

Election Produced No Blue or Red Wave, So Now What?

The voting is finished, and the midterm election is finally over. Democrats will now control the U.S. House of Representatives and Republicans have increased their majority in the U.S. Senate.

While many races are still too close to call, the blue wave Democrats had hoped for failed to materialize. It was more of a blue trickle.

With tallies out west still coming in, Republicans have picked up at least three seats in the Senate, and Democrats have added at least 26 seats in the House.

The Evangelical Vote

Faith and Freedom Coalition Chairman Ralph Reed said evangelical voters made the difference in Florida.

“I think the White House and the RGA and the National Republican Senatorial Committee and certainly Ron DeSantis and Rick Scott are very grateful tonight that the rapture didn’t happen before the early voting began because if it had, they would have lost in a landslide,” explained Reed. “The evangelicals delivered this vote in a big way.”

In Tennessee, the GOP held Bob Corker’s open seat, which will be filled by Republican Marsha Blackburn. She beat Phil Bredesen by nine points.

What’s Next?

With Democrats now preparing for control of the House, still to be decided is if Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., will return to her role as House speaker. Pelosi said Democrats will make their top campaign issue—health care—a

priority.

Democrats have also pledged to launch committee investigations of President Donald Trump and his administration. And they'll possibly begin impeachment proceedings against both the president and Justice Kavanaugh.

With a divided Congress ahead, it remains to be seen whether or not the president, Democrats and Republicans will work together—or if Washington will be more contentious and polarized than during President Trump's first two years. {eo}

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