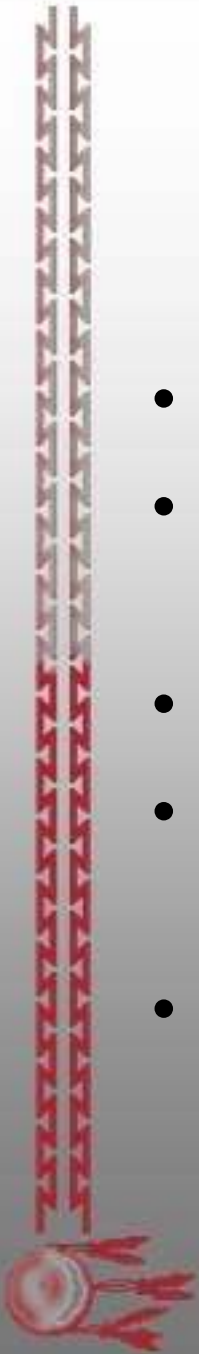


Native Vote: Report from 2006

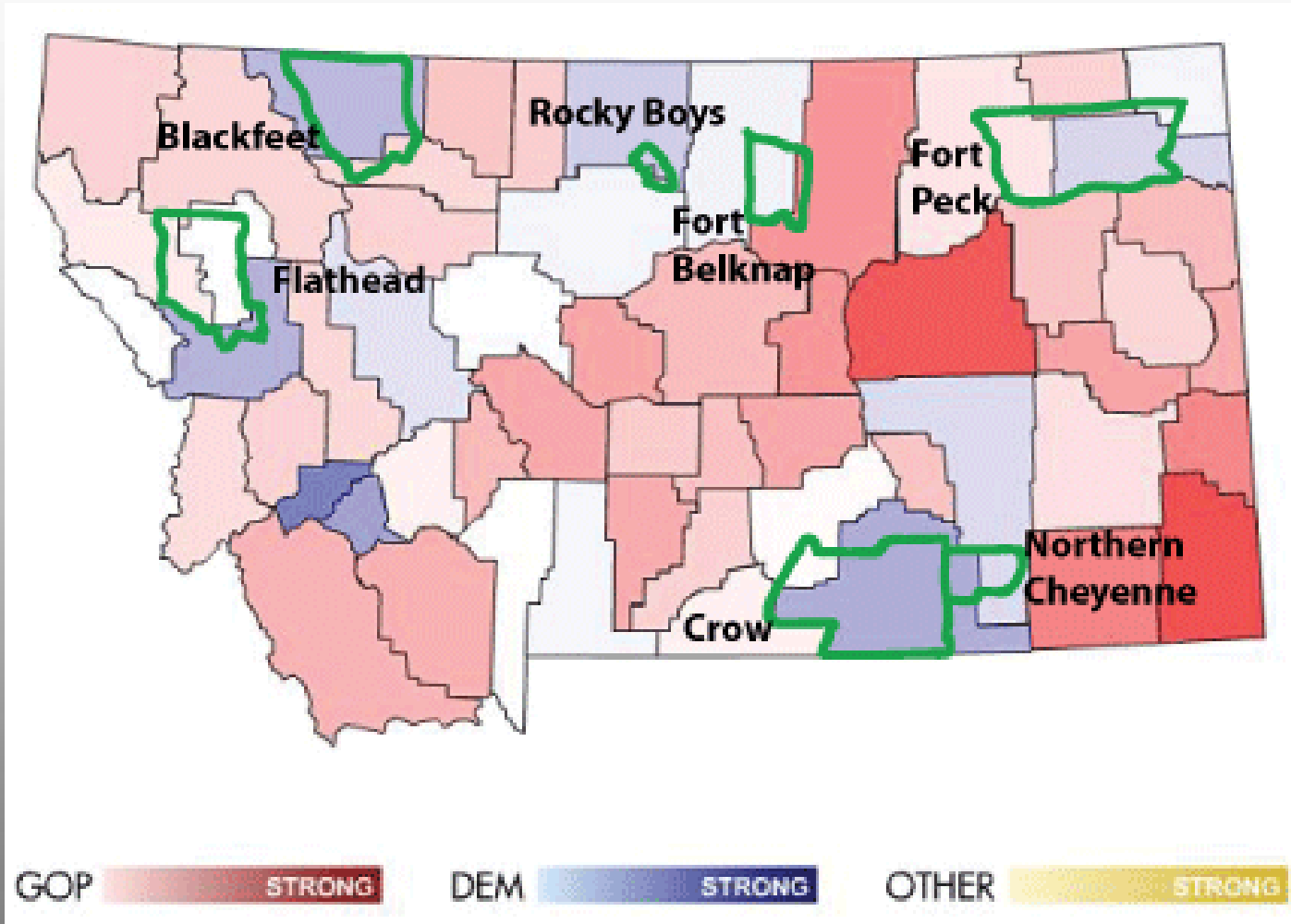
- Extraordinary organization and turnout
- Unprecedented level of candidate attention and issue awareness
- Candidates focused on courting Indian vote
- Native Vote or Native issues determined outcome of many elections
- Ensure continuity of Native Vote



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Montana Election Results



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Indian State Elected Leaders:

State leaders with a 2006 election

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Alaska:

Lyman Hoffman, Senate
Yupik
Woodie Salmon, House
Guinchin-Athabascan

Arizona:

Albert Hale, Senate
Navajo
Albert Tom, House
Navajo

Montana:

Norma Bixby, House
Northern Cheyenne
Carol Juneau, Senate
Hidatsa Mandan

Oklahoma:

John Sparks, Senate
Cherokee
Scott BigHorse, House
Osage and Cherokee Nation
Al McCaffrey, House
Choctaw

Oklahoma (Continued):

Sean Burrage, House
Choctaw
Chuck Hoskin, House
Cherokee

South Dakota:

Theresa Two Bulls, Senate
Oglala Sioux
Thomas Van Norman, House
Cheyenne River Sioux

Washington:

John McCoy, House
Tulalip
Claudia Kauffman, Senate
Nez Perce

Wyoming:

W. Patrick Goggles, House
Northern Arapaho

**This is only a list of Indian candidates that were up for election on November 7, 2006.*

Shift in Power

House

Democrats take control 227-195 (11 Undecided)



Senate

Democrats take control 51-49



What this means:

Democratic leaders control agenda in both Houses, Committee chairmanship will change, committee make-up will shift



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Key Races:

The House of Representatives

New Seat Holder:

Mike Arcuri, NY – 24 (D)
Nancy Boyda, KS – 2 (D)
Cathy Castor, FL – 11 (D)
Mary Fallin, OK – 5 (R)
Dean Heller, NV – 2, (R)
Steve Kagen, WI – 8 (D)
Ron Klein, FL – 22 (D)
Timothy Mahoney – FL 16 (D)
Harry E. Mitchell, AZ – 5 (D)
William Sali, ID – 1 (R)
Heath Schuler, NC – 11 (D)
Adrian Smith, NE – 3 (R)
Tim Wahlberg, MI – 7 (R)

Formerly Held By:

Sherwood Boehlert, (R)
Jim Ryun (R)
Jim Davis (D)
Ernest Istook (R)
James A. Gibbons (R)
Mark Green (R)
E. Clay Shaw (R)
Mark Foley (R)
J.D. Hayworth (R)
C.L. Butch Otter (R)
Charles H. Taylor (R)
Tom Osborne (R)
Joe Schwarz (R)

Still Pending – Too Close to Call

Darcy Burner, WA – 8 (D)
Joseph Courtney, CT – 2 (D)
Patricia Madrid, NM – 1 (D)
Gary Trauner, WY – AL (D)

Dave Reichert (R)
Robert Simmons (R)
Heather Wilson (R)
Barbara Cubin (R)



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Key Races: The Senate

New Seat Holder:



Amy Klobuchar, MN (D)



John Tester, MT (D)



Sheldon Whitehouse, RI (D)

Formerly Held By:

Mark Dayton, (D)

Conrad Burns, (R)

Lincoln Chafee, (R)



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of Senate and Committees

- Senate Majority Leader –
Harry Reid, NV



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of Senate Committees

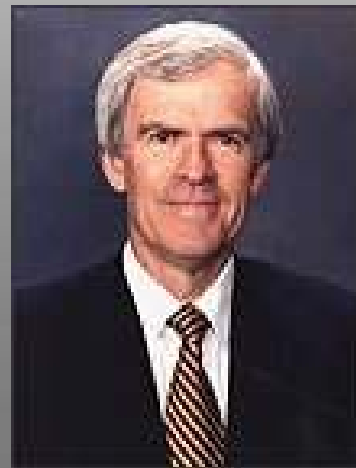
- Senate Indian Affairs Committee, and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee—
Byron Dorgan, ND
- Senate Finance Committee –
Max Baucus, MT



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of Senate Committees

- Senate Judiciary Committee – **Patrick Leahy, VT**
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources – **Jeff Bingaman, NM**



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of House Committees

- Speaker-
Nancy Pelosi, CA
- House Resources
Committee -
Nick Rahall, WV



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of House Committees

- House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee – **Norm Dicks, WA**



- House Ways and Means Committee - **Charles Rangel, NY**



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Leadership Changes: Likely Leadership of House Committees

- House Judiciary Committee -
John Conyers, MI
- House Energy and Commerce -
John Dingell, MI



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Leadership Changes: House Committee Changes



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Ways and Means

Lost:

E. Clay Shaw (R-FL)

Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT)

J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ)

Jim Nussle (R-IA)

Bob Beauprez (R-CO)

Resources

Lost:

Richard Pombo (R-CA)

J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ)

Can't Call:

Barbara Cubin (R-WY) v.
Trauner

Other:

Jim Gibbons (R-NV) ran
for Gov. and won



Leadership Changes: House Committee Changes

Energy and Commerce Committee

Can't Call:

Barbara Cubin (R-WY)
v. Trauner

Heather Wilson (R-NM)
v. Madrid

Appropriations

Lost:

Charles Taylor (R-NC)



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Lame Duck: Indian Country Priorities

- Continuing Resolution on Appropriations
- Health Care (Indian Health Care Improvement Act)
- Native Languages Bill
- Carl Artman Nomination for Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs
- Strike or Remove Section 906 Pension Language
- Methamphetamine Grant Bill



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The 110th Congress: Exit Poll Analysis

- Which matters more to your vote?
 - 62%--National Issues
 - 33%--Local Issues
 - 5%--Others
- Extremely important to your vote?
 - 42%--Corruption
 - 40%--Terrorism
 - 39%--Economy
 - 37%--Iraq

* *Source: CNN*



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The 110th Congress: Anticipated Priorities

- Ethics and lobbying reform
- Increasing the minimum wage
- Allowing the government to negotiate for lower prices under the 2003 Medicare drug law (PL 108-173),
- Lowering college tuition costs
- Stem-cell research
- Implementing the recommendations of the Sept. 11th Commission
- Immigration Reform
- Reordering federal appropriation priorities



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The 110th Congress: Indian Country Priorities

- Cobell Settlement and Trust Reform
- Indian Healthcare Improvement Act
- Budget/Appropriations
- Protecting Rights of Way Consent
- Addressing Methamphetamine Crisis
- Law Enforcement and Emergency Response
- Tax Exempt Bonds and Pensions
- Labor and Government Contracting



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NCAI Congressional Education Project

- Personal Meetings (Tribal leaders, NCAI staff, Tribal DC counsel)
 - New Members of Congress
 - Key Committee Members and Staff
 - New Friends – Brief them on sovereignty, trust responsibility and key issues
- Roundtables
- Congressional Briefings
- Media/Policy Briefings
 - The Heritage Foundation
 - Center for American Progress



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States' Impact: National and Local Agendas

The elections will impact the ability for collaboration with states through forums such as the National Governor's Association

The Elections impact on local policy issues that tribes face is still unknown.

- Governor Spitzer's (D-NY) positions on tax and land claims
- South Dakota Attorney General Larry Long (R-SD) second term may bring more challenges to tribes' authority
- Incumbent Kansas Attorney General with negative tribal record is ousted by challenger Paul Morrison (D-KA).



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Gubernatorial Races

Democrats come out ahead 28-20 (1 Undecided)

Republicans 21

Democrats 28

Alaska:

Sarah Palin (R)

Arizona:

Janet Napolitano (D)

California:

Arnold Schwarzenegger (R)

Minnesota:

Tim Pawlenty (R)

New Mexico:

Bill Richardson (D)

Oklahoma:

Brad Henry (D)

Oregon:

Ted Kulongoski (D)

South Carolina:

Mark Sanford (R)

South Dakota:

Mike Rounds (R)

Wisconsin:

Jim Doyle (D)

Wyoming:

Dave Freudenthal (D)



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