



New Hope

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“The biggest question of the election was always going to be whether the strong Dem overperformance we saw in the House special elections, Kansas and post Dobbs voter reg would show up in the fall election. So far the early vote suggests it is.”

- SIMON ROSENBERG, TWITTER – NOVEMBER 5TH

What Happened?

Democrats held the Senate!!! (50-49)

Key wins:

- Catherine Cortez-Masto (NV)
- Mark Kelly (AZ)
- John Fetterman (PA) – **FLIP**
- Raphael Warnock (GA) – won initial vote; runoff is 12/6
- Maggie Hassan (NH)

Painful Losses:

- Mandela Barnes (WI)
- Cheri Beasley (NC)
- Tim Ryan (OH)

HUGE Democratic wins in State Houses

- Governor wins: PA, MI, WI, AZ
- State House “trifectas” in MN, MI, MA
- Held off supermajorities in WI and NC
- Beat Election Deniers across the US in Secretary of State Races

State	Governor	State Senate	State House
Alaska	—	—	—
Ariz.	D ✓	R ✓	—
Colo.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Ga.	R ✓	R ✓	R ✓
Mass.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Md.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Maine	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Mich.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Minn.	D ✓	—	D ✓
N.H.	R ✓	R ✓	—
Nev.	R ✓	D ✓	D ✓
N.Y.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Ore.	D ✓	D ✓	D ✓
Pa.	D ✓	R ✓	—
Wis.	D ✓	R ✓	R ✓

What Happened?

- ❑ Republicans narrowly take the House (likely will reach 221 vs. 214 by Ds)
- ❑ Democrats win ~80% of tossups
- ❑ New York Democrats underperform – lose 4 winnable Seats
- ❑ Were it not for the Supreme Court decisions in Florida and Ohio, Democrats would have won the House
- ❑ Republicans did win the popular vote nationally (by ~2%)

California House Races

- ❑ Incumbents won the day
- ❑ California lost 1 seat to redistricting
- ❑ Out of 52 seats, 11 were held by Republicans
- ❑ Salas is the only remaining opportunity to flip a Republican seat (and he is losing)
- ❑ If the races hold, Democrats will lose 1 seat in California, and the partisan composition will remain identical

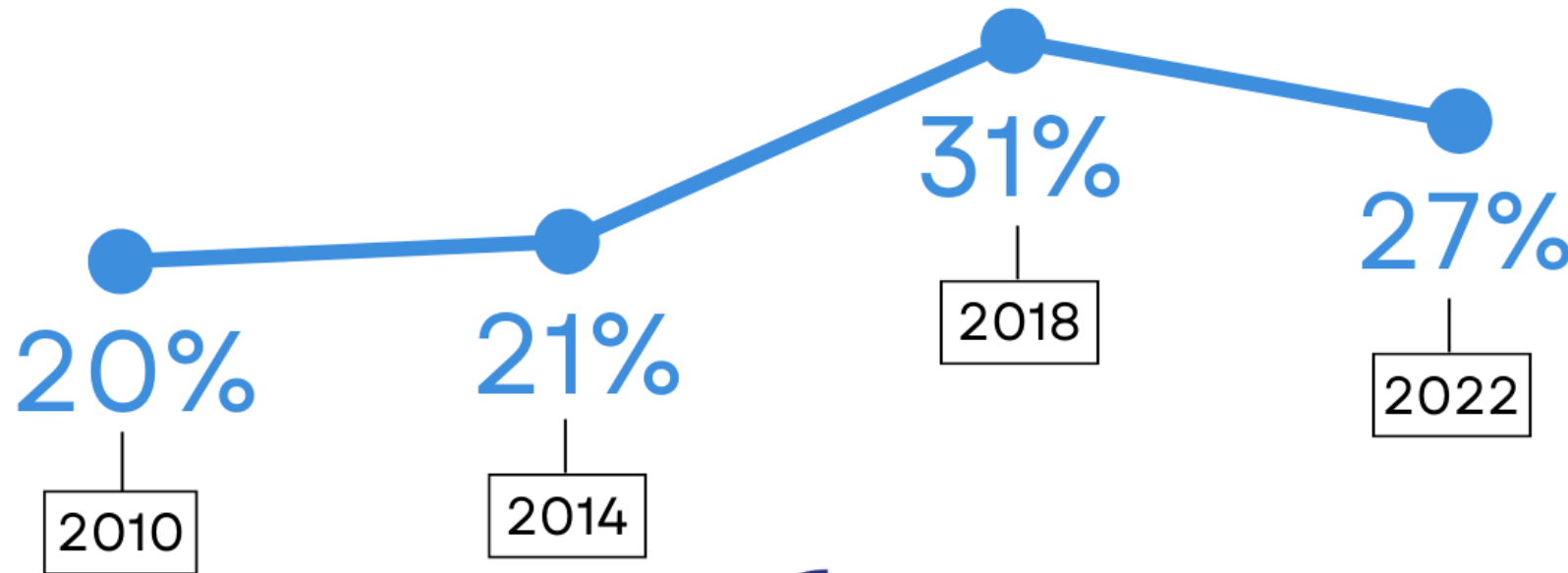
Key California House Races

	Democrat	Republican	D Votes	R Votes	Difference
District 09	Josh Harder	Tom Patti	75722	59562	16160
District 49	Mike Levin	Brian Maryott	151950	136882	15068
District 47	Katie Porter	Scott Baugh	134258	125857	8401
District 13	Adam Gray	John Duarte	62674	63539	(865)
District 41	Will Rollins	Ken Calvert	109991	120355	(10364)
District 22	Rudy Salas	David Valadao	40315	44862	(4547)
District 45	Jay Chen	Michelle Steel	101541	112060	(10519)
District 27	Christy Smith	Mike Garcia	91301	104058	(12757)

National Analysis: Key Findings

2022 Youth Voter Turnout Second-Highest in the Past 30 Years

Democrats won the under 30 vote by 28%!!!



National Analysis: Key Findings

Party identification

Network exit poll

Democrats (33% of voters)



Republicans (36%)



Independents or something else (31%)



Democrats won independents – VERY rare in midterms

Race and ethnicity **Democrats' base is still non-whites**

Network exit poll

White (73% of voters)



Black (11%)



Hispanic/Latino (11%)



Asian (2%)



American Indian (1%)



Other (2%)

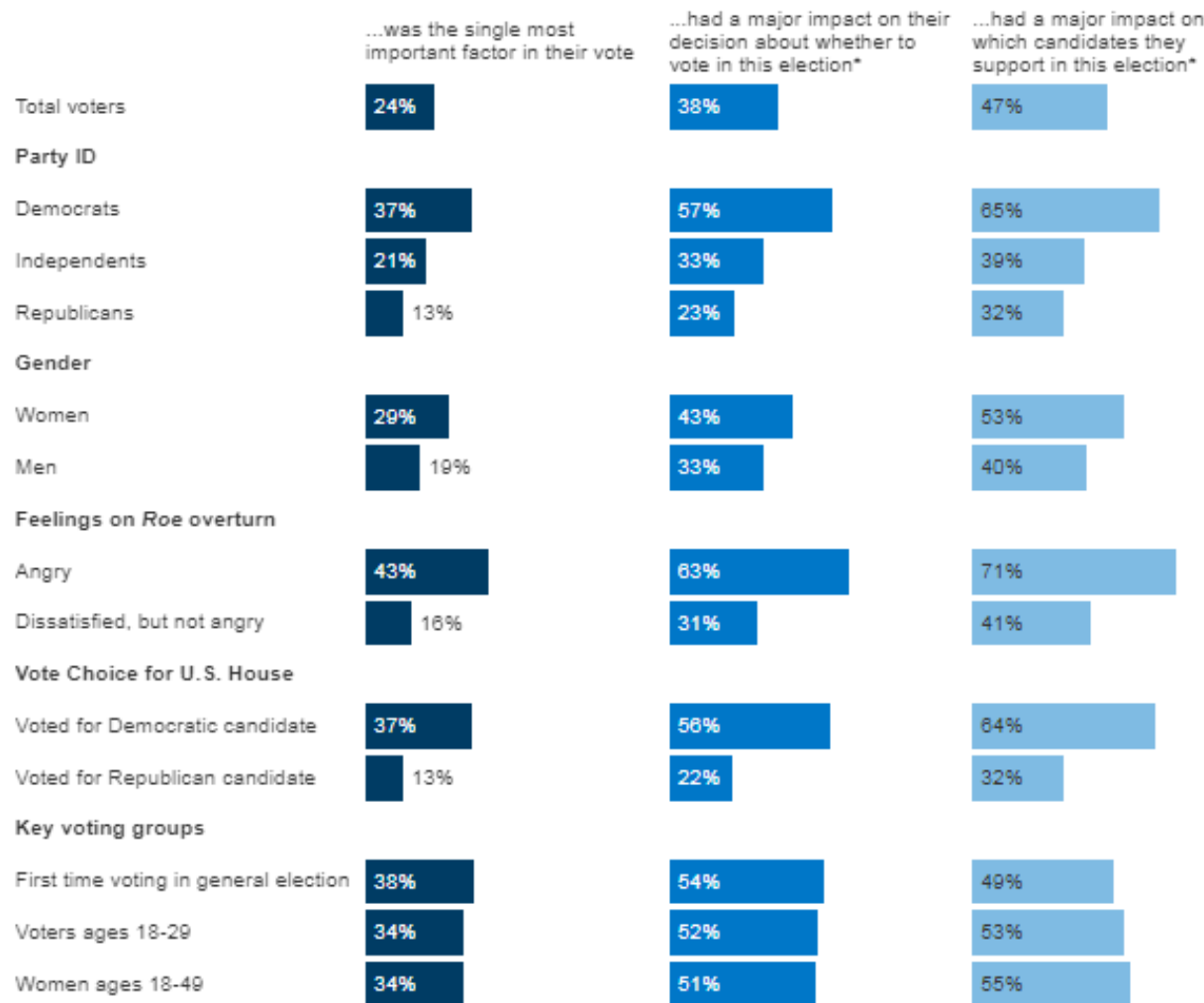


YES, DOBBS MATTERED

Figure 2

At Least Half Of Democratic Voters, First Time Voters, Younger Women Voters Say The Supreme Court Decision Had Major Impact On Their Vote Choice And Turnout

Percent of voters who said the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*...



NOTE: *Asked of those who said the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* was a factor in their vote. Percentages based on total voters.
SOURCE: KFF/AP supplemental health questions included in AP VoteCast (Oct. 31-Nov. 8, 2022) • PNG

California Analysis

Swing District	Overall Turnout Change 2014-2018	Overall Turnout Change 2018 - 2022	Change in D - 2014-2018	Change in R 2014-2018	Change in D 2018-2022	Change in R 2018-2022
District 10 / 13	76%	-43.1%	110.2%	50.1%	-45.9%	-40.0%
District 21 / 22	43%	-25.0%	71.0%	22.8%	-29.6%	-20.4%
District 25 / 27	115%	-20.3%	150.3%	83.8%	-31.5%	-6.9%
District 45	87%	-30.0%	179.7%	38.0%	-36.1%	-23.4%
District 48 / 47	69%	-11.7%	151.7%	22.1%	-14.9%	-8.1%
District 49	80%	-1.4%	154.1%	30.3%	-8.0%	7.0%
Average	78.3%	-21.9%	136.2%	41.2%	-27.7%	-15.3%
Overall Turnout in CA						
2014	7513972	42.2%				
2018	12712542	64.54%				
2022	11601939	52.9%				

What Happened In Caliornia?

- ❑ Voter Fatigue – recall election sucked money/time out of organizing
- ❑ Crazy long, complex ballot
- ❑ More formidable Republican Incumbents (compare Mike Garcia to Steve Knight and Michelle Steel to Dana Rohrabacher)
- ❑ Republicans took CA swing seats seriously – invested huge \$\$\$ AND did grassroots organizing
- ❑ California likely suffered from Blue State malaise: abortion rights not perceived as threatened, “soft” Ds/independents angry about inflation, gas prices, and homelessness

Big Picture

- ❑ Split ticket voting is back! Partisan fever ebbing a little?
- ❑ Three different elections:
 - More traditional, predictable midterm in Blue States, as Rs gain House seats
 - In swing states, Democrats CRUSHED it at all levels, from State House to Senate
 - In Red states, R voters REJECTED extremist abortion restrictions
- ❑ MAGA candidates were beaten all over the country
- ❑ Media is finally pushing the message that election denial is neither a legitimate position nor is it good politics
- ❑ Rightwing media echo chamber embarrassed by “Red Wave” failure
- ❑ Polls showed a tight election, not a red wave, but media influencers decided to interpret tight polls incorrectly
- ❑ Christopher Bouzy, Simon Rosenberg, and Tom Bonier (and yours truly) were better able to predict the outcome



(It's a big, beautiful world)