



Donald Trump won 264 electoral votes as of press time, putting him six votes away from the required 270 to win the presidential election.

Around 1:30 a.m., Donald Trump secured Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes, bringing his total to 264.

Trump was originally known as a businessman, reality TV star, author and public disbeliever in political correctness. However, when Trump formally announced his presidential candidacy June 16, 2015 from Trump Tower in New York City, he declared the campaign slogan to be "Make American Great Again." Now he will have his chance to prove it.

Major platforms of the Trump campaign have included the fight against ISIS, ensuring a conservative Supreme Court, maintaining gun rights, boosting the economy through tax cuts and trade deals and stopping illegal immigration.

Under Trump's Plan to Make America Safe and Respected Again, the country will grow the military and collaborate with Arab allies in the Middle East to fight against ISIS. The United States will defeat "the ideology of radical Islamic terrorism" just as the country won the Cold War, according to Trump's website.

"We will completely rebuild our depleted military, and the countries that we protect, at a massive loss, will be asked to pay their fair share," Trump said at the Republican National Convention.

Trump said at the first presidential debate that he was "very proud" to be endorsed by the National Rifle Association, and he will work to protect gun rights, including

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Above Donald Trump, chairman and president of the Trump Organization, discusses building the Trump brand, during a National Press Club luncheon speech, May 27, 2014, in Washington.

Cover photo Donald Trump, chairman and president of the Trump Organization, speaks at the 2014 Conservative Political Action Conference at the Gaylord Resort in Oxon Hill, Maryland, on March 6, 2014. This year is the American Conservative Union's 50th anniversary and the theme is "Getting it Right for 50 Years."

ending gun free zones at school and military bases.

Under Trump's economic plan, the nation will create 25 million new jobs over the next 10 years. He also plans to reform policies with a pro-growth tax plan and an America First trade policy. Reducing illegal immigration will start on day one and set the country on the track to putting Americans first, according to Trump's website.

"We will begin working on an impenetrable, physical, tall, powerful beautiful southern border wall," Trump said during a speech on immigration in Arizona in August.

Mexico will pay for the wall, he said. This plan exists to "serve the best interests of America and its workers," according to Trump's website.

His running mate, Gov. Mike Pence, is the most conservative vice-presidential candidate in the last 40 years, according to a FiveThirtyEight rating of candidates' ideologies. Pence said in July he was "absolutely" in sync with Trump's Mexican wall proposal, and that Mexico was "absolutely" going to pay for it.

Pence and Trump are both strong supporters of the pro-life movement and have come out against Planned Parenthood.

"For me, faith informs my life," Pence said in the vice presidential debate. "It all, for me, begins with cherishing the dignity, the worth, the value of every human life."

In March, Trump said women who seek abortions should be subjected to "some sort of punishment." However, he later recanted the statement, although he still remains pro-life.

Only time will tell what the next four years hold.



DONALD TRUMP THROUGH THE YEARS

Donald Trump, a businessman from New York, has been elected the 45th president of the United States despite never holding public office previously. Look back through his life and career with the timeline below.

1946 BIRTH

Donald Trump was born in New York City on June 14. His father, Fred Trump, was a real estate developer and his mother, Mary Anne MacLeod, was a U.S. Court of Appeals judge.

1968 COLLEGE

Trump graduated from Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania. He transferred to the Ivy League school after spending two years at Fordham in New York City. He visited campus 14 years later to deliver a speech to his alma mater where he joked about sharing his fortune with students, "I'll match you dollar for dollar. Seriously, we've been contributing to Wharton and I always will." The school's newspaper, the Daily Pennsylvanian, found Trump donated more than a million dollars in the past three decades.

1971 TRUMP TAKES OVER FAMILY BUSINESS

Elizabeth Trump and Son was founded by Trump's grandmother and his father in 1923. Trump took over as president and renamed the company the Trump Organization. In the same year, he founded the Trump Entertainment Resorts. Trump Entertainment Resorts owns the Trump Taj Mahal, the Trump Plaza, and the Trump Marina casinos in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

1987 BOOK PUBLISHES

Trump's part-memoir, part-business advice book "Trump: The Art of the Deal" reaches number one on the New York Times Best Seller List. The millionaire co-authored the book with journalist Tony Schwartz. During the election cycle Trump said "The Art of the Deal" was his second favorite book after the Bible.

1991 FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

After the \$1 billion construction of the Trump Taj Mahal, Trump files for bankruptcy the first time. In addition to the casino's \$3 billion debt, his own personal liabilities were near \$900 million. Between 1992 and 2009, his company filed for bankruptcy five more times.

2004 “THE APPRENTICE”

NBC airs the first episode of "The Apprentice" on Jan. 8. Trump became famous for his catchphrase of "You're fired." Though his run with the show ended in 2015, it will be continued with Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2017.

2005 THIRD MARRIAGE

Trump marries former Slovenian model Melania Knauss. Both Hillary and Bill Clinton were in attendance for this, his third wedding.

2011 REPUBLICAN

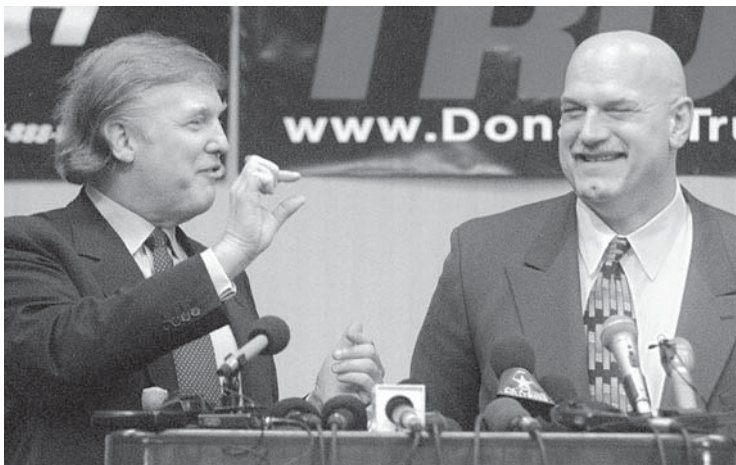
Trump tells CNN he is a Republican, "a very good Republican." In the past, Trump has identified with both the Democratic and Reform parties.

2016 PRESIDENT

Trump is elected president after defeating his opponent Hillary Clinton. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, Trump's running mate, is vice president. Trump declared candidacy for president without previously holding any public office. "We need somebody that literally will take this country and make it great again," Trump said in his announcement. "We can do that."

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Top Donald Trump signs autographs after finishing his round at Poppy Hills during the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-AM on Feb. 9, 2006, in Pebble Beach, California.

Left Trump talks with Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura on Jan. 7, 1999, in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The men talked about being self-made men and not from the “lucky sperm club,” meaning other candidates were born into wealth.

Above Trump is interviewed during the National Association of Home Builders meeting at the Fontainebleau Hotel on Aug. 11 in Miami Beach, Florida.



Above Trump, accompanied by wife Melania, right, watches game one of the Philadelphia 76ers and Toronto Raptors playoff game in Philadelphia on May 6, 2001. Philadelphia lost to Toronto 96-93.

Right Trump walks on stage during the CNN Republican presidential debate at the Venetian in Las Vegas on Dec. 15, 2015.

Below IDS front page covering the Republican National Convention in July 2016.

