

Virginia rejects 'Trumpism' as Dems score major victories

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RICHMOND, Va. — Seizing his party's first major Trump-era victory, Democrat Ralph Northam beat back a charge from Republican Ed Gillespie in the race for Virginia governor, a bruising election that tested the power of President Donald Trump's fiery nationalism against the energy of the Trump resistance.

In Virginia, as in several contests across America on Tuesday, the Trump resistance won. And it wasn't close.

Northam, a pediatric neurologist and Army veteran, defeated longtime Republican operative Gillespie in the hard-fought contest. "I'm here to let you know that the doctor is in," a smiling Northam told supporters gathered in suburban Washington, D.C., for his victory speech. "As long as I'm governor, I will work hard to make sure we're inclusive."

He added, "Virginia has told us to end the divisiveness, that we do not condone hatred and bigotry and to end the politics that have torn this country apart."

Northam's victory set off overnight recriminations and finger-pointing among Trump's hardcore supporters. The pro-Trump website Breitbart News, which had earlier praised Gillespie as a "culture warrior," derided him as a "Republican swamp thing." Jerry Falwell Jr., president of Liberty University, said Northern Virginia's voter-rich liberal suburbs should be annexed by the District of Columbia, "to return the governance of (Virginia) to Virginians."

Democrats also scored victories in the race for New Jersey governor and in Maine, where voters slapped the state's Republican governor, a Trump ally, by backing a measure to expand Medicaid coverage under former President Barack Obama's health care law. The Democratic mayors of New York and Boston, both vocal Trump critics, also won re-election easily.

And Virginia voters elected the state's first openly-transgender state representative, among more than a dozen



Virginia Gov.-elect Ralph Northam celebrates his election victory with his wife Pam and daughter Aubrey, right, and Dorothy McAuliffe, wife of Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe.



New Jersey gubernatorial nominee Phil Murphy celebrates while speaking to supporters during his election night victory party at the Asbury Park Convention Hall.

state legislative pickups for Democrats.

The resounding victories marked the GOP's most significant day of defeat in the young Trump presidency and a rebuke to the president himself as his party eyes a suddenly more threatening midterm election season next year.

The Democratic gubernatorial victories in Virginia and New Jersey prompted congratulations from Obama, who tweeted Wednesday morning, "This is what happens when the people vote." Obama also congratulated "all the victors in state legislative, county and mayors' races."

"The Democratic Party is back, my friends," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez.

Perez said the key to his party's success in Tuesday's elections was fielding good candidates and thorough organizing efforts.

"Organizing matters," Perez told MSNBC's "Morn-

ing Joe." "This was the most extensive, coordinated ground game in Virginia history, more extensive than any presidential ... Terry McAuliffe did a spectacular job four years ago, and they did that much more."

Trump immediately tried to distance himself from the loss.

"Ed Gillespie worked hard but did not embrace me or what I stand for," Trump tweeted Tuesday night as he toured Asia, noting that the GOP won a handful of special elections earlier in the year. "With the economy doing record numbers, we will continue to win, even bigger than before!"

Despite the criticism, Gillespie did, in more ways than one, embrace what Trump stands for, even if he didn't

welcome Trump into the state to rally voters on his behalf.

The Republican president played a marginal role in Virginia, largely because Republicans on the ground did not want him there, a state he lost last fall, as his approval ratings hover near record lows. The White House instead dispatched Vice President Mike Pence to help Gillespie, although Trump promised Gillespie would "make America great again" in a recorded phone message that went to voters on the election's final day.

Gillespie, a former aide to President George W. Bush and GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, largely reinvented himself as Election Day neared by adopting many of Trump's racially-tinged nationalist positions. Gillespie warned of the dangers of the Hispanic street gang, MS-13, and highlighted its motto, "Kill, Rape, Control" in a television ad. The New Jersey native vowed to protect Confederate monuments. And he condemned the national anthem protests by NFL players, the vast majority of them black.

Liberal activists cheered their successes as evidence of the anti-Trump energy on the ground nationwide they have long insisted was real, despite poor results in special elections in deep-red Montana, Georgia and South Carolina.

"This is the first fair fight we've had. The special elections that we've had so far have been incredibly slanted to the conservative side," said Ezra Levin, co-founder of the liberal group Indivisible, which had hundreds of volunteers and a handful of paid staff on the ground in Virginia. "There is a wave building. And 2018 is just around the corner."

In New Jersey, Democrat Phil Murphy trounced Republican Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, who served under the term-limited, deeply unpopular GOP Gov. Chris Christie.

Democrat with early lead in key Washington Senate race

By RACHEL LA CORTE
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OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Democrat took a strong lead in a state Senate race that will determine the balance of power at the Washington Capitol — and if the results hold Washington will join Oregon and California with Democratic one-party rule in both legislative chambers and the governor's office.

Manka Dhingra was leading Republican Jinyoung Lee Englund with 55 percent of the vote Tuesday night. Under the state's vote-by-mail system, ballots just need to be postmarked or dropped off by Tuesday, which means final results may not be known for days. The next ballot update is set for late Wednesday afternoon.

Republicans, with the help of a Democrat who caucuses with them, currently control the Senate by a single seat. Democrats hold a slim majority in the House.

The race for the 45th District, one of eight special elections for the state Legislature this year, has broken all previous legislative spending records in the state because of the significance of the outcome. As of Monday, more than \$8.7 million had been spent on the race, with much of it — about \$5.9 million — being spent by third-party groups.

Englund said that because of the state's vote-by-mail system and the intense national focus on the race, she believes that many of the district's inundated voters got



Mike Siegel/The Seattle Times
Democrat Manka Dhingra, running for state Senator for the 45th District, greets supporters in Woodinville, Wash., Tuesday.

their ballots in later and that the gap will tighten as more votes are counted.

"This is a very big decision" for voters, she said. "The race isn't about me. It's about the balance of power."

But Dhingra said she was confident the results would hold, calling it "a victory by a very wide margin."

She said that while she believes voters had more than President Donald Trump on their mind while casting their ballots, but said she does believe that the national political environment helped energize voters.

"I think people are realizing they cannot be bystanders anymore," she said. "I think this is what you get when people are awake and paying attention."

Dhingra, a 43-year-old senior deputy prosecuting attorney with the King County Prosecutor's Office, also had a 10-point lead over Englund in August's top-two primary as both advanced to the November ballot.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING											NOVEMBER 8		
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The 51st Annual CMA Awards Celebrate the biggest artists in country music. (N)						KATU News (N)	(3:5) J. Kimmel (N)
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The 51st Annual CMA Awards Celebrate the biggest artists in country music. (N)						KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) J. Kimmel (N)
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Jeopardy!	The Blacklist (N)		Law&O: SVU "Something Happened" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Care Under Fire" (N)			KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "Get to Gettin'" (N)		SEAL Team "Borderlines" (N)	Criminal Minds "Dust and Bones" (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert (N)
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "Get to Gettin'" (N)		SEAL Team "Borderlines" (N)	Criminal Minds "Dust and Bones" (N)			KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert (N)
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Blacklist (N)		Law&O: SVU "Something Happened" (N)	Chicago P.D. "Care Under Fire" (N)			KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Riverdale (N)		Dynasty "Company Slut" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "The Cheetah Children" (N)		Nova "Killer Floods" (N)	Frontline "Business of Disaster"			Journey Home to the USS Arizona (N)	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Fortune Be Not Crost" (N)		Star "Faking It" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!		The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Fortune Be Not Crost" (N)		Star "Faking It" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)			Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal		Conan "Live from the Apollo in NYC" (N)	
22	KZJN	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics (L)		NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)					SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	
29	ESPN2	(29) (4:30) NCAA Football (L)		SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)					Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show		NBA Basketball Min.J.G.S.	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Sponge (N)	Henry Danger	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack 2/2		K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home		Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) *** The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.						*** Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Arsenio Hall, James Earl Jones, Eddie Murphy.				The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Mask '94, Com Jim Carrey. (c55) *** The Mask (1994, Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Jim Carrey. (c50) FXM Presents						*** Savages (2012, Crime Story) Taylor Kitsch, Blake Lively, Aaron Taylor-Johnson.					(c40) FXM Presents
36	LIFE	(36) Little W. "A Little BBQ, A Lot of Beef"		Little W. Dallas "Down In The Mud"	Women Dallas (N)	(c50) Little W. (N)		Little W. Dallas "Pretty Little Liar" (N)	Women "Terra's Family Takeover #4" (N)	(c05) Little W. Dallas "Pretty Little Liar"			
38	ROOT	(38) H.S. Football						Press Pass (N)	Press Pass			UEFA Soccer Champions League Manchester City vs. Napoli	
39	FS1	(39) TUF: A New Champion "Sink or Swim"		TUF: Champion "The Fight Gods" (N)	TUF Talk (N)	Speak for Yourself		UFU Top Ten	TUF: Champion "The Fight Gods"	TUF Talk		TUF Talk	UFU Main Event
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		The Shannara Chronicles "Paranor" (N)	The Shannara Chronicles "Crimson" (N)			The Dark Knight Rises Anne Hathaway.	
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(c50) South Park "Stanley's Cup"	(c25) South Park				South Park	South Park	Broad City (N)		The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) (5:00) American Pickers: Bonus Buys "Picking the Midwest"						American Pickers	Scrappy Go Lucky	American Pickers (N)		(c05) American Pickers "From A to T"	(c05) American Pickers "From A to T"
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	OzzyJack "Like Father, Like Sun" (SP) (N)		(c05) Storage Wars	(c35) Storage Wars
47	TLC	(47) L.I. Medium "An MRI For Larry"		L.I. Medium "Reading the Stars"		90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Family First"		To Be Announced	Healer "Something Real is Going On"			90 Day Fiancé: Extended "Family First"	
49	DISC	(49) Homestead Rescue "Trapped"		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue "Bear Bait" (N)		Rescue "The Bears and the Bees" (N)	Bushcraft Build-Off "Built to Survive"			(c05) Rescue "The Bears and the Bees"	
49	NGEO	(49) The Story of God "Who Is God?"		Story God "The Power of Miracles"		The Story of Us "The Power of Love"		The Story of Us "Us and Them"	Explorer XL (N)			The Story of Us "Us and Them"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** The Replacements ('00) Gene Hackman, Orlando Jones, Keanu Reeves.				*** Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.			*** The Replacements ('00) Gene Hackman, Keanu Reeves.				
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** Moneyball (2011, Biography) Robin Wright, Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt.				*** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001, Fantasy) Ian McKellan, Sean Astin, Elijah Wood.			Mr. Robot (N)	(c55) Damnation "Sam Riley's Body"			
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Double Trouble"		NCIS "16 Years"		NCIS "Saviors"		NCIS "Day in Court"	Iron Chef "Thanksgiving Feast" (N)			Iron Chef America	
53	FOOD	(53) Iron Chef Gauntlet "Five Ingredients"		Iron Chef Gauntlet "The Gauntlet"		Iron Chef: Outside the Stadium (N)		Iron Chef "Big Thanksgiving Battle" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		Property "Unexpected Dream Home"	
54	HGTV	(54) Property Brothers		Property "Rustic Meets Modern Design"		Property Brothers		Property Brothers "Miles Apart" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		Property "Unexpected Dream Home"	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14) Colin Firth, Taron Egerton.				Taken 3 (2014, Action) Famke Janssen, Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson.			Taken 3 (2014, Action) Famke Janssen, Liam Neeson.				
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity			The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Job Interview (N)	The Job Interview	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	The Job Interview	The Job Interview		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Housewives/NewJersey "The Apology"		The Real Housewives of New Jersey		Housewives/NewJersey "Not Over It"		Housewives/NewJersey (N)	The Real Housewives of New Jersey			WatchWhat (N)	Housewives Atl.
64	TRM	(64) (5:00) The Shop Around the Corner		*** The Mortal Storm ('40, Dra) Robert Young, James Stewart, Margaret Storm.				*** The Philadelphia Story ('40) James Stewart, Katharine Hepburn.				Call Northside 777 ('48) James Stewart.	
65	SYFY	(65) *** Skyfall (2012, Action) Helen McCrory, Ralph Fiennes, Daniel Craig.						*** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007, Adventure) Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Johnny Depp.					
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy (N)	WesternSport	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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