

# Geopolitics & Insurance

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# **Economic Uncertainty**





#### ...Monetary vs. Fiscal Policy

- Monetary: Low interest rates mean insurers are struggling to meet interest rate guarantees for life insurance and annuities must diversify their investment portfolios
- Fiscal: Supply-side debate heating up, i.e. Tax reform



#### **Globalization**

#### **Geopolitical Polarization**

Rise of the Far Right

Regional Tensions

Global Trends Impacting Domestic Market







**Regulatory Trends** 

"Conduct of Business"

Capital/Solvency

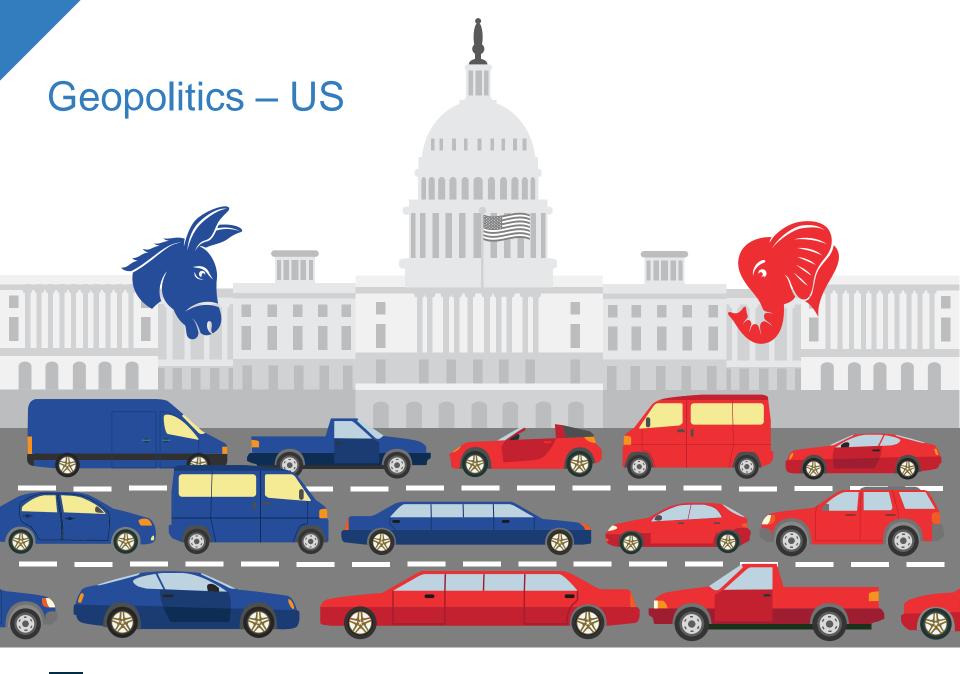
Dodd-Frank

**China Rising** 

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нк\$16.9В\*







### Clinton vs. Trump: The Alternative Twitterverse\*

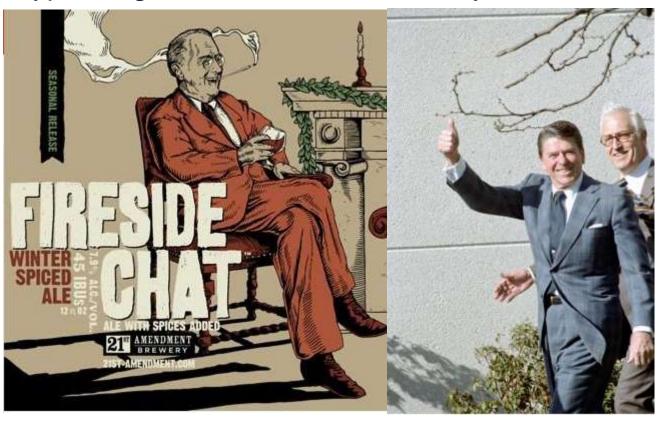
- ▲ The Economy
  - Will Congress pass tax plans?
  - Higher Deficits
  - Interest Rates Higher?
- ▲ Trade
  - A little protectionist or a lot
- Judges/Tort Reform
  - Court Relatively Friendly to Business
  - Could Appoint Four





# The Return of the 'Bully Pulpit'

Bypassing the Media to Effect Policy











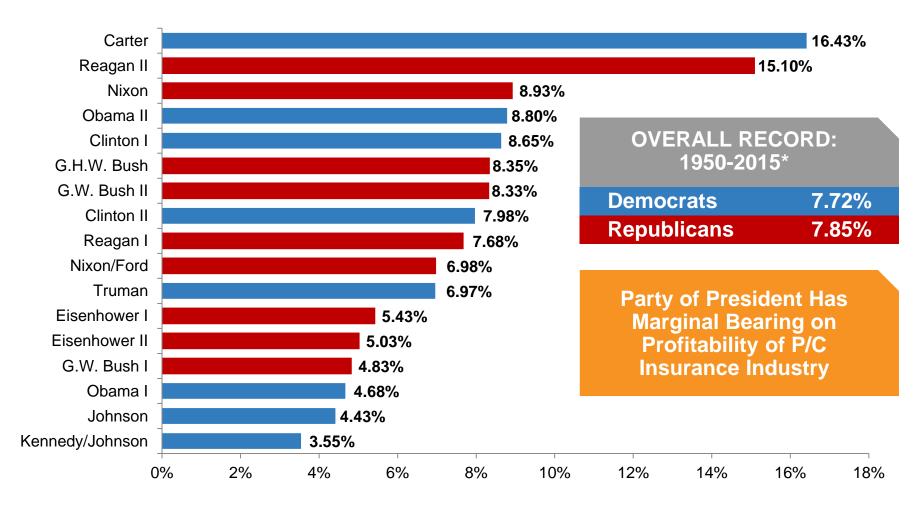


# Profitability & Politics

How Is Profitability Affected by the President's Political Party?

# P/C Insurance Industry ROE by Presidential Administration

1950-2015\*

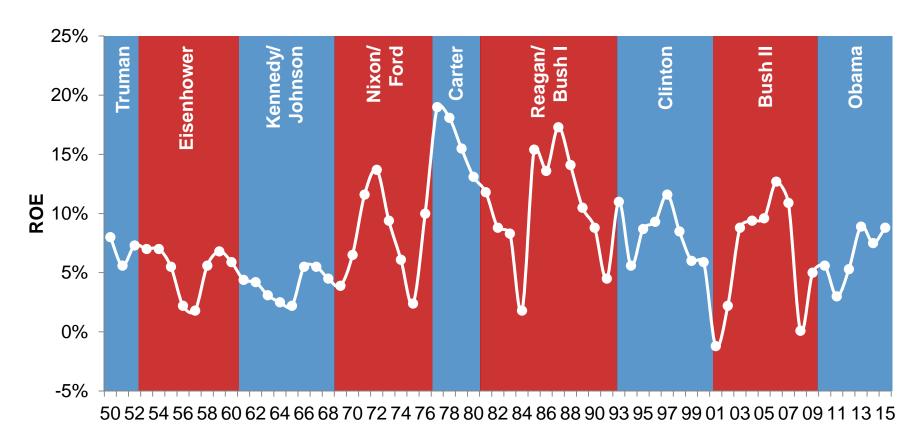




<sup>\*</sup>Truman administration ROE of 6.97% based on 3 years only, 1950-52;. Source: Insurance Information Institute

# P/C Insurance Industry ROE by Presidential Party Affiliation

1950-2015\*



**BLUE** = **Democratic President** 

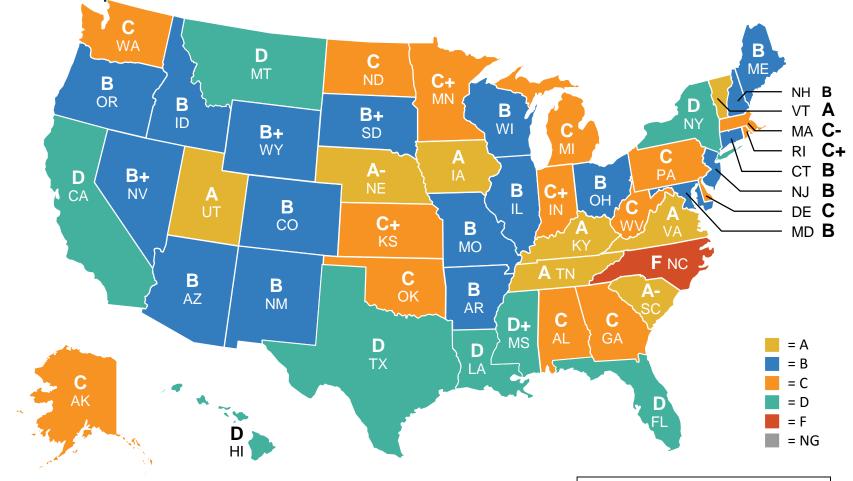
**RED** = Republican President



\*2015 data is through Q3.
Source: Insurance Information Institute

#### **But State Politics Drives Insurance**

And Every State is Different

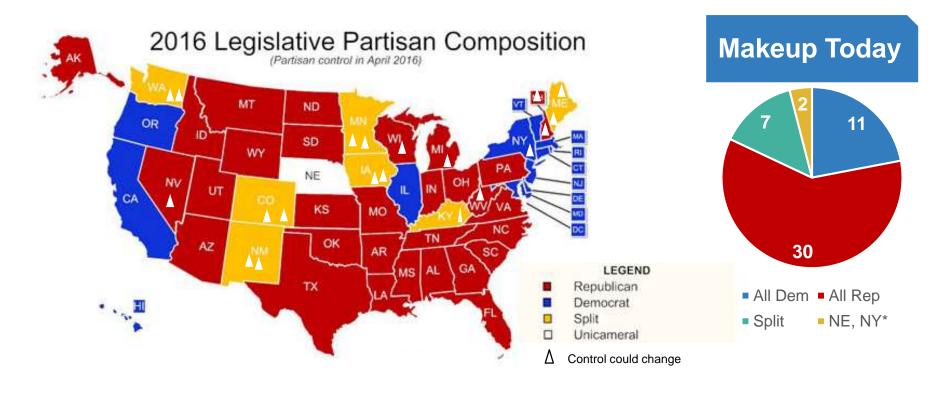


Not Graded: District of Columbia



## Republicans Control Most States . . .

... It is Likely to Remain That Way



20 Chambers Could Switch – Mainly in States With 'Split' Legislatures.



<sup>\*</sup> Nebraska: Unicameral, nonpartisan, Republican dominated. New York: Democratic-majority Senate controlled by Republicans. Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, Ballotpedia, Insurance Information Institute.

#### State Races

#### Governorships

- D-18; R-31; 1 Independent (AK)
- ▲ 12 States With Elections This Year; Democrats Defend 8
  - Five Tight Races
    - Dem-held: NH, VT, WV
    - Rep-held: IN, NC

#### **Insurance Commissioner**

- ▲ 11 Elected (D-5; R-6)
- ✓ 5 Elections (DE, MT, NC, ND, WA); Incumbent Party Favored

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 9 States Have Marijuana Referendums
  - (AR Has Two One Would Let Patients Grow Their Own.)



#### State Issues

#### **Auto Insurance**

Increase in Loss Costs, 2014:Q1–2016:Q1



From early 2014 to early 2016, the cost of accidents has risen dramatically. By contrast, consumer prices overall rose 1.7 percent during 2014 and 2015.

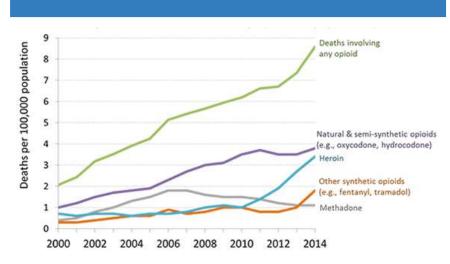
#### State Issues

#### Workers Compensation

#### The Grand Bargain – Still?

- Opt Out
  - Big Issue One Year Ago
  - Oklahoma Law Unconstitutional
- Department of Labor/ Pro Publica: Benefit Cuts Shifted Injury Costs from Employer
- Benefit Cuts?
  - Evidence-Based Guidelines
  - Outside Medical Reviewers

#### **Opioids**

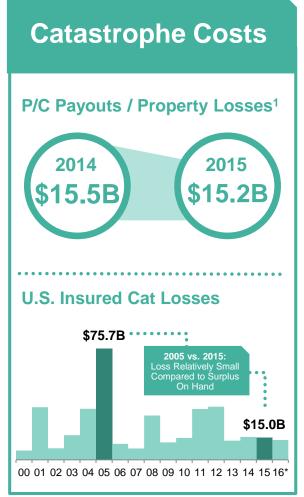


- Nationwide Epidemic
- 13 States Limiting WC Opioid Prescriptions



#### State of Insurance

# Top Issues **Autonomous Vehicles** P2P insurance Cybersecurity **Sharing Economy Workers Comp** Regulation **Politics Overcapitalization** (Reinsurance)





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1. PCS; 2. iii Fact Book.



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