

President Trump

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Republican nominee Donald Trump won the United States presidential election yesterday evening with a current total of 279 electoral votes according to the New York Times, beating out Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

In a race that began nearly 600 days ago, and has seen a grand total of 22 major candidates throughout, it is the explosive, oftentimes controversial Republican nominee who has emerged as the surprising victor.

At 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, the Associated Press called that Trump had won, and will therefore take office in January 2017. Trump watched the results from his campaign headquarters in Trump Tower. Around 3 a.m. he spoke to his supporters at a victory party, shortly after Clinton called to congratulate him.

"The forgotten men and women of our country will no longer be forgotten," Trump said.

Then, after a campaign built on polarizing ideologies, he spoke of unity: "It is time for us to come together as one united people. It is time."

Hillary Clinton did not appear on Election night, but before noon today, she officially conceded and thanked her supporters. She acknowledged the disappointment she and tens of millions of her supporters were feeling, saying, "This is painful, and it will be for a long time."

But she also pledged to support Trump as president for all Americans. "We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead," she said.

More than 118 million votes have already been counted for the two candidates in this historic election, with current results showing Clinton ahead in the popular vote.

Polls leading up to the election had suggested a Clinton win, but with surprise Trump wins in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, the result quickly swung in Trump's favor.

Trump also picked up victories in the key battleground states of Florida, Ohio and North Carolina en route to victory.

In other races, Republican candidate Richard



Donald Trump will take the oath of office on Jan. 20, 2017 after last night's election victory.

Burr was re-elected to the U.S. Senate from North Carolina, defeating his opponent Deborah Ross by nearly 300,000 votes. This all contributed to the Republican Party remaining in control of the Senate.

Overall, the Democratic Party managed to gain seats on the night, but did not do enough to flip the Senate majority.

In the North Carolina governor's race, as of this writing, Democrat Roy Cooper leads the incumbent Gov. Pat McCrory by a mere 5,000 votes.

In other local races, incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows won the race for the 11th district of North Carolina, beating out Democrat Rick Bryson with 64 percent of votes.

The Republicans remain in control of the House of Representatives, well surpassing the required amount for a majority, now sitting at a total of 236 seats, more than 50 ahead of their opposition.

It is the news in the Presidential election that is

of most voters' primary concern, however. Much like in the aftermath of Brexit in the United Kingdom, markets showed signs of collapse, with Dow futures overnight dropping as much as 800 points in the immediate wake of the election decision. As of 1:30 p.m., however, U.S. markets have been holding their own, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up by triple digits.

In what has unquestionably been a campaign that has ostracized many, polarized already competing opinions and broken all the preconceived rules of politics, there is only one statement that stands true.

This is clearly a message from a disgruntled population and the disillusioned masses. This is a message of discontent. What is to come is uncertain, and what has happened may still be clouded in a haze of bewilderment. One certainty of this all, however shocking, is the following.

For better or for worse, Donald Trump will be the next president of the United States of America.