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SENATOR

Richard E. Mourdock (R).....45%
✓ Joe Donnelly (D).....49%
Andrew Horning (L)6%

Donnelly wins in 'spirited,' tight race

BRIAN FRANCISCO
Washington editor

INDIANAPOLIS – The conventional wisdom was that Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-2nd, ran for the U.S. Senate because he did not think he could win re-election to his House seat.

If that's the case, Donnelly's gamble paid off handsomely Tuesday. He defeated Republican state Treasurer Richard Mourdock to replace Republican Richard Lugar, the incumbent senator for the past 36 years.

With some counties still counting ballots, Donnelly was receiving about 49 percent of the vote, Mourdock 45 percent and Libertarian Andrew Horning 6 percent.

Voters, "gave us a chance, and what we said was we think the most important thing is Hoosier common sense going to Washington, D.C.," Donnelly told cheering Democrats in a hotel ballroom in downtown Indianapolis.

He thanked Mourdock and Horn-



Donnelly

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GOVERNOR

✓ Mike Pence (R).....51%
John R. Gregg (D)45%
Rupert Boneham (L).....4%

Republican Pence claims win in race for governor

NIKI KELLY
The Journal Gazette

INDIANAPOLIS – Republican Mike Pence pulled out a tighter-than-expected win Tuesday night, keeping the Indiana governor's seat in GOP hands for another four years.

As results rolled in, Pence had a lead of 51 percent to 45 percent over Democrat John Gregg with almost all the votes counted. Libertarian Rupert Boneham had 4 percent.

"Two years ago our little family decided to seek the privilege of serving all the people of Indiana," Pence said. "We presented a plan for the future and tonight Indiana chose to join us on the road to build an even better Indiana. We did it!"

The celebration took place in the end zone of Lucas Oil Stadium, with

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OBAMA 4 more years

In weak economy, president holds off Romney in costly campaign



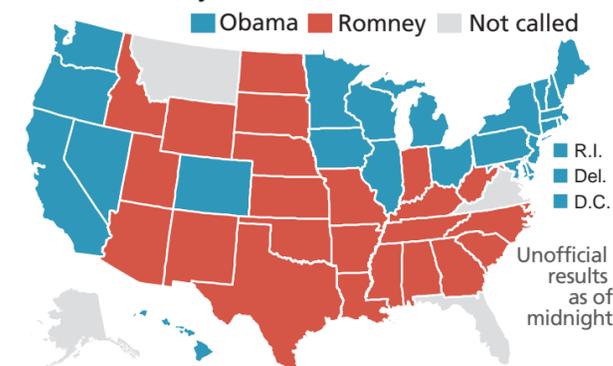
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Supporters of President Obama celebrate as they watch projections during an election-night watch party in Chicago.

Electoral votes



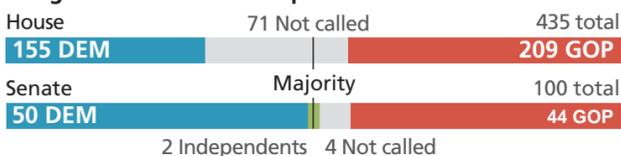
Presidential race by states won



Unofficial results as of midnight

Popular vote: 79 percent of precincts reporting
Obama: 51,829,244 Romney: 51,532,955

Congressional balance of power



Source: AP Election Research

Associated Press

DAVID FAHRENTHOLD
Washington Post

Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States, was elected to a second term Tuesday, defeating Republican Mitt Romney by pledging to safeguard middle-class economic interests and by reassembling the same political coalition that boosted him to victory four years ago. Obama, the nation's first African American president, appeared to score a decisive victory, capturing most of the nine states that had been contested all year.

Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, built his campaign around the single contention that the U.S. economy is battered and adrift because of Obama's failures, and that his business experience uniquely qualified him to fix it.

In the end, that wasn't enough, in part because the economy undermined his argument, by showing signs of improvement. Last month, the national unemployment rate dropped below 8 percent for

the first time since Obama took office.

Voters also did not warm to Romney. Even after many months and millions of dollars put toward trying to make him look good, only 46 percent of voters held a favorable view of him in Tuesday's early exit polls. By contrast, 51 percent held an unfavorable view.

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Of seven swing states considered in play for both sides, the Republican appeared likely to win just one: North Carolina.

Romney was beaten by a different Obama from the one who defeated Republican Sen.

John McCain of Arizona four years ago. Back then, Obama had run as a symbol of limitless hope.

This year, he ran as a symbol of hope's limitations.

The president no longer pledged to sweep away Washington's old partisan politics. He had tried that, and was unable to do so. Now, he was pledging to plunge into those old politics and fight –

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