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Welcome! And THANK YOU, all of you activists – for your canvassing, calling, postcarding, fundraising, donating, and everything else you have done to be part of the progressive movement all over the US. We ALL did it! AND voters showed up! Maybe some voters that you talked to got their ballots in because you talked to them. None of us could have done it alone – but TOGETHER – with our MWD community and with other groups like ours all over the US – we made a difference, and we now have a BLUE Senate and a BLUE House! Yay!

AND we will keep it going! Restoring our democracy depends on our paying attention, holding representatives accountable, making our voices heard, and continuing to organize, organize, organize.

Robert Reich said it in his Sunday Thoughts this morning – He said:

I've been in or around politics for over 50 years, and I can tell you that even the best members of Congress, governors, and state legislators can't get anything important done unless the public is *actively* behind him. Nothing good happens in Washington, D.C., or in state capitals unless good people are organized and mobilized to put pressure on the people they elect to *make* good things happen.

As Franklin D. Roosevelt said in the reelection campaign of 1936 when a voter insisted that if she were to vote for him, he must commit to a long list of objectives he had campaigned on: "Ma'am, I want to do those things, but *you must make me*."

The people we just elected *need us to make them* do the right things. We can't assume they'll do the right things because they promised and we trust them to keep their promises. They may sincerely want to do what's right, but sincerity is not enough.

So today, I'm not going to list all the good news as I usually do when we are all feeling depressed and going crazy from all the bad news. This election IS the good news!

And today you'll hear from our two favorite election data analysts, Brian Colker and Brandon Zavala. Now I know we have all been hearing lots of analyses, and maybe even done our own – it's all we've been talking about for the last 2 weeks! But I promise you – you'll hear about this in a new thoughtful – and enjoyable – way today – so stay tuned!

Now let's talk together, in the chat – What is one thing you are the most happy about since the election?