Leadership in the 116th Congress

House and Senate leadership shifts

January 2, 2019
Roadmap

- Changes in House Democratic leadership
- Changes in House Republican leadership
- Changes in Senate Democratic leadership
- Changes in Senate Republican leadership
115th Congress House Democratic leadership

Minority Leader
Nancy Pelosi (CA-12)

Minority Whip
Steny Hoyer (MD-5)

Assistant Minority Leader
James Clyburn (SC-6)

Dem. Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman
Ben Ray Luján (NM-3)

Dem. Caucus Chairman
Joe Crowley (NY-14)

Dem. Caucus Vice-Chair
Linda Sánchez (CA-38)

**116th House Democratic leadership contenders**

**Speaker of the House**

**Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), 78**
- Current Minority Leader and likely Speaker of the House
- Previously served as Speaker from 2007-2011 when Democrats last had a House majority
- Is the party nominee for Speaker, pending a full House vote

**Potential problems for Pelosi**
- Unlike party positions such as minority and majority leader, the entirety of the House votes for the speaker
- In 2016, Pelosi won the minority leader position against Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) on a vote of 134-63
- Current Democratic caucus rules bind members to vote for the party’s nominee
- Was elected as the House Democrats’ nominee for Speaker by a 203-32 vote on Nov. 28, 2018
- The floor vote for Speaker is set for Jan. 3, 2019, and requires at least 218 votes to win

**Nov. 28 Democratic Caucus vote for Speaker**

- For: 203
- Against: 32
- Blank ballot: 3
- Absent: 1

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Sources: National Journal research 2018; Roll Call; Politico.

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### 16 Democratic incumbents and members-elect have pledged not to support Pelosi

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<th>Democrats opposing Pelosi</th>
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<td>Anthony Brindisi (D-NY)*</td>
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<td>Jim Cooper (D-TN)</td>
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<td>Jason Crow (D-CO)*</td>
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<td>Joe Cunningham (D-SC)*</td>
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<td>Jared Golden (D-ME)*</td>
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<td>Andy Kim (D-NJ)*</td>
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<td>Ron Kind (D-WI)</td>
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<td>Conor Lamb (D-PA)</td>
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<td>Ben McAdams (D-UT)*</td>
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<td>Kathleen Rice (D-NY)</td>
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<td>Jeff Van Drew (D-NJ)*</td>
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<td>Kurt Schrader (D-OR)</td>
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<td>Elissa Slotkin (D-MI)*</td>
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<td>Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) *</td>
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- **Opposes Pelosi for speaker**
- **Dodged questions**
- **Unknown/Unclear**
- **Supports Pelosi for speaker**

| House Democratic Caucus (at least 233 members) | 16 | 17 | 14 | 188 |

* Freshman member of Congress

Sources: National Journal research 2018; Roll Call; Politico; Washington Post.

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**116th House Democratic leadership contenders**

### Majority Leader

**Steny Hoyer (D-MD), 79**
- A moderate who represents the old guard of the Democratic Party
- Could succeed Pelosi if she left leadership
- Running unopposed for Majority Leader

### Majority Whip

**Diana Degette (D-CO), 61**
- Has been the Chief Democratic Whip for the past seven Congresses
- Argues that women voters powered the Democratic win, so House Democrats “need to repay their trust”
- Dropped out of the race for Majority Whip on Nov. 19

**Jim Clyburn (D-SC), 77**
- Highest ranking African American in Congress
- Unopposed for Minority Whip
- Previously served as Majority Whip from 2007-2011

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116th House Democratic leadership contenders

Assistant Democratic Leader

Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), 46
- Served as the DCCC chair in 2018, a good election year for Democrats
- Ran unopposed

David Cicilline (D-RI), 57
- Current Democratic Policy and Communications Committee Co-Chair
- Vice Chair of the Progressive Caucus
- Dropped out of the Assistant Democratic Leader race on Nov. 21 to run for DPCC chair, a newly created position

Caucus Chair

Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), 47
- Democratic Policy and Communications Committee co-chair
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won the Caucus Chair race 123-113

Barbara Lee (D-CA), 72
- One of the most progressive members of Congress
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Ran for Caucus Chair against Joe Crowley two years ago and lost by two votes

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Sources: National Journal research 2018; Roll Call; POLITICO.
116th House Democratic leadership contenders

Vice Caucus Chair

**Pete Aguilar (D-CA), 39**
- Declared his candidacy for Vice Caucus Chair in late September 2018
- Member of the moderate New Democrats
- Whip for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus

**Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), 52**
- Conducted a review of DCCC strategy after the 2016 election
- Member of the New Democrats
- Withdrew from the race

**Denny Heck (D-WA), 66**
- Served as the DCCC recruitment chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Member of the New Democrats

**Katherine Clark (D-MA), 55**
- Declared her candidacy for Vice Caucus Chair in late July 2018
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Recruitment vice chairwoman for the DPCC
- Won election 144-90

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**Cheri Bustos (D-IL), 57**
- Served as the DCCC heartland engagement chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Current co-chair of the DPCC
- Member of the New Democrats
- Elected DCCC Chair 117-83-32

**Suzan DelBene (D-NM), 56**
- Served as a DCCC finance co-chair in the 2018 election cycle
- Vice-Chair of the New Democrats

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116th House Democratic leadership contenders:

DPCC Co-Chair (three elected positions, restricted to junior members)*

Debbie Dingell (D-MI), 64
- Former DNC member
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 144 votes

Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), 64
- Former member of the New York State Senate and Assembly
- Member of the Progressive Caucus

Matt Cartwright (D-PA), 57
- Ran for DPCC Co-Chair in 2016 and lost
- Whip of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 119 votes

Ted Lieu (D-CA), 49
- Whip of the Asian Pacific American Caucus
- Member of the Progressive Caucus
- Won election with 161 votes

John Garamendi (D-CA), 73
- Former California Assemblyman, Insurance Commissioner and Lieutenant Governor

Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), 51
- The only DPCC candidate from the freshman Congressional class

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<td>PAC to the Future Total raised: $1,237,137</td>
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<td>Steny Hoyer (MD-05) Majority Leader</td>
<td>AmeriPAC: The Fund for a Greater America Total raised: $4,524,614</td>
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<td>James Clyburn (SC-06) Majority Whip</td>
<td>BRIDGE PAC Total raised: $1,248,164</td>
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<td>Ben Ray Luján (NM-3) Assistant Democratic Leader</td>
<td>Turquoise PAC Total raised: $520,296</td>
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<td>Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08) Democratic Caucus Chair</td>
<td>Jobs, Education &amp; Families First PAC Total raised: $268,500</td>
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### Majority leadership, US House, 116th Congress (2/2)

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<td><strong>Katherine Clark (MA-05)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Caucus Vice Chair</td>
<td><strong>Fair Shot PAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $163,400</td>
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<td><strong>Cheri Bustos (IL-17)</strong>&lt;br&gt;DCCC Chair</td>
<td><strong>CherPAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $486,036</td>
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<td><strong>David Cicilline (RI-01)</strong>&lt;br&gt;DCCC Chair</td>
<td><strong>DNC PAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $173,833</td>
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<td><strong>Debbie Dingell (MI-12)</strong>&lt;br&gt;DPCC Co-Chair</td>
<td><strong>Wolverine PAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $103,500</td>
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<td><strong>Ted Lieu (CA-33)</strong>&lt;br&gt;DPCC Co-Chair</td>
<td><strong>Blue Momentum PAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $516,494</td>
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<td><strong>Matt Cartwright (PA-08)</strong>&lt;br&gt;DPCC Co-Chair</td>
<td><strong>Making Americans Count PAC</strong>&lt;br&gt;Total raised: $36,500</td>
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Speaker of the House
Paul Ryan (WI-1)

Majority Leader
Kevin McCarthy (CA-23)

Majority Whip
Steve Scalise (SC-6)

Rep. Conference Chair
Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5)

Policy Committee Chair
Luke Messer (IN-6)

Sources: house.gov/leadership
116th House Republican leadership contenders

Minority Leader

Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), 53
- Has Paul Ryan’s endorsement for Minority Leader
- Elected 159-43 as Minority Leader

Jim Jordan (R-OH), 54
- Founding chair of the House Freedom Caucus and a former Republican Study Committee Chair
- Running for Minority Leader now that Republicans lost the House

Whip

Steve Scalise (R-LA), 53
- Previously served as Majority Whip
- Ran unopposed for Minority Whip

Conference Chair

Liz Cheney (R-WY), 52
- Ran unopposed for Conference Chair after Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA) dropped out of the race

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116th House Republican leadership contenders

Policy Committee Chair

Gary Palmer (R-AL), 64
- Previously the head of several Alabama think tanks
- Member of the House Freedom Caucus
- Elected 130-63

David Schweikert (R-AZ), 56
- Member of the House Freedom Caucus


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<td>Majority Committee PAC Total raised: $2,982,208</td>
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<td>Steve Scalise (LA-01) Minority Whip</td>
<td>Eye of the Tiger PAC Total raised: $1,720,849</td>
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<td>Liz Cheney (WY-AL) GOP Conference Chair</td>
<td>Cowboy PAC Total raised: $446,183</td>
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<td>Gary Palmer (AL-06) Policy Committee Chair</td>
<td>Conservative Promises PAC Total raised: $293,849</td>
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<td>Tom Emmer (MN-06) NRCC Chair</td>
<td>Electing Majority Making Effective Republicans Total raised: $1,140,817</td>
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115th Congress Senate Democratic leadership

Minority Leader
*Chuck Schumer (D-NY)*

Minority Whip
*Dick Durbin (D-IL)*

Assistant Dem. Leader
*Patty Murray (D-WA)*

Policy Committee Chair
*Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)*

DSCC Chair
*Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)*

Sources: The Congressional Institute, 2018.
## Minority leadership, US Senate, 116th Congress

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<td>Patty Murray (WA)</td>
<td>M-PAC</td>
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<td>Assistant Democratic Leader</td>
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<td>Great Lakes PAC</td>
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<td>Catherine Cortez Masto (NV)</td>
<td>All For Our Country PAC</td>
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<td>DSCC Chair</td>
<td>Total raised: $815,539</td>
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115th Congress Senate Republican leadership

Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

Majority Whip
John Cornyn (R-TX)

Conference Chair
John Thune (R-SD)

Policy Committee Chair
John Barrasso (R-WY)

NRSC Chair
Cory Gardner (R-CO)

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<td>John Thune (SD)</td>
<td>Heartland Values PAC</td>
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<td>Majority Whip</td>
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<td>John Barrasso (WY)</td>
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<td>Conference Chair</td>
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<td>Roy Blunt (MO)</td>
<td>Rely on Your Beliefs</td>
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<td>Policy Committee Chair</td>
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<td>Todd Young (IN)</td>
<td>Oorah! PAC</td>
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<td>NRSC Chair</td>
<td>Total raised: $492,986</td>
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Sources: Senate.gov; Open Secrets, The Center for Responsive Politics, 2018..org