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Postmortem on the Midterm Elections and their Impact on ACH's Work
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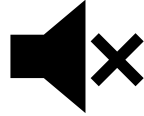
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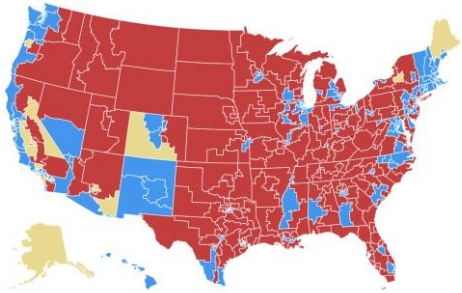
2022 Midterm Election: A Retrospective Analysis

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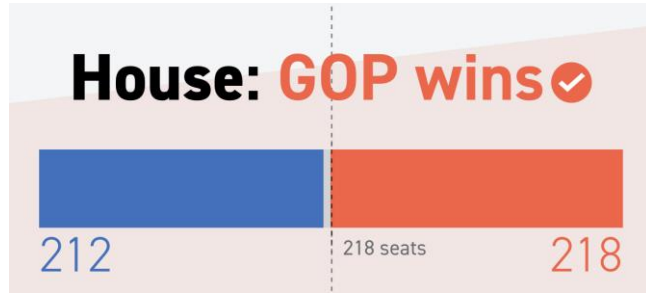
An Election for the Ages



- Tuesday's election results were a major surprise for most political strategists and the broader political punditry class in Washington.
- The “Red Wave” of 30+ House seats and Republicans clinching the Senate did not materialize as Democrats are on the verge of defying historical trends.
- Democrats have held on to some competitive seats won by former President Donald Trump in 2020 and flipped several House seats including CO-08, OH-01, NC-13, NM-02, MI-03, and TX-34.
- In the Senate, Democrats flipped Pennsylvania with Lt. Gov. John Fetterman and held on to New Hampshire with Maggie Hassan.



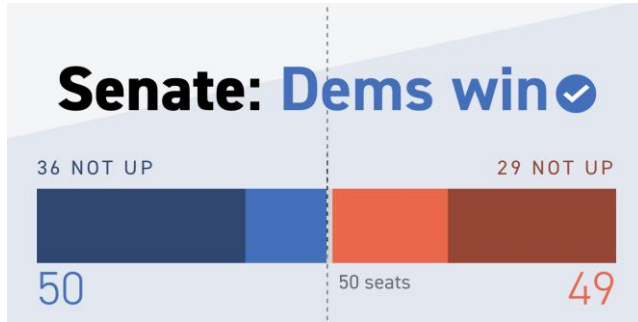
Republicans Underperform With Modest Electoral Success



With five races still outstanding, Republicans have been projected to retake the House with a razor-thin margin. While the GOP overperformed in New York and Florida, the party largely underperformed in key districts elsewhere throughout the nation. A myriad of factors ultimately contributed to this dynamic including lackluster candidate quality, the *Dobbs v. Jackson* SCOTUS decision, and threats to democracy.



Democrats Hold onto the U.S. Senate



With the Arizona and Nevada races called for Democratic incumbents Sen. Mark Kelly and Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, respectively, Democrats now have the 50 seats necessary to maintain the majority. Georgia's December 6th runoff between Sen. Rafael Warnock and Republican candidate Herschel Walker will determine if Democrats can gain 51 total seats in the 118th Congress.



Historical Prospective



<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>House Seats +/-</u>	<u>Final Margin</u>
2022	Biden	?	?
2018	Trump	-40	235D-199R-1V
2010	Obama	-63	242R-193D
2002	W. Bush	+8	229R-205D-1V
1994	Clinton	-52	230R-204D-1I
1990	H.W. Bush	-8	267D-167R-1I
1982	Reagan	-26	269D-166R
1978	Carter	-15	278D-157R



118th Congress: Potential House Democratic Leadership

1. Minority Leader: Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
2. Minority Whip: Katherine Clark (D-MA)
3. Assistant Leader: Jim Clyburn (D-SC)
4. Caucus Chair: Pete Aguilar (D-CA)
5. Caucus Vice Chair: Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
 - Ted Lieu (D-CA)
 - Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
 - Madeleine Dean (D-PA)
6. DCCC Chair: Tony Cardenas (D-CA)
 - Ami Bera (D-CA)

118th Congress: Potential House Republican Leadership

1. Speaker: Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
2. Majority Leader: Steve Scalise (R-LA)
3. Majority Whip: Tom Emmer (R-MN)
4. Conference Chair: Elise Stefanik (R-NY)
5. Conference Vice Chair: Mike Johnson (R-LA)
6. NRCC Chair: Richard Hudson (R-NC)
7. Policy Committee: Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)



118th Congress: Potential Senate Democratic Leadership

1. Leader: Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
2. Whip: Dick Durbin (D-IL)
3. Assistant Leader: Patty Murray (D-WA)
4. DPCC Chair: Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
5. Steering Committee Chair: Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
6. Chair of the DSCC: TBD



118th Congress: Potential Senate Republican Leadership

1. Leader: Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
2. Whip: John Thune (R-SD)
3. Conference Chair: John Barrasso (R-WY)
4. Conference Vice Chair: Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
5. GOP Policy Chair: Joni Ernst (R-IA)
6. NRSC Chair: Steve Daines (R-MT)



118th Congress: **Potential Caucus &** **Conference Leaders:**

Congressional Black Caucus:

- Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV)

Congressional Hispanic Caucus:

- Nanette Barragan (D-CA)

Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus:

- Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA)

Congressional Progressive Caucus:

- Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA)

Problem Solvers Caucus:

- Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)

Republican Governance Group:

- Rep. David Joyce (R-OH)

Republican Study Group:

- Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)

Freedom Caucus:

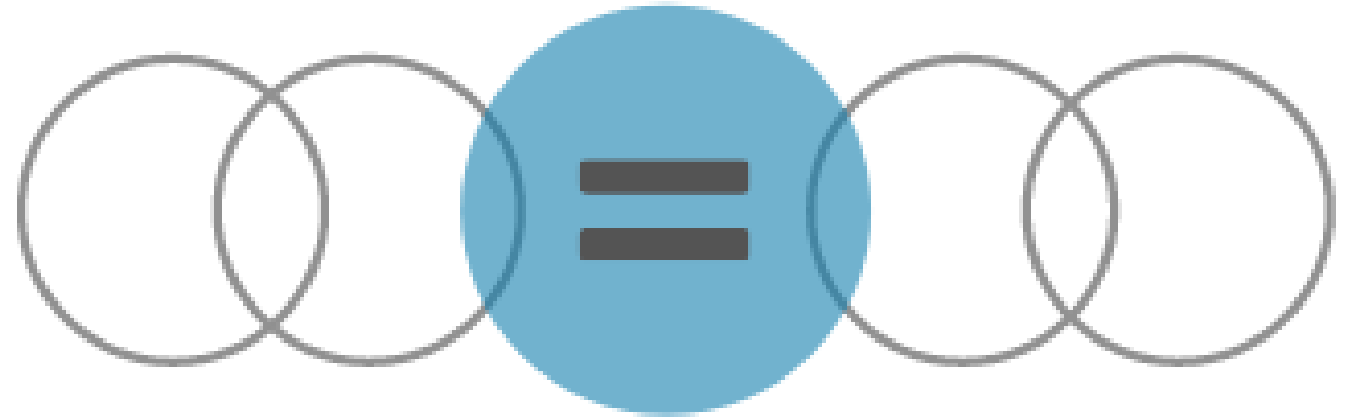
- Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA)





118th Congress: Divided Government Preview

- **Investigations and Special Committees:**
 - ☐ Afghanistan Withdrawal
 - ☐ President Biden's COVID Policies
 - ☐ Hunter Biden's Business Dealings
 - ☐ Energy Independence
 - ☐ Impeachment Proceedings
- **Legislative Gridlock w/ Limited Exceptions:**
 - ☐ Government Funding (Debt Ceiling Increase?)
 - ☐ Farm Bill Reauthorization
 - ☐ National Defense Authorization Act
- **Conservative "Message" Legislation:**
 - ☐ "Parents' Bill of Rights"
 - ☐ Border Wall Funding
 - ☐ National Abortion Ban
 - ☐ "Big Tech" Battles
 - ☐ Spending Cuts
 - ☐ Additional Police Funding



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Advocates for Community Health Post-Election Recap

November 2022

What to expect in lame duck

Jockeying over the debt limit

- Strong advantage for health centers to have it raised now, so that Rs don't extract fiscal reforms (e.g. Medicare cuts) in exchange in the 118th Congress; but more likely to be dealt with next year

Consideration of key health extenders

- Telehealth waiver extensions
- Behavioral health reforms
- Medicare cut delays/reversals
- Medicaid provisions, including continuous eligibility and postpartum coverage

Minimal, if any, COVID-19 related funding

Attempt to pass D priorities

- Election reform
- Judicial nominations

Political dynamics of the 118th Congress

Dems have Senate majority, but Georgia still matters (a lot)

Practical and political benefit to 51, as it gives Ds one vote to play with on the floor

This helps not only with a rebellious Manchin/Sinema situation, but also gives Schumer a "hall pass" to allow one vulnerable '24 Senator to vote No on a tricky bill

If Rs hold the House, it will be a thin majority and they must work with Dems more than they expected

Priorities for health centers – funding, 340B, preserving Medicare/Medicaid – requires close relationships with both sides of the aisle

ACH Policy Priorities

CHC Invest / Health center funding

Protecting the 340B Program

Bolstering the health care workforce

Increasing funding to FQHCs for emergency preparedness

Programming for FQHCs to drive health equity

Increasing access to value based care

Promoting innovation at health centers

Senate HELP Committee



Likely Chair:
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)



Likely Ranking Member:
Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

Issues in jurisdiction:

- Reauthorization of health center trust fund (expiration 9/23)
- Reauthorization of the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act
- 340B
- Health care workforce

What are bipartisan issues the HELP Committee could work on?

- 340B reform
- Drug importation
(Sanders/Paul priority)

What will be more challenging issues to work through Committee?

- Major increase in funding for health centers
- New program for emergency preparedness for health centers

Senate Finance Committee



Likely Chair:
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)



Likely Ranking Member:
Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)

Issues in jurisdiction :

- Medicare
- Medicaid

What are bipartisan issues the Senate Finance Committee could work on?

- Behavioral health
- Actions to recruit and retain health care workforce

What will be more challenging issues to work through Committee?

- Explicit actions to promote value based care in Medicare and Medicaid for FQHCs

House Energy & Commerce Committee



Potential Chair:
Rep. Cathy McMorris
Rodgers (R-WA)



Potential Ranking Member:
Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

Issues in jurisdiction:

- 340B
- Reauthorization of health center trust fund (exp. 9/23)
- Reauthorization of Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act
- Medicaid
- Health care workforce

Dynamics to consider:

- Republicans, should they win the House, have the ability to work without much support from Democrats, although they may see value in it
- CMR has pledged to do significant oversight of COVID-19 funds
- Expect significant committee action prior to consideration of CHCTF reauthorization
- Potential for action on Medicaid reforms

House Ways & Means Committee

Issues in jurisdiction:

- Medicare
- Medicaid, although tends to defer to E&C

Dynamics to consider:

- While Ways and Means is less important than Energy and Commerce for health center related issues, Ways and Means will be ground zero for Republican-driven cuts to the Medicare program
- Retirements and losses will open up new seats on this small committee



Potential Chair:

Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Adrian Smith (R-NE), or Jason Smith (R-MO)



Potential Ranking Member:
Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

Open Discussion



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Concluding Remarks



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