

In a changing country, Trump's triumph resounds



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Disappointed but determined, Harris vows to keep fighting

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WASHINGTON — On election night in 2016, as Kamala Harris became just the second Black woman to win a Senate seat, Donald Trump's surprise presidential victory prompted her to rip up her planned speech.

Instead, Harris delivered an off-the-cuff rallying cry to Democrats to "fight," a moment that vaulted her into the national political conversation.

Now, eight years later, her decisive loss to Trump sent her historic presidential aspirations and that soaring career crashing back down to Earth. And with it, the hopes of millions of American women that she would break through a glass ceiling that has proved impenetrable.

But as she spoke Wednesday to her crushed supporters, tears streaming down some faces, she returned to the theme of fighting with a somber but inspirational tone.

"While I concede this election, I do not concede the fight that fueled this campaign," Harris said at her alma mater, Howard University, in the quadrangle where she had planned to deliver her victory speech Tuesday night. "The fight for freedom, for opportunity, for

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Hours after Donald Trump and his wife celebrated in West Palm Beach, Fla., Kamala Harris conceded in Washington. Harris said she'd emphasized in her call to Trump that she'd support a peaceful transfer of power.

Preparations begin for his return to power, with big plans in mind

By Sam Brodey
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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Donald Trump's election night party in south Florida was hyped as a celebration. It ended up being the starting gun for his second term as president.

By the time Trump took the stage at the Palm Beach Convention Center shortly after 2 on Wednesday morning, expectations of a drawn-out battle for ballots in narrowly divided key swing states had melted into a decisive Electoral College and popular vote victory.

Instead of a muddled and contested process of transitioning to a new administration — one that might have involved both Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris until a winner was called — the new president-elect has the full 75-day period until Inauguration Day to prepare to take power.

The work to begin staffing the administration and preparing policy goals will start immediately. It is of particular importance to an incoming president who has vowed to remake the federal bureaucracy and clear it of "deep state" enemies so he can launch sweeping efforts, such as a massive deportation program, on day one of his presidency.

Compared to 2016, when his victory caught the world and even

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Electoral College

226 Kamala Harris

270 TO WIN

Donald Trump 295

AS OF 5 P.M.

Winning streak

Thursday: Warm again. High 68-73. Low 44-49.

Friday: More of the same. High 61-66. Low 41-46.

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Even in Mass., Trump picked up plenty of ground this time

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New England voters, as expected, delivered their states to Vice President Kamala Harris Tuesday night, but beneath that result were signs of the same rightward shift that unfurled across the country and delivered Donald Trump a decisive victory.

While Trump remains generally unpopular in blue Massachusetts, he improved his 2020 showing here by around 4 percentage points and even flipped two dozen communities. That rightward lurch even here also delivered wins for the embattled state Republican Party on Beacon Hill as well as victories for other Republicans across New England.

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Trump got

48,194

more votes in Massachusetts than in 2020, based on preliminary returns so far

House still up in the air

Republicans made early gains but it was too early to say whether they had maintained their control. A7.

Preserving abortion access takes on new urgency, with fears of what could be next

By Adam Piore
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The surge began overnight once election results rolled in showing Donald Trump the likely winner. By the time Dr. Angel Foster logged on at 7 a.m. Wednesday, the number of women who had reached out to her small Somerville-based nonprofit to request telemedicine services and access to abortion pills was approaching 100. By lunchtime it had doubled.

Foster founded the Massachusetts Medication Abortion Access Project, or the MAP, a little more than a year ago to make sure women around the country had safe means to end a pregnancy. Demand has steadily risen as word of MAP's existence spread across states that passed restrictive laws in the wake of the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade.

But Foster had never seen anything like what happened Wednesday.

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