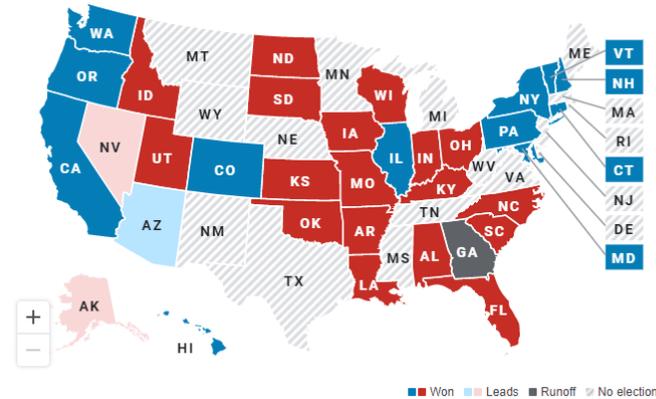
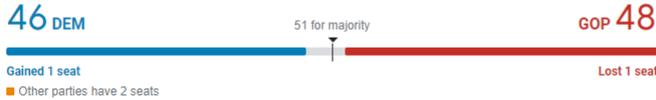


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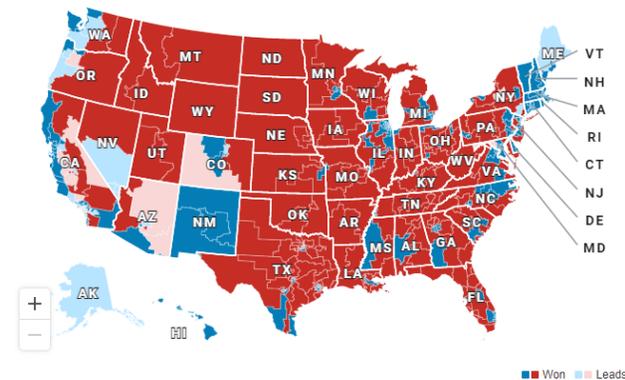
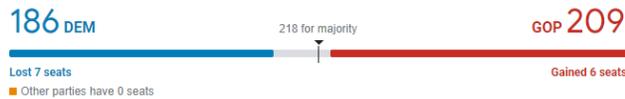
### Senate results

From [The Associated Press](#) - 31 of 35 seats up for election called - [Learn more](#)



### House results

From [The Associated Press](#) - 395 of 435 seats up for election called - [Learn more](#)



Republicans remained on track to take the House majority Thursday, but with dozens of races still outstanding, their expected gains had narrowed significantly.

Meanwhile, Senate control is still undecided. Arizona and Nevada continued to tabulate ballots and some analysts predicted those races were breaking in favor of the Democratic candidates, which could give the party 50 seats heading into a Dec. 6 runoff in Georgia. Two key governors' races also remained open.

Despite much uncertainty, it was clear the election hadn't been the strong rejection of President Biden and the Democratic Party that many Republicans had predicted.

The results of Tuesday's elections revealed voter anxiety over the highest inflation in four decades, the state of the nation, abortion access and crime. The voting also showed the electorate remains polarized following a tumultuous few years marked by political upheaval, economic uncertainty and a global pandemic.

Democrats avoided the worst outcome because their voters came to the polls with high enthusiasm, according to voter surveys, while swing voters often broke in their favor.

Republicans, campaigning on repairing the economy, were still on track to retake the House as tallies trickled in from crucial races

around the country and with many in the West, but Democrats also made gains.

**Original Article:** [GOP Inches Closer to Expected Narrow House Majority, With Senate Still a Tossup](#) (Wall Street Journal)

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### TELL CONGRESS: DEMAND THE GI BILL FOR RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD

From protecting borders and capitals to delivering pandemic aid and supporting local law enforcement, members of our National Guard and Reserve have been challenged over the past two years like never before. Yet despite serving along Active Components, they are denied access to GI Bill benefits. This is due to the outdated notion that National Guard and Reservists should not qualify for "Active-Duty" benefits.

We must discard this misunderstanding of the true nature of citizen service. Our troops that get stretched to the limit serving alongside their active-duty counterparts deserve the same GI Bill eligibility, and it is past time for Congress to provide it to them. The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act would start to address this benefits disparity by expanding eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill to count every day that a servicemember is paid and in uniform toward benefit eligibility.

### TAKE ACTION NOW



*Figure 1 National Guardsmen assist with the COVID-19 response and natural disaster relief.*

### LEGIONNAIRE OF THE WEEK

In an effort to recognize the weekly accomplishments of our Legionnaires, we will spotlight an individual every week. These individuals demonstrate exceptional grassroots activism by meeting with/contacting their Congressional Representative/Senator to advocate for veterans. Efforts like these truly make a difference and give veterans a voice in Congress.

#### Rafael Munoz-Cintron, Washington

This week, we are excited to recognize Rafael Munoz-Cintron from the Department of Washington for meeting with Rep. Smith (D-WA), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and other small VSOs, in his Renton, WA, district office. Before the meeting, Mr. Munoz-Cintron forwarded Chairman's Smith staff The American Legion's priorities for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). During the meeting, Mr. Munoz-Cintron and Chairman Smith discussed the following topics:

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- Challenges veterans face when applying for disability benefits, whether under the PACT Act or otherwise
- Veterans' experience when going to Community Care clinics
- How can we better equip servicemembers for their transition from the military to civilian life
- NDAA



*Mr. Munoz-Cintron, Chairman Smith (D-WA), and other members of the veteran community in Renton, WA.*

Thank you, Mr. Munoz-Cintron!

If you have made a grassroots effort and would like to be considered for next week's "Legionnaire of the Week," please fill out the Congressional Contact Report Form [here](#). You can also email me at [kisaacson@legion.org](mailto:kisaacson@legion.org).

### UPCOMING HEARINGS

- On Wednesday, November 16, the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber will hold a hearing titled "Russia's Waning Global Influence."

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- On Wednesday, November 16, the House Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on National Security will hold a hearing titled “JROTC: Protecting Cadets from Sexual Abuse and Instructor Misconduct.”
- On Wednesday, November 16, the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee (SVAC) will hold a hearing titled “Hearings to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs implementation of the SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act.”