



Midterm Surprise







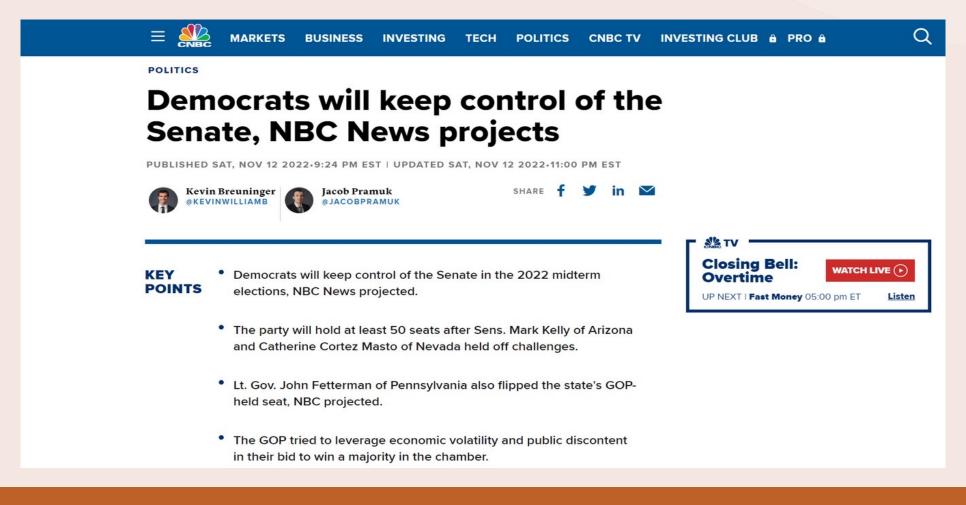
Predicted Red Wave

"Republican leaders in the House and Senate are already clamoring for credit in anticipation of gaining seats in Tuesday night's midterms, with several eyeing a potential GOP wave as a launch pad for their own political ambitions." – AXIOS, November 7th, 2022

Red Ripple, Not Wave

- o Trump states went Republican and Biden states went Democratic in Senate
- o Strong turnout for midterm: 46.9%
- Florida and New York showed 'red wave' was possible
- Michigan and Pennsylvania showed Democratic strength
- o Not a "change" election
- o Mainstream polling mostly got it right
- Decoupling: Biden's poll numbers not indicative of voting behavior







The Trump Effect

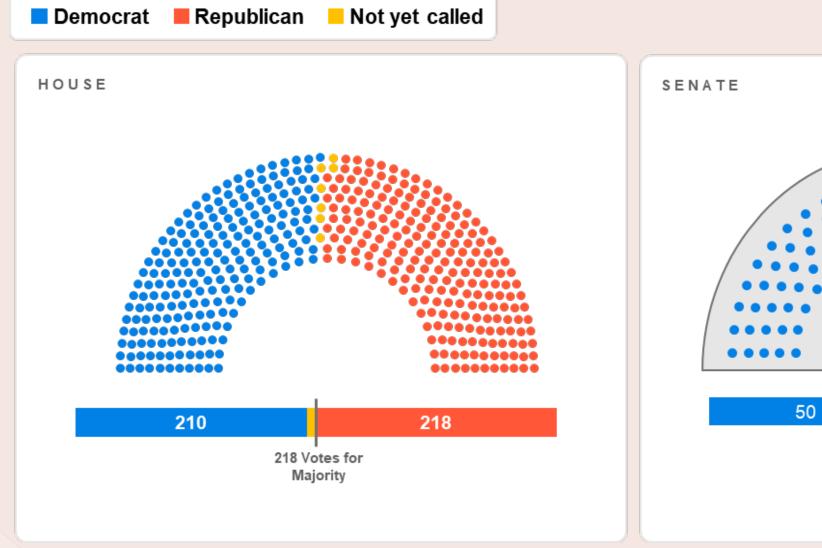
- o Endorsed inexperienced, extreme candidates
- Election denials, January 6th still on voters' minds
- o Discouraged early voting and mail-in ballots
- o Teased 2024 presidential announcement
- Attacked GOP opponents

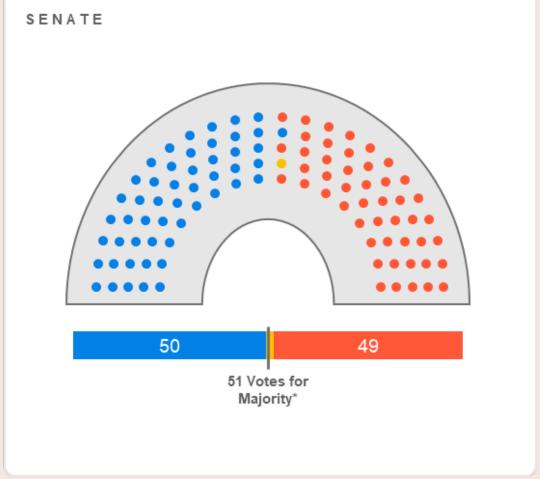
The Big Issues

- Abortion remained a large issue for voters through election day.
- Economy and inflation hindered Democratic support, but not fatally.
- Crime issue helps Republicans in states like New York.
- 4 Voters seek stability and status-quo.



Welcome to the 118th Congress





* Data might be outdated due to ongoing election results

215 DEM PROJECTION +/-3 220 GOP Seats

FLIPPED 10 218 FLIPPED 21 (+15 NET GAIN)