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Former Vice President Joe Biden and his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., pass each other as Harris moves to the podium to speak during a campaign event in August in Wilmington, Del. Biden defeated President Donald Trump to become the 46th president of the United States on Saturday. Harris will be the first female, Black and Asian-American vice president.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrat Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump to become the 46th president of the United States on Saturday, positioning himself to be a leader who "seeks not to divide, but to unify" a nation gripped by a historic pandemic and a confluence of economic and social turmoil.

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"I sought this office to restore the soul of America," said Biden in a prime-time victory speech not far from his Delaware home, "and to make America respected around the world again and to unite us here at home."

His victory came after more than three days of uncertainty as election officials sorted through a surge of mail-in votes that delayed processing. Biden crossed the winning threshold of 270 Electoral College votes with a win in Pennsylvania.

Trump refused to concede, threatening further legal action on ballot counting.

Biden, 77, staked his candidacy less on any distinctive political ideology than on galvanizing a broad coalition of voters around the notion that Trump posed an existential threat to American democracy. The PRESIDENCY, page A7



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People celebrate Saturday at Times Square in New York after it was announced that Joe Biden was elected the 46th president of the United States. President-elect Biden achieved victory offering a message of healing and unity. He will return to Washington facing a daunting set of crises. For more photos, see Page A6.

## Trump may fire foes, pardon allies

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump has 10 weeks to exact revenge on his political foes, pardon his friends and make life difficult for Presidentelect Joe Biden, who bested him at the ballot box and forced him to face defeat.

Now a lame duck, Trump is continuing to push political norms and stoke partisan passions by refusing to concede.

Among the president's first moves may be dismissal of several senior administration officials whom Trump had appointed but whom he later deemed insufficiently loyal, or simply unwilling to do his bidding, infuriating the president and his inner circle.

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