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The Red Wave That Wasn't . . . and the One That Was¹

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Democracy dodged a bullet for the third election in a row. Not since the 1962 midterms has a Democratic president done better in his first midterm. Democrats held the Senate and only narrowly lost the House, and every election denier who ran for the top election office in a battleground state lost.

The So-Called Liberal Media was largely responsible for that bullet, with their insistent hyperventilating headlines and news tickers about inflation. Anyone who looked beyond the sizzle learned that inflation was a worldwide problem largely caused by factors beyond the control of Biden or Democrats, but such readers and viewers are a vanishing breed. And good news – historic increases in jobs and wages and the decreases in unemployment – was relegated to the single day a month those statistics were released.

The consequent, almost gleeful, predictions of a Red Wave were derailed by a debased Supreme Court's indefensible decision overruling Roe. The SCLM began suggesting the election might not be so terrible for Democrats . . . but never dreamt how terrible it would be for Republicans.

Looking ahead, holding the Senate is a huge win. McConnell won't be able to steal any more Supreme Court seats and Biden can continue filling judicial openings at a record pace, ameliorating some of the Constitutional carnage caused by Trump.

In the House, the oafish Kevin McCarthy will be buffeted about like some inflatable roadside advertising man, torn between the need to appear to be human and the need to satisfy the revenge fantasies of Donald Trump and the dictates of the barely sane Marjorie Taylor Greene. As "my Kevin" pursues baseless investigations and impeachments and tries to shut down the government, he will again demonstrate why Republicans are unfit to govern.

In Florida, the Red Wave that Was helped preserve democracy nationally, as Jeff Kash explains above, albeit at great cost to those of living here.

The midterms were a momentary reprieve from the Trumpian Republican Party's march to fascism. Yet only a fool would fail to see the "clear and present danger" to democracy that remains (see page 7).

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