

## What Happened with the 2020 Midterm Vote?

How does the American psyche vote?. That is the \$64,000 question. The poll premonition of a red wave and probably a tsunami, was a bigger disappointment than Geraldo Rivera's Capone Vault. But what the heck happened? How could so many be so wrong? Maybe that can be better understood if we take a fresh view of how the wave was assumed.

To understand how we missed the moon, we need to understand the relationship between the pollster and the voter, then, understand what the two political parties did and did not do with that relationship.

First, we need to separate those who were polled from those who voted, then put those voters into voting-pattern-groups. This reduces noise that generate false indication when predicting.

### Group #1:

Those that vote by aligning their personal convictions with political policies. Many are seasoned, older, believe in a GOD and find comfort with law and order. Their convictions are hard to overcome. Now this group does change party colors but only over time and from true life experience. Sometimes they will downgrade policy importance but never below a conviction. Rare to change their vote "on the way" to the polling place.

### Group #2:

Those that have beliefs rather than defined personal convictions but will vote political policy contrary to those beliefs. In fact, most will vote a specific policy forsaking others, seeming to believe nothing else matters. These are the voters that can be bought if the price is right. They are the ones that ask, "what are you going to do for me" (notice me not we, President Kennedy would roll over in his grave)? These are properly labeled independents because their vote can be garnered by flashy things and false promises. Frequently they make their mind up on the way to the polling place.

### Group #3

Those that have no convictions and do not vote policy per se. Instead, they have beliefs that change in the wind. They vote to justify self-centered beliefs. Beliefs that cannot be rationalized or justified, other than in their own head. Interesting they are always negative votes; justifying why they are not voting for a candidate rather than why they are. This group feeds into the argument that there should be a voting means test. This gives pause to our founding fathers conviction that only male landowners should vote. Could that have been their way to assure that only those that had skin in the game could vote. Woman were kept (not owned) and most landowners toiled for what they had and thus were older in age (2818 was old back then but that's a different discussion). Group 3 votes with a random posture, frequently changing their vote. This happens while standing in line to vote chatting with others, or even as they are voting. So, using the above rules we can possibly see why polls don't match votes as to what occurred in the 2022 midterms.

First the split ticket. Group #1 rarely splits tickets, however Group #2 does because of their nature. They will justify a split ticket vote based on a belief rather than a conviction or fact. Therefore the binding between conviction and political policy can be adversely affected by groundless belief.

Group #3 is the ficklest and least motivated to any binding. They change beliefs faster than their socks. They vote just to vote and just because. Like rats, they will follow the last food source. Here the Democrat party has mastered controlling Group #2 and #3 persons or as Stalin succinctly coined; useful idiots. The Socialist Democrats delivered the Group #2 and #3 vote in a seamless one-two punch. They keptKeep the carrot in front to insulate the voter from distractions, then made it easy to fill in their ballot before their mind can be changed. This is the nexus of the Democrats strategy. Spend the time to make Group #2 & #3 "see the carrot", while having the ballot at the ready. Early voting makes that possible. And that is what happened. An excellent example is the PA Fetterman senate polling and how poll questions were asked. Thousands voted for Fetterman prior to the debate. Many of those who already voted were "polled" after the debate and answered the polster question with their "new" opinion [Not a single PA poll after the debate distinguished from "have voted" to "plan to vote"]. So, polls after the debate had false positives. A mixture of those that voted and those that had not included the "change" in attitude that occurred after the debate. As election day approached most all polls

became more contaminated as the views and opinions of candidates changed after they had voted, and thus a climate change wave was created. Again, there was no *Real Clear Politics* State race polls that separated, distinguished or disregarded early voters.

The Democrats capitalized on the early voting window opportunity, to formulate a belief and turn it into a vote, before voting day. Then Democrats focused on demonizing, fear mongering, and blame, staying away from their own policies. This type of unchecked- repetitive claims soon became a “persuasive fact” in the mind of Group #2 voters. That takes time but the focus is to “vote” early before the smokescreen fades. Interesting how the Democrats in the 2020 midterms focused on early voting which gave them time to turn a vote, compared to the Republicans telling don’t mail in you ballot, instead vote on election day. That Republican philosophy created a vote net loss of Group#3 and gave Group #2 time to change their mind after the poll.

So, with the help of early voting, Democrats exploited that window of time while the Republicans continued playing by Queensbury rules and the pollsters gave the news media the *perfect statistic storm* to publish.

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