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"One of life's most painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." ~ Merlin Olsen

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What Happened to the Red Wave?

Note: I don't belong to a political party or vote for politicians, so this is not a partisan screed.

*I have a room all to myself; it is nature. It is a place beyond the jurisdiction of human governments. There is a prairie beyond your laws. Nature is a prairie for outlaws.
~ Henry David Thoreau*

Midterm elections tend to not go well for new presidents and their incumbent party, especially if they've tried to do some extreme things (e.g., HR1, the Green New Deal, banning fossil fuels, packing the Supreme Court) during the previous two years. With an extremely weak (including physically and [mentally](#)) president, skyrocketing inflation, an economy heading into recession and collapsing consumer confidence, Republicans were hoping to pick up about 60 seats in the House and possibly take control of the Senate.

It didn't happen. It's now nine days after Election Day, and the Democrat-run states have finally gotten around to counting all of their votes (or finding the number of votes they needed to win). Seven House races have yet to be decided (in some Democrat-run states, absentee ballots received a week or more after Election Day have to be counted), but it appears that (at least in theory, because there are always a few "mavericks" such as

Cheney and Kinzinger) House Republicans have one more seat than the 218 they need to control the House.

If Republicans control the House, we should see hearings on the [Biden crime family](#) (which will be ignored or “fact-checked” by the legacy media and Big Tech, although Twitter will probably no longer censor tweets about it). All tax and spending bills must originate in the House, so that should reduce federal spending from runaway to merely gargantuan.

But I think it's still possible that [a few RINO House members will work with the Democrats to elect a Democrat as Speaker](#), especially if they are offered a lot of power and pork. Democrats are very good at doing whatever it takes to engineer a come-from-behind, against-all-odds win. There is just too much money and power at stake to let a few House seats get in the way of their Great Reset plan to radically remake society.

I'm currently reading the books [Our Broken Elections: How the Left Changed the Way You Vote](#), and [Rigged: How the Media, Big Tech and the Democrats Seized Our Elections](#), which I'll write about soon. They detail the many ways that elections are rigged, including voting fraud and consent decrees.

Almost exclusively, it is the Left that uses these tactics, so they are hypersensitive about allegations of voting fraud (which is very difficult to detect, investigate and prosecute, even if a government official was interested in doing so) or even people who ask questions about elections. If election results are affected (or determined) by fraud, that jeopardizes the legitimacy of politicians and the government. That's why “Election Deniers” (note the similarity of the term to “Holocaust Denier”) are labeled as “Domestic Terrorists” and canceled or destroyed.

The vast majority of conservatives are “good government” types who believe in democracy (which is not what the Founders created, but a republic) and think that tactics such as voting fraud can be minimized by implementing common sense safeguards such as voter ID. They think that if they show up at the polls every two years to cast one vote (which supposedly gets recorded and counted by an electronic voting machine), that's about the only thing that they need/should/can do to stop the assault on their liberty.

The government of the world I live in was not framed, like that of Britain, in after-dinner conversations over the wine. ~ Henry David Thoreau

What they don't understand is that the Left is waging war 24/7/365 and in depth, on multiple fronts. (For example, read “[How Google Stopped the Red Wave](#).”) Since the 1960s, [the Left has conducted a Long March through America's institutions](#) and now controls virtually all of the commanding heights of society: the media, education, technology, entertainment, the government bureaucracy, large corporations, and even the mainline churches. After Trump's election in 2016, they became hysterical and turned up the volume of their activity to an 11. As a result, we are now in the midst of a second cultural revolution and a sudden and radical transformation of society.

The Democrats don't need to pass HR1 to create a permanent, one-party state because all of the above ensures that it will happen anyway. Conservatives and libertarians need to realize the futility and counter-productiveness of politics and voting. If you play a game where you're always on defense and the other team is always on offense, who do you think is going to win (even if the other team doesn't have good players)?

What is called politics is comparatively something so superficial and inhuman, that, practically, I have never fairly recognized that it concerns me at all.
~ Henry David Thoreau

If you were in a restaurant and someone stood up and said, “Hey everybody, we're going to vote on who should pay for our meals. I nominate that guy,” and then points at you. Would you help provide legitimacy to the “election” by participating in it? What if the restaurant patrons had a convention, ran a campaign with signs and TV ads, and had rallies with flags, balloons and confetti? What if the guy who nominated you claimed to represent other people (or a geographic area) and took an oath of office? Would you participate in their “election”? After all, voting is your most sacred right, what millions of soldiers have died to defend, right?

Those who support liberty would be ahead to withdraw their consent from politics and the State and use one or more of the following tactics:

- [Vote economically](#) with your wallet. Boycott the businesses you don't support and patronize those you do.
- Homeschool your kids. Radio host Neal Boortz referred to government schools as “the reproductive organs of the State.” Stop the cycle of predation and violence.
- Shun individuals who want to take away your liberty. This is an ancient and powerful tool.
- Vote with your feet. If you live in a tyrannical place, move to [a place that has more freedom](#).
- Tend to your own garden and present the world with one improved unit of yourself. Be an example for others to emulate. Be the change you seek.
- Talk with your friends and neighbors, not about politics but what Thoreau called “the right.”
- Improve your health and wealth. You cannot fully enjoy freedom without them. And the more they are not in order, the more dependent you'll be on the State.
- Engage in [civil disobedience](#). This was used by both Mahatma Gandhi (who kept a copy of Thoreau's essay on his nightstand) and Martin Luther King Jr. to great effect.

If the injustice is part of the necessary friction of the machine of government, let it go, let it go; perchance it will wear smooth—certainly the machine will wear out. If the injustice has a spring, or a pulley, or a rope, or a crank, exclusively for itself, then perhaps you may consider whether the remedy will not be worse than the evil; but if it is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then I say, break the law. Let your life be a counter-friction to stop the machine. What I have to do is to see, at any rate, that I do not lend myself to the wrong which I condemn. ~ Henry David Thoreau

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