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From Secretary Gardner

## New Hampshire Turnout Greater than U.S. Turnout

### Votes for President as % of Voting Age Population (VAP)

**1948 - 2016**

<b>Presi- dential Election Year</b>	<b>N.H. Turnout: Highest Office/ VAP (%)</b>	<b>U.S. Turnout: Highest Office/ VAP (%)</b>	<b>N.H. Turnout greater than U.S. Turnout (%)</b>
<b>1948</b>	63.1%	50.6%	12.4%
<b>1952</b>	78.2%	63.8%	14.4%
<b>1956</b>	75.2%	58.3%	16.9%
<b>1960</b>	78.7%	62.8%	15.9%
<b>1964</b>	72.4%	61.9%	10.5%
<b>1968</b>	69.6%	60.8%	8.8%
<b>1972</b>	63.6%	55.2%	8.4%
<b>1976</b>	57.3%	53.5%	3.7%
<b>1980</b>	57.2%	52.6%	4.6%
<b>1984</b>	53.1%	53.3%	-0.2%
<b>1988</b>	55.2%	50.3%	4.8%
<b>1992</b>	64.5%	54.7%	9.8%
<b>1996</b>	56.8%	48.1%	8.7%
<b>2000</b>	60.9%	50.0%	10.9%
<b>2004</b>	68.8%	55.5%	13.3%
<b>2008</b>	69.6%	56.9%	12.7%
<b>2012</b>	67.8%	53.6%	14.2%
<b>2016</b>	69.1%	54.7%	14.5%

#### Sources:

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# The Editorial Page

## TODAY'S QUOTE

*"When we lose the fight to be different,  
we lose the right to be free."*

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES

## Editorials

### Let's make a deal ACLU lawsuit dismissed

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire has struck a pretty good deal.

The secretary of state will share the state's voter checkist information with the President's commission on voter fraud, and the ACLU has agreed to pretend it won.

The request for data from the states only ever asked for publicly available information, and New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner only ever agreed to provide publicly available information. Yet the ACLU-NH sued anyway, on behalf of state Sen. Bette Lasky, D-Nashua, and state Rep. Neal Kurk, R-Weare.

They dropped the frivolous lawsuit just before Superior Court Judge Charles Temple was going to hear their frivolous arguments

and are now trying to claim some sort of victory.

The hysteria over the commission's request for public voter checklists was never anything more than political grandstanding. Such foolishness would have been exposed in court.

The only deal on voter checklists is the sweetheart deal that gives political parties privileged access to the state's electronic voter database. The New Hampshire Democratic Party has for years used this perk to sell data on New Hampshire voters, turning a profit by hawking the voter file to presidential campaigns.

If the ACLU-NH is really that concerned about voters' privacy, surely it will push the Legislature to end its deal with the state's political parties.

### No shield needed

The First Amendment works just fine

Jeff Sessions is going to be a plumber.

The U.S. attorney general has been tasked

vate conversation between Trump and his Mexican counterpart, can damage national security. World

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FIRST, WE NEED TO  
DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT THESE  
LEAKS.

### Rigid party strategi

"THE TRUMP BASE is far bigger & stronger than ever before," the President declared in a series of tweets Monday morning, and that "will never change." Many observers were quick to point out that this assertion isn't borne out in the polls.

Such nitpicking, however, overlooks a more important part of this story. In the 1990s and 2000s, Trump had political ambitions, but the traditional two-party system and the media landscape served as impenetrable barriers. It was the breakdown of the old ways that opened a path



Jo Gold

hostile to Republicanism on cultural is Georgia's 6th Congressional District ill trend. Mitt Romney the highly educated urban district by in 2012. Trump sc out a win there by in 2016. That sam Republican Rep.