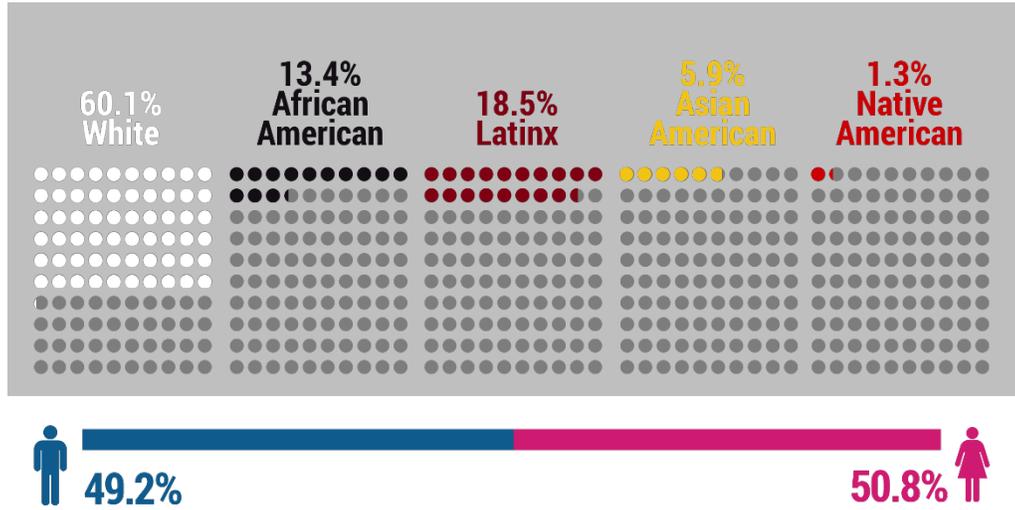


2020 Demographic Representation

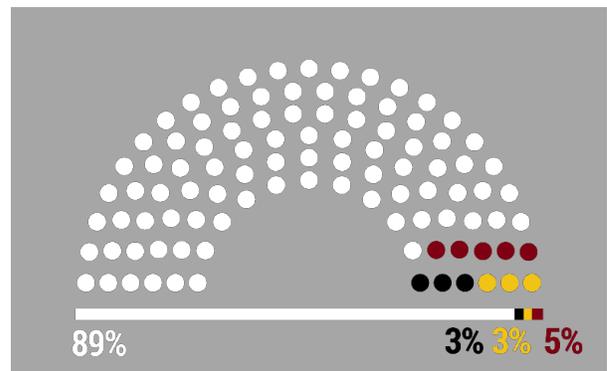
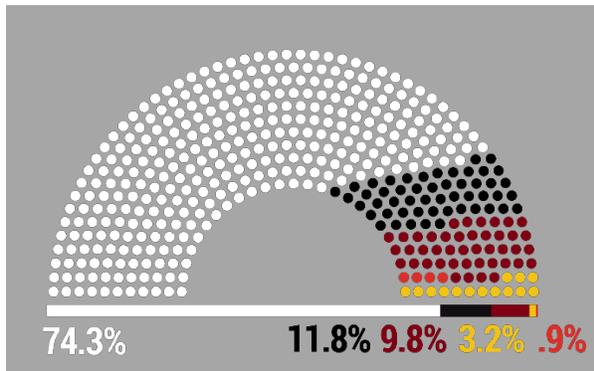
General Population¹

(July, 2019 figures from the US Census Bureau—Most Recent)



Legislative Branch²

(As of July, 2020)



House of Representatives

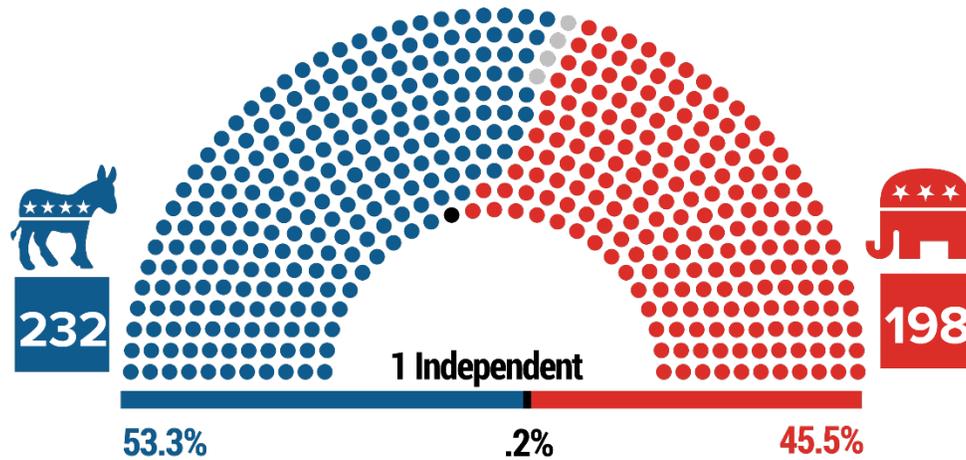
(435 Total from States, 431 Sitting, 4 Vacancies)

Senate

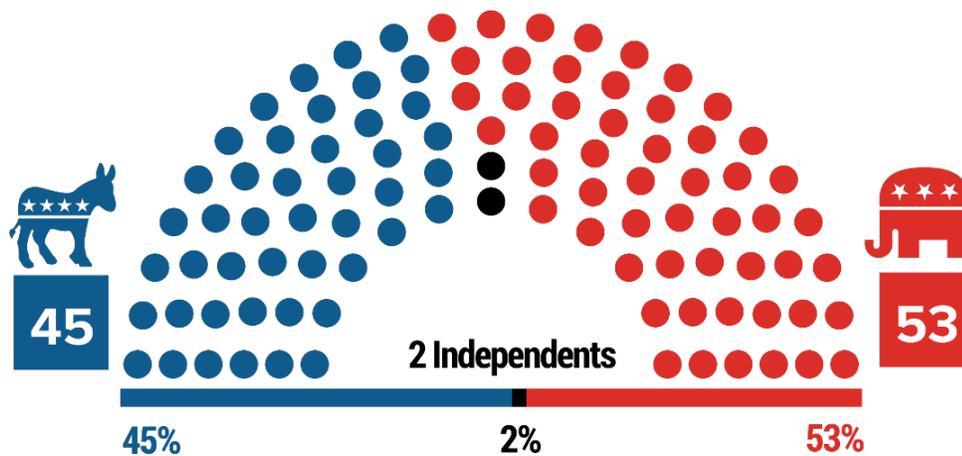


Political Party Representation

Legislative Branch



House of Representatives (4 Vacant Seats)



Senate

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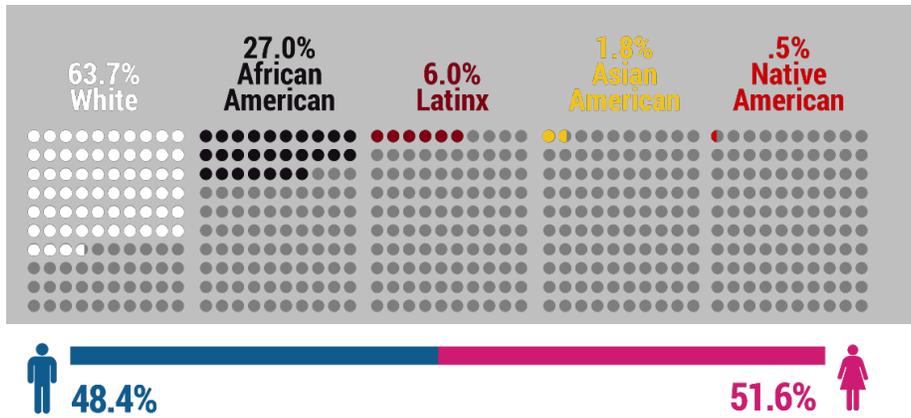
2020 South Carolina Demographic Representation

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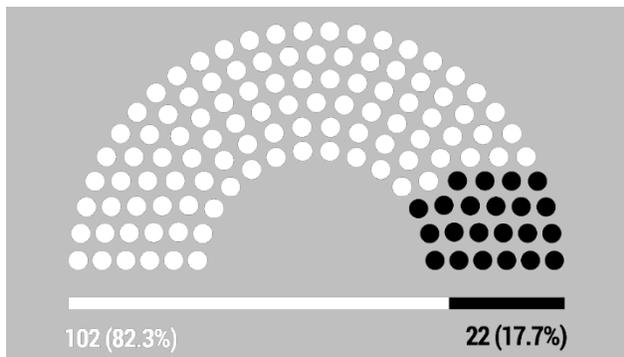


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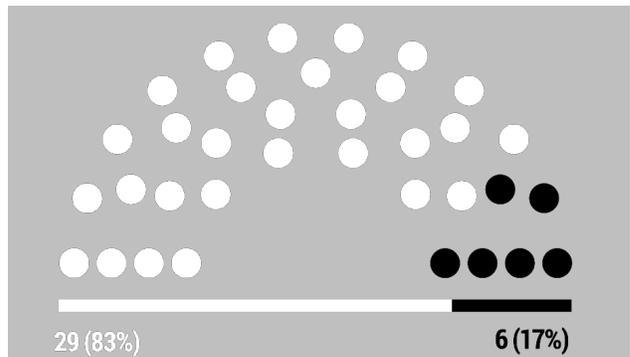
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Legislative Branch



House²
(124 Members)

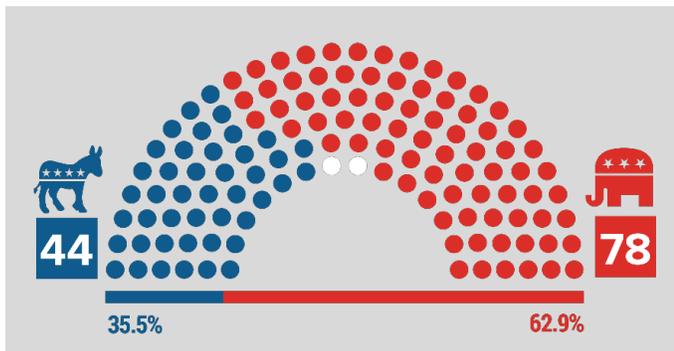


Senate²
(46 Members)

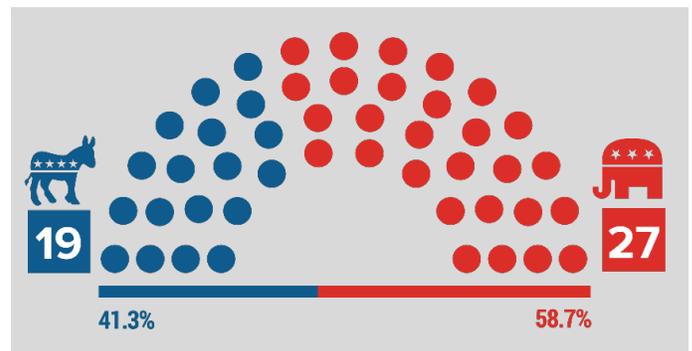


Political Party Representation

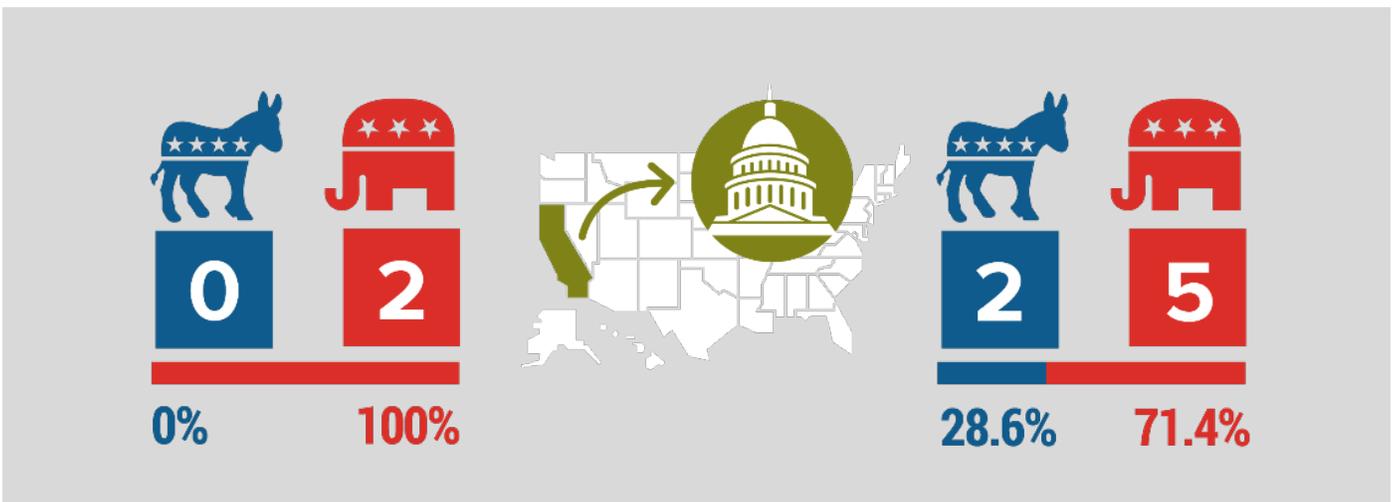
Legislative Branch



State Senate⁴
(124 Members, 2 Vacancies)



State Senate⁴
(46 Members)



U.S. Senate⁵

U.S. House⁵

Note: 9 Men (7 White Men, 2 African American Men), No Woman

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Trump's Top Priorities¹



Immigration: Reduce illegal immigration, reform legal immigration system

- Secure the border (build the wall)
- Limit family reunification (chain migration)
- Give new preference to high-skill immigrants
- Increase deportation of undocumented immigrants



Economy: Lower individual and corporate taxes, cut regulations, end trade deficits

- Reduce regulations on the financial, agricultural and energy sectors
- Reduce taxes for corporations, high-income earners and many middle-class families
- Revive the manufacturing sector
- Boost domestic energy production particularly in the fossil fuel industries
- Renegotiate trade agreements



Health care: Undo Obamacare, cut drug prices, reform Medicaid

- Repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act
- Reduce regulations on insurance companies
- Lower insurance premiums
- Limit the federal government's role in the health care sector
- Allow states to impose work requirements on recipients of Medicaid



Social issues: Limit access to abortion, ban on transgender troops in the military

- Appoint conservative judges
- Reduce support for civil rights policies and protections
- Increase protection for religious institutions



Energy and climate change: Withdraw from the Paris climate accord, boost fossil fuel development

- Roll back Obama-era energy and environmental regulations
- End the Clean Power Plan
- Eliminate, delay or suspend regulations for methane emissions, water pollution, pesticide use, and fuel efficiency standards
- Promote oil, gas and coal production
- Support offshore drilling

¹ <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/where-president-trump-stands-on-the-issues-in-2020>

South Carolina Legislative Priorities in 2020



Personhood

Issue: There was a bill that would ban all abortions after a heartbeat is detected, usually occurs after six weeks. The bill passed the House in 2019 and went to the Senate.

Result: Did not pass



Tort Reform

Issue: A bill was passed in 2019 in the Senate to extend the maximum amount of damages, and then went to the House. It ultimately would have limited corporate and other bad actors' liability for monetary damages if their product or actions hurt an individual.

Result: Did not pass



Santee Cooper

Issue: Santee Cooper is nearly \$7.64 billion in debt, half of which is from the July 2017 abandonment of the V.C. Summer nuclear plant construction. The SC legislature needed to decide whether or not to:

- Sell the publicly owned San Cooper Utility to a private entity
- Continue its ownership with the state

Result: No decision was made



Tax Reform

Issue: There is a bill that would reform the state's business license taxes in a House committee. Ultimately, tax reform was about lowering the personal income tax rate to benefit higher income individuals and lowering business taxes.

Result: Did not pass



Education Reform

Issue: In 2019, teachers led a grassroots movement for education reform with a list of demands. There was a massive Education reform package, all done in a vacuum without input from educators, which included a salary increase.

Result: Derailed, but there are budget sessions that will start next month so that could change



Broadband Expansion

Issue: A bill passed that house that would expand broadband internet to rural areas. It would have provided grant funding that providers could apply for to expand broadband internet to underserved areas.

Result: Did not pass

Some of the information is a summary of the articles:

- **S.C. legislators face big issues as session resumes** by Renée Sexton- SC Biz News
Posted: Friday, January 17, 2020
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Posted: Friday, January 03, 2020 05:00 AM, Updated January 03, 2020 10:36 AM
- **SC House passes bill to expand high-speed internet access in rural areas that need it** by [Tom Barton](#)- The State
Posted: Sunday, April 05, 2019 05:00 AM

In His Own Words



“The right to vote is precious—almost sacred. In a democratic society, it is the most powerful nonviolent instrument or tool that we have.”

Mr. Lewis, the civil rights leader who died on July 17, wrote this essay shortly before his death, to be published upon the day of his funeral. *New York Times*, July 30, 2020

While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You filled me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people motivated simply by human compassion laid down the burdens of division. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity.

That is why I had to visit Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, though I was admitted to the hospital the following day. I just had to see and feel it for myself that, after many years of silent witness, the truth is still marching on.

Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was my Rayshard Brooks, Sandra Bland and Breonna Taylor. He was 14 when he was killed, and I was only 15 years old at the time. I will never ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he could easily have been me. In those days, fear constrained us like an imaginary prison, and troubling thoughts of potential brutality committed for no understandable reason were the bars.

Though I was surrounded by two loving parents, plenty of brothers, sisters and cousins, their love could not protect me from the unholy oppression waiting just outside that family circle. Unchecked, unrestrained violence and government-sanctioned terror had the power to turn a simple stroll to the store for some Skittles or an innocent morning jog down a lonesome country road into a nightmare. If we are to survive as one unified nation, we must discover what so readily takes root in our hearts that could rob Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina of her brightest and best, shoot unwitting concertgoers in Las Vegas and choke to death the hopes and dreams of a gifted violinist like Elijah McClain.

Power of Representation: Session IV

The Power of Representation

Like so many young people today, I was searching for a way out, or some might say a way in, and then I heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an old radio. He was talking about the philosophy and discipline of nonviolence. He said we are all complicit when we tolerate injustice. He said it is not enough to say it will get better by and by. He said each of us has a moral obligation to stand up, speak up and speak out. When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.

Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.

You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes, through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change, and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time. Continue to build union between movements stretching across the globe because we must put away our willingness to profit from the exploitation of others.

Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring.

When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide.