

Republicans will continue deregulation of the EPA if they win the House

Estimated impacts of the Republican replacement to the EPA Clean Power Plan



-2%
co-pollutant emissions



-0.5%
retail electric prices



+\$3.4 billion
total net benefits

House Republican agenda

- Adopt most cost-effective rules
- Limit EPA "sue and settle" tactics in courts
- Require full congressional votes on all regulations
- Bar settlements with voluntary environmental cleanup

Since 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee has passed several bills that would deregulate the EPA, but the Senate has failed to prioritize the legislation. If they win the House, Republicans will push for the Senate to continue its agenda of deregulation.

Conversely, Democrats will attempt to increase regulatory oversight

- Democrats are promising to pass a joint resolution under the **Congressional Review Act** to challenge the Trump administration's proposal to replace an Obama-era regulation **curbing carbon emissions** in the power sector
- Congressional Democrats will most likely bring EPA officials before committees to question their **policies, tactics and purported scandals**
- House Democrats have noted they are interested in exploring ways to re-enter the **Paris Climate Accord**

Challenges for Democrat EPA plans

House Democrats will face **major opposition** from Senate Republicans and President Trump to any legislation passed



House Democrats will largely be limited to **oversight**, as Trump officials will likely continue deregulation with support from the Supreme Court



"The question is, what do we do to make sure that the EPA has the running room and the mandate to safeguard the water and air and do its job? I want to see if we can mandate things that this point may be discretionary"

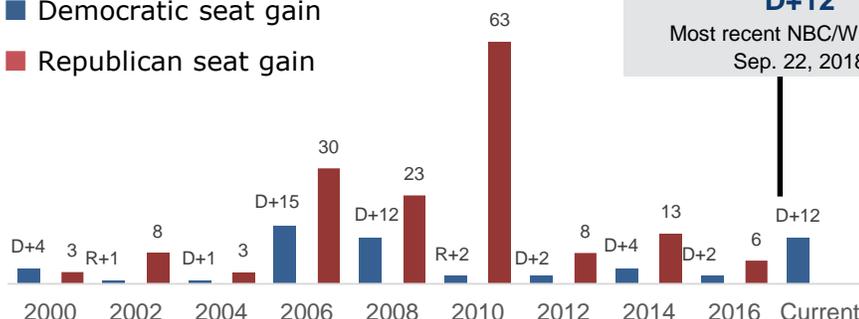
- Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D- N.Y.), Ranking House Judiciary Democrat

Democrats currently have a high chance of taking the House

Comparison between generic ballot polling and House outcomes

NBC/WSJ POLL

- Democratic seat gain
- Republican seat gain



- Presidents with a sub-50% approval rating lose an average of **40 seats** in the midterms
- The party in control of the White House has had an average net loss of **26 seats** in midterm elections
- Trump's **narrow victories** in key states leave the House vulnerable for the midterms