





Washington WTF





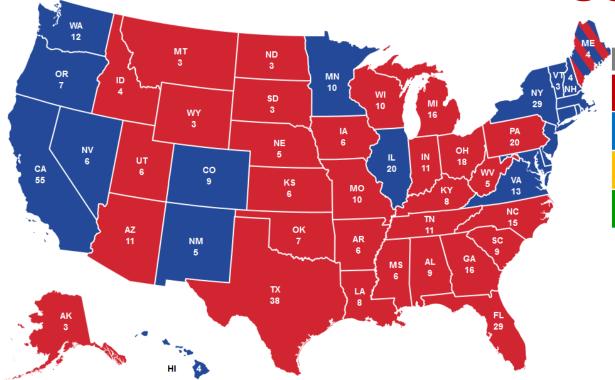


5 Critical Questions

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Where We Begin... Disrupter Rides Populist Wave...





Candidate	Popular Vote	Percent	
TRUMP	62,985,106	45.9%	
CLINTON	65,853,625	48.0%	
JOHNSON	4,489,233	3.3%	
STEIN	1,457,222	1.1%	

http://uselectionatlas.org/RESULTS/index.html

HOUSE: D+7

	114 th	115 th
GOP	248	241
DEM	187	194

SENATE: D+2

	114 th	115 th
GOP	54	52
DEM / IND	46	48

GOVERNORS: R+2

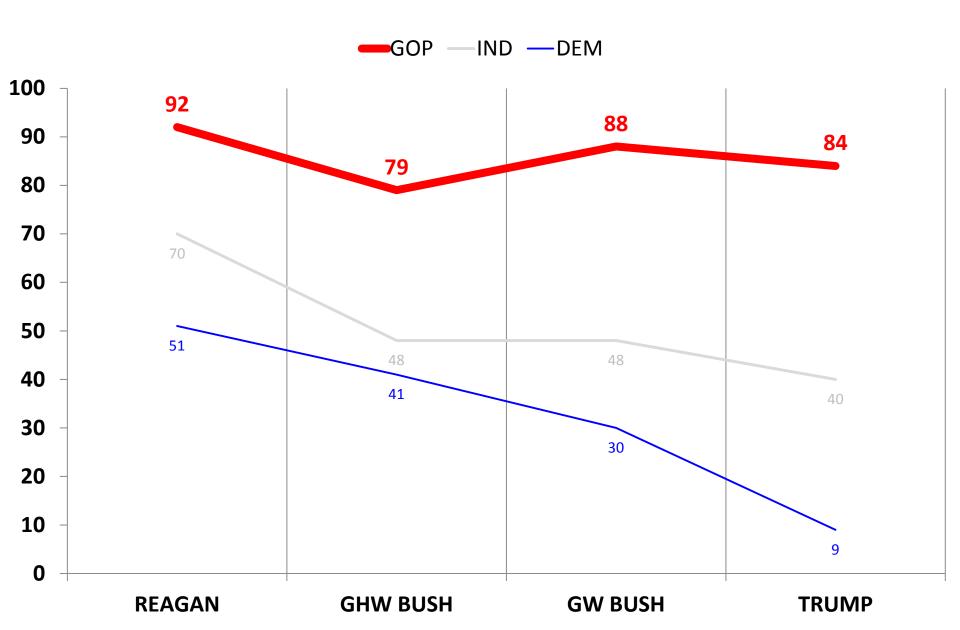
	2016	2017
GOP	31	33
DEM	18	16
IND	1	1

#1 HOW'S TRUMP DOING?

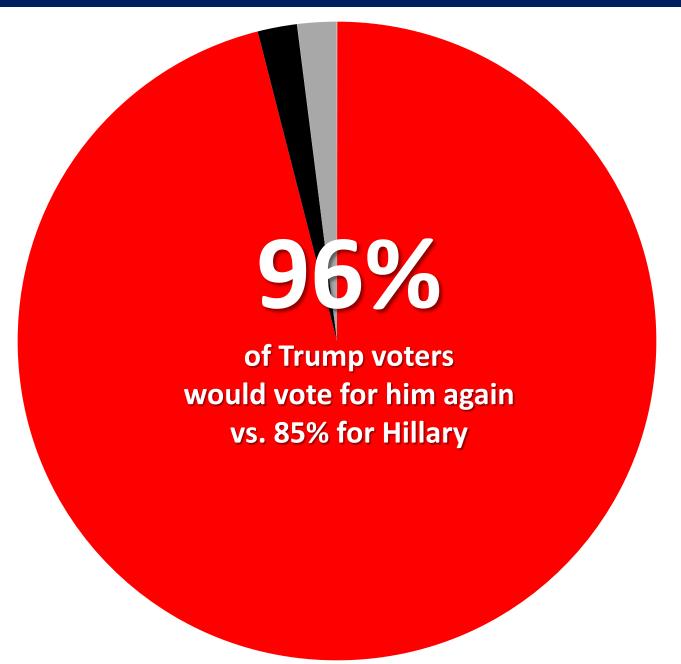


WINNING: Republican Base Support Holding

GOP Presidential Approval by Party



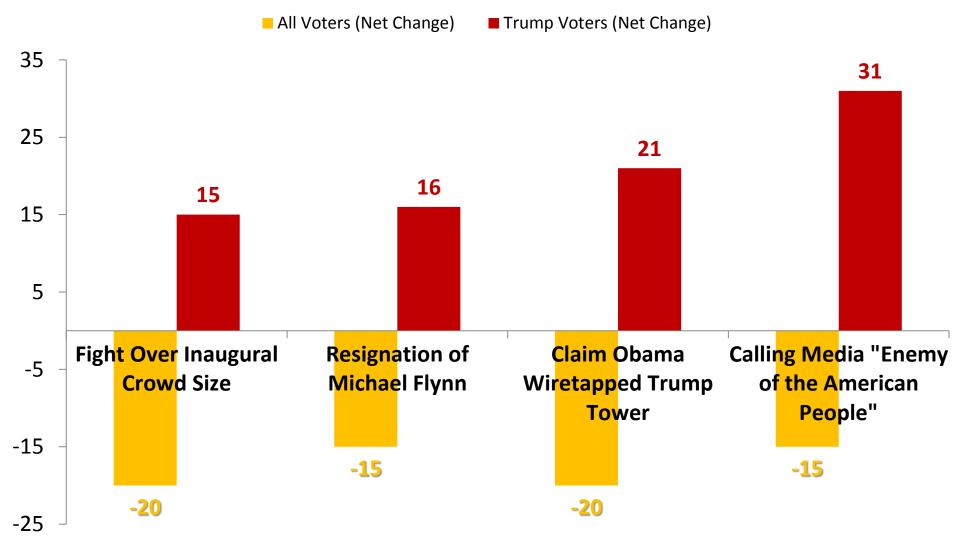
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"Trump Voter" Support Goes UP Amidst Controversies

Did each of the following give you a more or less favorable view of Donald Trump?



MIDDLING: Slow in Fielding Team

83% of Players to be Named Later

Of 557 key positions requiring Senate confirmation ...

462
No nominee

Awaiting nomination

40
Formally nominated

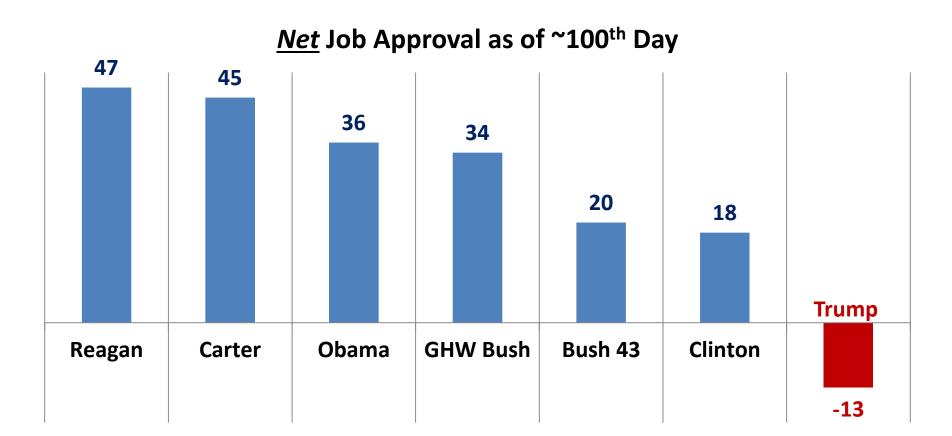
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Confirmed

Much Slower than Past Administrations (thru 4/25)

NOMINATED	94	174	85	187	63
CONFIRMED	50	49	35	69	26
Avg. Days to Confirm	21	13	8	24	29

LOSING: Not Growing Base ala Reagan

Dems Sense "Blood in the Water," No Reason to Compromise



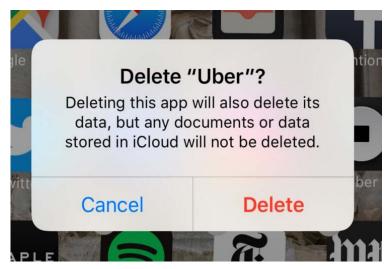
Rising #Resistance Limiting Potential Deals

Flood Your Town Hall

The resistance is coming to your area — people near you are attending Representative Lance's upcoming town hall during the Congressional recess. Join them to make your voice heard.



Vote With Their Feet



Protest at Your Home





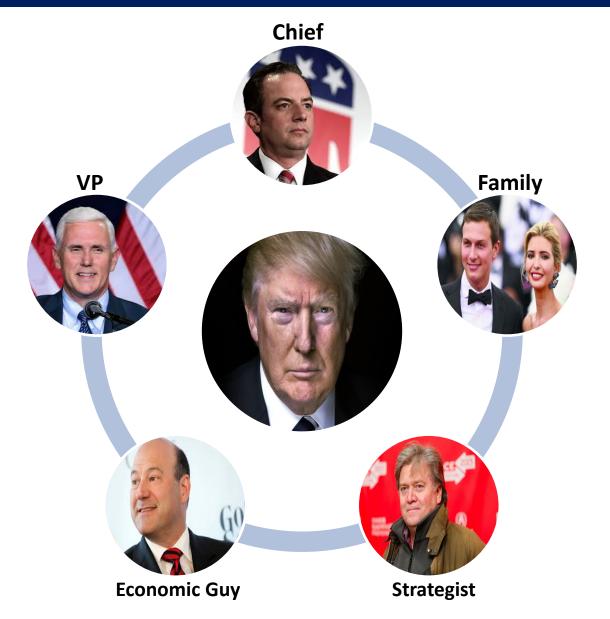
#2 WILL THE DISRUPTIONS CONTINUE?

TEAM: Historically Outside-the-Beltway Cabinet

Least Government, Most CEO Experience in Recent Years

CABINET MEMBERS' RESUME EXPERIENCE					
Government Experience	81%	81%	91%	91%	57%
Military Experience	48%	48%	32%	9%	29%
CEO	5%	14%	18%	0%	24%
PhD	19%	24%	9%	23%	0%

STYLE: Competing Power Centers + Unpredictability





28,871,141 followers +42,888 more per day

AGENDA: The Obama Undoing Project



Undoing ACA







☑ Undoing Gun EO

Undoing Climate Plan





UNION Undoing Labor Regs







☐ Undoing NAFTA

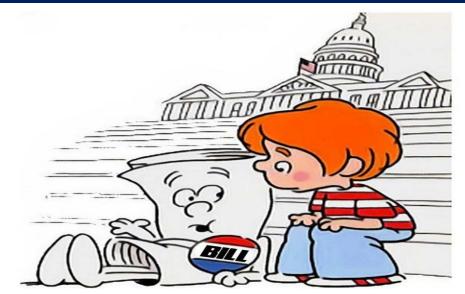
□ Undoing Dodd-Frank





#3 WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN 2017?

Expect More (De)Regulating, Less Legislating



SLOWER THAN WE THOUGHT

- 1) Confirmations / Judges
- 2) Health Care
- 3) Funding FY '17
- 4) FY '18 Budget
- 5) Tax Reform
- 6) Infrastructure



FASTER THAN YOU THINK

- 1) Immigration Enforcement
- 2) Energy / Climate / EPA
- 3) Trade Enforcement
- 4) Health Care reg. changes
- 5) Telecom Deregulation
- 6) Dodd-Frank Reforms
- **7) Labor** (Fiduciary Rule, OT, IC, pay data)

NVCA Agenda in 2017

Tax, Health, Budget in Play









POLITICS: Already Taking Over

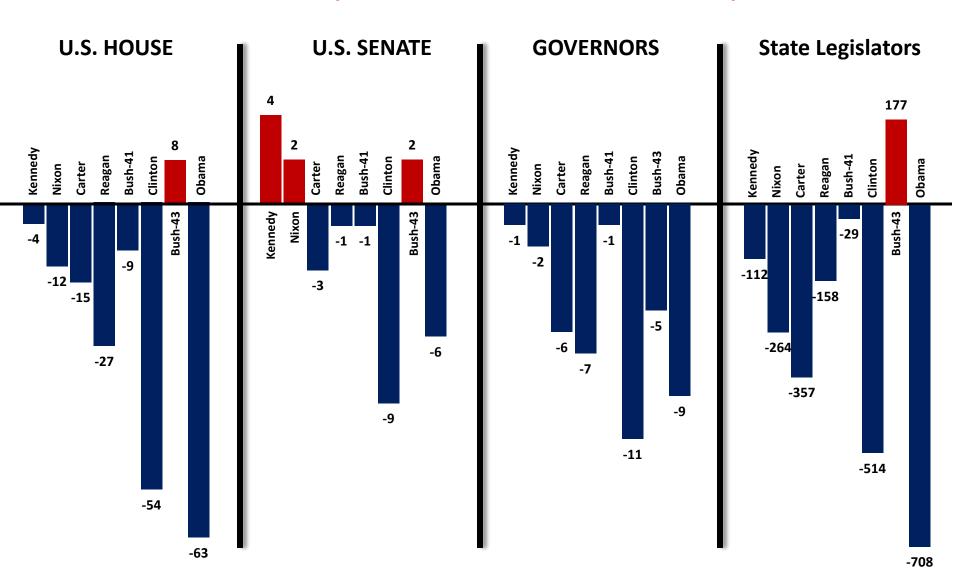
Special Election in GA-6





POLITICS: Only 546 Days Until Midterms

Presidential Party Performance in 1st Midterm, by POTUS



#4 HOW BAD IS IT?

The Opposition & The Enemy

While Favorability Is Different than Job Approval / Positive Image...



9%Job Approval
(5/8)

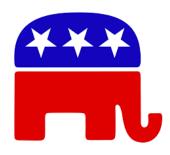


14%

Favorable (North Korea)



Dems Think More of North Korea than Trump



27%

Favorable (Putin)



9%

Positive Image (Pelosi)



Rs Prefer Putin to Pelosi

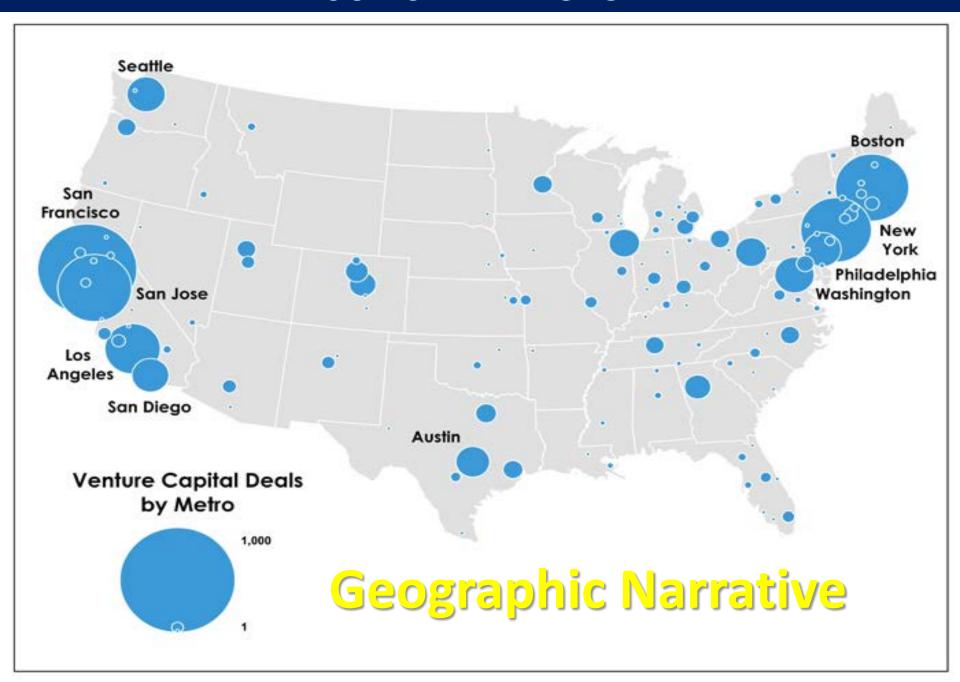
Our System is Resilient

Checks Are Checking, Balances Are Balancing

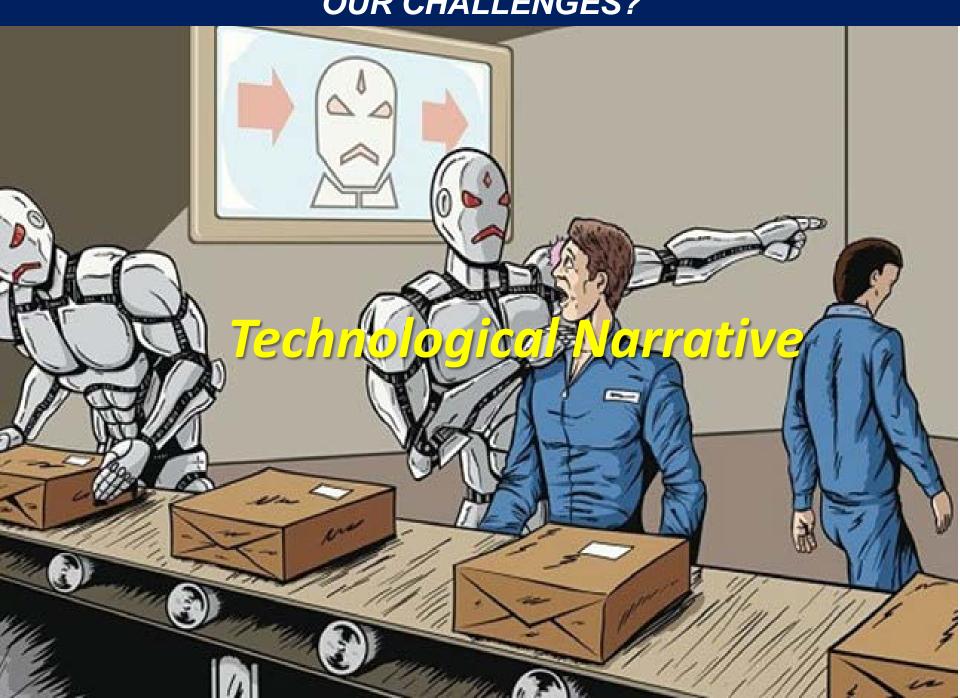


#5 HOW CAN THE VENTURE COMMUNITY SUCCEED?

OUR CHALLENGES?



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SILCONVALLEY



WE NEED TO TELL THE RIGHT STORY

Venture Is About the People We Help Create Jobs (Not VCs, Unicorns or Cool Technologies)

Share Compelling, Real Stories...

...About Real, Local **Businesses...**

...In Cities Between the Coasts











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