# The Politics The US Midterms



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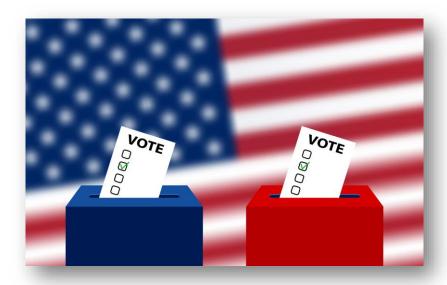
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## Overview



Times, Bloomberg, and even The Hill, and have all proclaimed that this Midterm Election is too hard to predict. They have all pretty much said that both the Senate and the House could theoretically go either way. Naturally, various news organizations will tend to slant things based upon their opinion.

Many are predicting that the Republicans have lost their edge. The leftist publications that lay flowers at the grave of Karl Marx like the British *Economist*, are of course predicting that Democrats will keep the Senate and Republicans will

probably gain a slight majority in the House. They are claiming to be running their own simulations and have proclaimed that 81 out of 100 give the Senate to the Democrats while in the House, 67 out of 100 simulations show the Republicans winning. If the *Economist* were in Moscow, they would be praying before Lenin's tomb before they went to work each day. Trump was always a danger to the world economy but they remain silent in the face Biden pushing for nuclear war.





**Politico** predicts that the Senate is still a toss-up and the House will likely gain a Republican majority. The Republicans only need six seats to take the House and they are likely to do so according most newspapers. However, **Politico** has forecast that the Republicans are most likely not going to win the Senate.

Turning *ABC News*, they predict that Democrats will probably take the Senate and Republicans will probably take the House. They stated that the Democrats have a 67% chance of retaining the Senate and the Republicans have a 70% shot at taking the House.

Most are reporting that the midterms are exceptionally hard to predict this year and they are banking on the Supreme Court overturning of Roe v. Wade more so than inflation, jobs, or even the prospect of war. Despite the fact that Hillary had greatly outspent Trump in 2016 with \$132 million to Trump's \$94 million, sometimes money cannot buy the political office.<sup>1</sup>

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https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/dec/09/trump-and-clintons-final-campaign-spending-revealed

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The Democrats have been spending big money on ads all about abortion ahead of midterms while ignoring the economy and the prospects of war. The New York Times has declared that "abortion stands at the center of virtually all Democratic electoral hopes this year." Indeed, the Democrats are campaigning on access to abortion and do not address any of the economic issues.

Bloomberg News, always a staunch leftist agenda, prefers to bash all the republicans highlighting scandals rather than economic issues. The Hill seems to be the only one at least admitting that the elections this year are far too volatile to predict because of the changing factors.

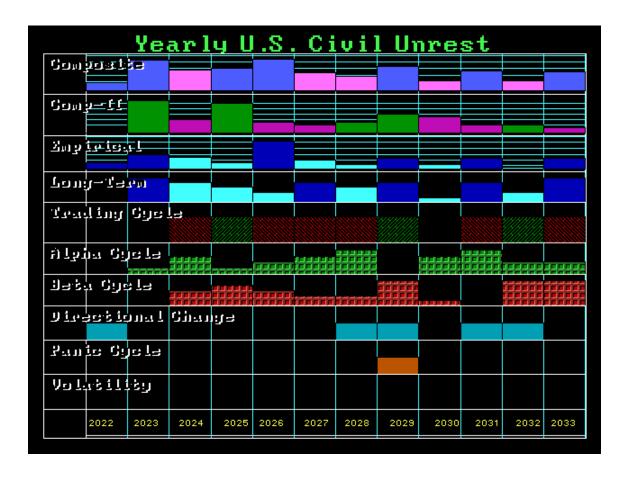
Another factor nobody wants to look at too closely is that at least 14 incumbent House Democrats who have raised more than \$1 million just ahead of the election, all but one was first elected in 2018 during the big anti-Trump sentiment wave. These are the Democrats most vulnerable to being unseated by Republican challengers. To a larger extent, this is why the Democrats keep pretending that they are running against Trump.

Further complicating the election, the Supreme Court just threw out the Third Circuit ruling on mail-in ballots. The Supreme Court vacated an appeals court ruling that had allowed some ballots without handwritten dates on them to be counted.

In a one-paragraph court order, the nation's highest court threw out a judgment by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia in May that had recognized such ballots in a 2021 judgeship race in Lehigh County. Justices on the high court vacated the 3rd Circuit ruling at the request of David Ritter, who ran in 2021 to be a judge on the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas. He lost to his Democratic rival Zachary Cohen by five votes after 257 absentee ballots without dates on the envelope were counted.

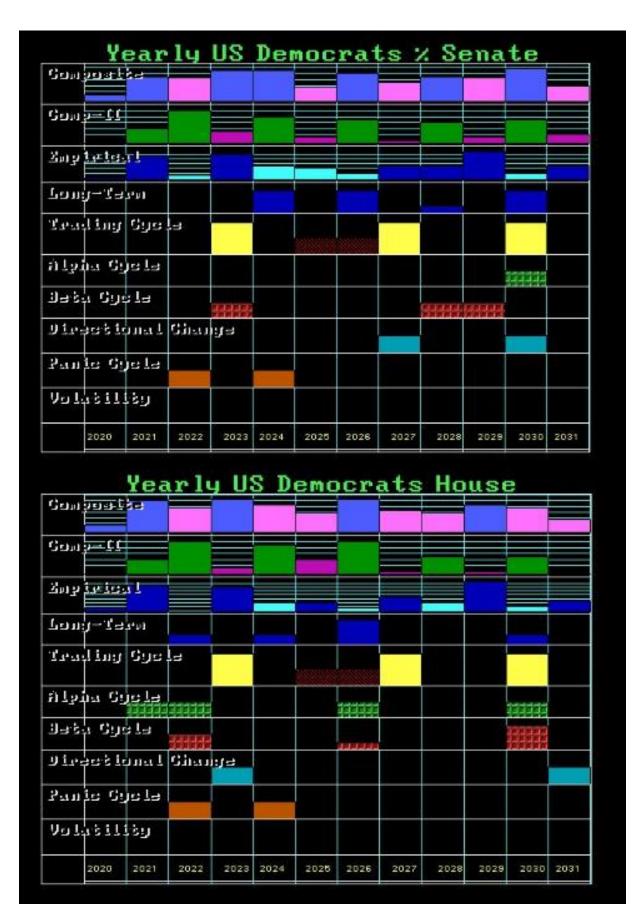
#### Justice Alito wrote:

"The problem with the Third Circuit's interpretation can be illustrated by considering what would happen if it were applied to a mail-in voting rule that is indisputably important, namely, the requirement that a mail-in ballot be signed. ... Therefore, under the Third Circuit's interpretation, a ballot signed by a third party and a ballot with a typed name rather than a signature would have to be counted."



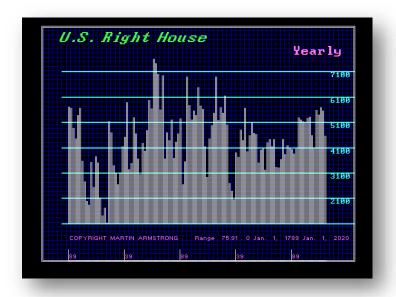
My greatest concern here is that with the allegations of the election being rigged in 2020, and the considerable evidence of illegal aliens and dead people voting in various districts and states, our model is warning that this 2022 midterm election will not be accepted by the loser on either side. It is irrelevant if all the improprieties from 2020 would have changed the election outcome or not. That is not the point. The problem is that this has undermined the **CONFIDENCE** in the election process. That implies that regardless of the outcome, neither side will accept the outcome when it is against their interests.

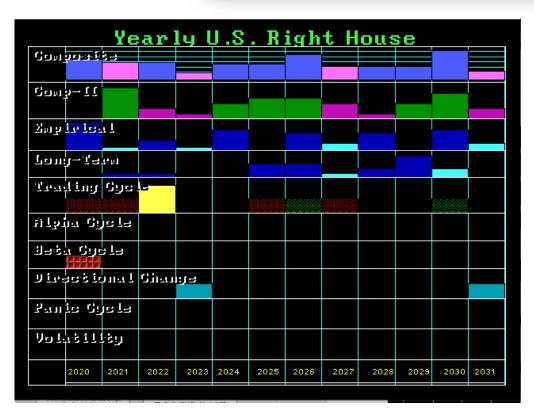
When we look at the Democrat arrays from 2020 for the Senate and the House separately, they both suggested that the Democrats would win. However, look at the Midterm back then for 2022. Both showed a Panic Cycle with a set of Panic Cycles against for 2024. The House back in 2020 showed a Directional Change in 2023, but notice we do not see a Directional Change in the Senate for 2023. This would tend to suggest that the Democrats may lose the House but not the Senate.



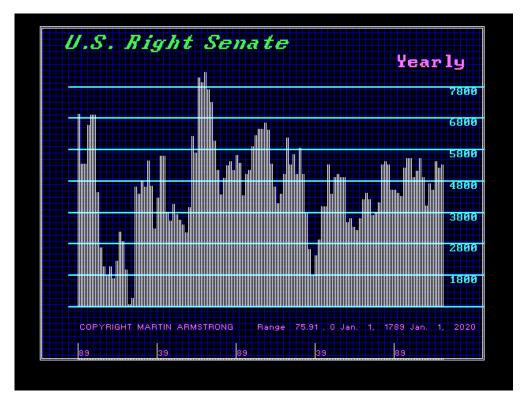
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Cyclically speaking, the Republicans should take the House. The Republicans are actually in a broad upward trend from their historic low in 1937. There is resistance at the 53% level. For a major breakout pointing to the decline of the Democratic Party, this would be indicated by the Republicans winning more than 56.5%.

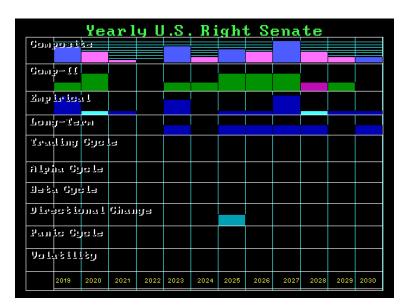




When we look at the Array for the Republicans in the House, we can see that there is a Directional Change there in 2023. This is a strong indication that we should expect a Republican victory and in fact when looked at in conjunction with the Democrat Array for the House showing Panic Cycles, this is clearly showing that in a FAIR election, we should expect the Republicans to even exceed the 56.5% level.



When we turn to the Senate, here too we can see that the historic low for the Republicans was 1937. While it is now 50/50 in the Senate and it requires the VP to break the tie, the Republicans need a breakout above 52% to signal a major sift is unfolding politically. The current picture for the Senate leaves Democrats without much margin to spare. Unless they can pull off an upset in North Carolina, Ohio, or Wisconsin, Democrats will need to win two of the three closest Senate races —



Georgia, Pennsylvania, and Nevada — in order to maintain their majority, while also holding Arizona and New Hampshire.

The absence of any clear Directional Change for the Republicans in the Senate tends to imply that they are still in second place for any hope of taking the Senate. Still, the Panic Cycles in the Democrats is indicating there is much dissent within the Party itself.

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## The Election Nobody Will Accept



here is little doubt that this midterm election will lead to civil unrest. The possibility of another nightmare following Election Day on November 8th remains high because nothing significant has changed in how the votes will be cast and how they will be counted in key states across the country. Many of the very problem swing states have already sent out hundreds of thousands of ballots to people who have never been verified that they are eligible to vote.



Those who vote decide nothing.

Those who count the vote decide everything.

-- Joseph Stalin

The same scenario that Donald Trump faced in 2020 winning the actual vote and the election swung to Biden with the mail-in ballots afterward can happen again. The only difference this year is that what the Democrats called Trump a liar, this time they will accuse Republicans of the same thing in places they lose.

Elections have always been rigged around the world no matter what country you go to. Dead people keep voting and Chicago has been notorious for that. The question has NEVER been are elections actually honest. The only question that matters remains: Did all the fraud change the outcome? Joseph Stalin has been perhaps the only politician to admit the truth. Those who vote do not decide the





election – it has always been those who count the votes.

With our model showing a major uptick in civil unrest next year, it is no doubt a mixture of inflation that will become far worse after the election, but also the disputes in who voted with this mail in ballot problem.

I personally find it astonishing that I cannot hire a person to work without getting their ID, SS#, and proving they are legal or I get seriously fined. I cannot

fly anywhere without ID, nor buy a train ticket, yet somehow it is a burden to make minorities prove who there are which is somehow racist. They paint minorities as stupid, illiterate, who never have a job, yet they still have to prove who they are to get welfare. None of these things matters when it comes to voting. Hell, everyone in Europe can send in a mail-in ballot and vote for who they want to be president – citizenship not required. In the end, will the victor ever be recognized as being legitimate?

## Allowing Illegal Aliens to Vote



he Democrats have simply lost their mind. In New York City, the Democrats passed the law that allowed anyone to vote, legal, non-American, and illegal aliens. The New York Supreme Court struck that law down in saying that the law is "illegal, null, and void" because "it is clear ... that voting is a right granted to citizens of the United States." The decision elaborated:

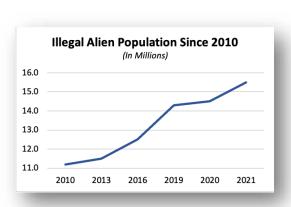
Local governments, including city governments, must be elected by the people, which is defined as citizens under Article II. Based upon the foregoing analysis, the Court finds that the Municipal Voting Law explicitly violates the New York State Constitution, as only "citizens" may vote in elections.

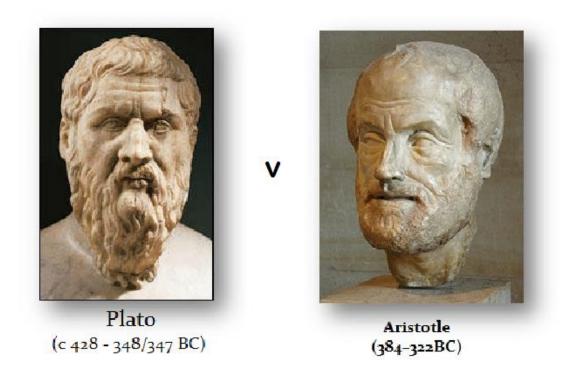
For the life of me, this insistence that illegal aliens should be allowed to vote for benefits against those who are citizens and pay taxes is just absurd. This clearly establishes that the Democrats no longer represent the people who are identified as "citizens" but only their own tyranny to completely redesign the United States.

In the city of Washington DC, they have voted to allow even illegal aliens to vote in local elections. I fail to understand even the logic here other than pure tyranny. To allow people who do not pay taxes to vote on raising taxes on Americans is unbelievable. I lived in London and had a house there for years. I never had the right to vote in British elections.



Back in 2020, Joe Biden promised to grant citizenship to 11 million illegal aliens. Today, it is now believed that we are approaching 20 million illegal aliens and another 4 years of this open border policy of the Biden Agenda, many now fear could explode going into 2024 where it is believed he would try to do so using an executive order. That rumor alone might bring the total to nearly 10% of the population.





#### What is a Citizen

Citizenship was at the center of his political analysis of Aristotle (384–322BC) for his belief was in a law-based government in contrast to Plato, who ignored that issue and preferred the philosophic perspective. Aristotle pointed out that all those who live in a particular territory were **not** citizens. There were certain classes that were to be excluded from the citizenship that he viewed was a special privilege that was confined to only a few members in any state.

Aristotle defined a state as a collective body of citizens, however, that citizenship was **not** to be determined by merely residence. Athens was a metropolitan city and the financial capital of the Western World at that time. Hence, Athens had many resident aliens as well as slaves who also shared a common residence with citizens. These people Aristotle did **not** consider to be citizens. Therefore, citizenship could not be defined by the share one had in civic rights. That at the time extended to being entitled to sue and be sued in the courts of law, for this right belonged to aliens as well. This is the basic concept of standing. If I were in London and harmed by a British citizen, then I would have stood to file a lawsuit against him in the British courts but that did not mean I was a British citizen.

Consequently, a citizen was one who enjoyed the right to share in the political or judicial offices, and therefore a Senator or a judge. A citizen also enjoyed constitutional rights under the system of public law. Therefore, Aristotle saw a citizen was one who shared power in the government whereas he was unlike Plato, and did not distinguish between an active ruling group versus a political community.

Aristotle stipulated that the young and the old could **not** be citizens, for one was immature and the other infirm, which would have included Joe Biden. We have an age requirement to vote, but we do not place an age requirement on being a judge or politicians which is a serious flaw in our modern systems.

Aristotle also did **not** regard women as citizens, for they lacked the deliberative faculty and the leisure to understand the working of politics. However, the denial of a right to vote for women was adopted in the United States pre-socialism. The head of the house voted for everyone in the household more like a congressman "representing" everyone in the household. Women did not really need the right to vote before socialism for the state could **not** do anything to her directly. Under socialism, suddenly legislation turned on the pretense of protecting the individual and suddenly things like abortion became regulated. Furthermore, it was socialism that instituted income taxes in 1913. Previously, any direct taxation was forbidden. Once more, the state did not interfere in with the personal life of a woman.

This was further distinguished in the rule of law in Athens. If one person killed another, that was not a state crime. The family must prosecute the killer. The only state crimes were direct acts against the state or an offense against the gods for which Socrates was put on trial.

As far as the working class was concerned, though some states made them citizens, but according to



by Louis J. Lebrun (Belgian, 1844-1900)

Aristotle they clearly did not have the aptitude nor the leisure to display the true excellence to shoulder civic responsibilities. He, however, shared with Plato the perception that citizenship was a **privilege** and a status to be inherited.

Aristotle pointed out that in order to discharge functions effectively, the privilege of citizenship had to be restricted. He was critical of Plato's perception that a

citizen body of 5040 would be the ideal. For that was too large and would require unlimited space, rendering impossible functions like military command, public communications, and judicial pronouncements.

The concept of citizenship has been dominated by three different models—the republican, the legal, and the liberal democratic. These are reflecting respectively to the civic experiences of city republics, empires, and nation states. The first two originated in ancient Greece and Rome. These provided the classical models of citizenship not only by belonging to the "classical" period of history but also in setting the terms of much later debate.



Strangely enough, politicians even today have often referred to history to justify granting citizenship. The Antonine Constitution was the edict of Caracalla (198–217AD) (Aurelius Antoninus), probably of 212AD, which made all free men and women in the empire Roman citizens, according to the historian Cassius Dio. Caracalla's motive was to increase the numbers liable to taxes imposed on citizens such as a poll tax as well as an inheritance tax. A surviving papyrus points to religious motives, but that is the typical political distraction. It claimed that Caracalla felt moved to honor the gods by extending Roman citizenship to virtually all free inhabitants of the empire. That just ignored the monetary significance.

In any event, the concept of universal citizenship fitted the egalitarian outlook which the Severan dynasty (193–235), rooted in Africa and Syria, shared with such contemporaries as Galen and Ulpian. The new citizens took Roman names and became subject to Roman law. In the long run, the effect of the Antonine Constitution was profound since it was promoted in both east and west, a uniform legal system and a consciousness of being Roman that lasted until the fall of the empire and sometimes beyond it.

## Caracalla (198-217AD)





Antoninianus (5.10 grams) Denarius (3.17 grams)

It was mostly financial at the time. Inflation had risen and Caracalla needed money. He introduced the Double Denarius which became eventually the standard coin replacing the Denarius. It was not double in weight being about 5 grams against the theoretical weight of the Denarius which was 4 grams but had declined in practice to about 3.2 grams. The monetary system clearly confirms the real motive was to raise taxes.

It was Nero (54-68AD) who distinguished the bronze Dupondius which was a double denomination by using a radiate crown symbolizing sun rays.





Tax Revolt of 119AD Roman Emperor Hadrian

Roman Sestertius issued to announce the burning of all tax records in the Trajan Forum wiping out nearly 900 million sestertii owed in back taxes - early amnety!

Every Roman citizen had to pay a citizen poll tax annually. This dated back to the Republic. It was 98 years before when the Emperor Hadrian (117–138AD) faced a tax revolt and declared an amnesty, forgiving 900 sestertii owed in back taxes. He issued this coin depicting him burning the tax records.

Caracalla's edict was clearly based on financial needs as

the monetary system confirms rather than being magnanimous. However, as a result of granting the citizenship franchise to all provincials in conquered lands, not illegal immigrants, the Roman treasury for a short time was greatly replenished. Rome needed the extra funds badly to finance a larger army with larger legionary pay.

The increase in legendary pay under Caracalla was significant. According to the historian Herodian, he granted a 50% increase. To pay for this, he granted citizenship so he could tax the provincials in order to pay for this raise. In addition to creating the Double Denarius (Antoninianus), Caracalla also debased the Roman coinage from a silver content of 58% to 50%.

Moreover, male provincials, who were now citizens, could legally enlist in the legions instead of the auxiliaries. The auxiliaries did not disappear immediately. But their auxiliary soldiers were now citizen legionaries. Technically they were entitled to full legionary pay. However, there is no



Caracalla (198-217AD) Caracalla Addressing the Troops

documented history on what happened in this respect. Most likely, they too received the increase in pay.



François-Marie Arouet
Known by his nom de plume Voltaire
(1694 – 1778)
French Historian & Philosopher



Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821; Emperor 1804-1815)

During the French Revolution, they too referred back to the Edict of Caracalla known as the Antonine Constitution, which makes it sound more magnanimous. The French Civil Code (*chap. I, De la jouissance des droits civils*) is the most significant and influential example of civil codification during the Nineteenth century. The Code's discipline regards "**citizenship**" as a principle of nationality based on *jus sanguinis* which marks an important turning point in relation to revolutionary legislation based on *jus soli*.

There was a debate that was long and very complex. Napoleon Bonaparte (1769–1821) played an active role in this process. Napoleon was in favor of the *jus soli* principle on account of his geo-strategic goals to conquer Europe, which was the resurrection of the Roman Empire in his mind.

The drafting and the debate evoked in different ways Roman law and the Antonine Constitution of 212AD of Caracalla. The key here is to understand why French jurists and Parliament speakers at the time evoked the Roman law to build their expansive strategies. If citizenship is a **personal right**, peculiar to every nation, how is it possible to extend it to anyone?

Napoleon invented new laws under the 'Napoleonic Code' which directly affected all the citizens of France. It aligned with the ideals of the French revolution those being liberty, equality, fraternity, and anti-clericalism. There was no national law in France before the Revolution. Roman law governed in the south of France, whereas in the northern provinces, including Paris, a customary law had developed, based largely on feudal Frankish and Germanic institutions.

Marriage and family life were under canon law of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition, from the 16th century, things were even more complicated by royal decrees which were akin to executive orders today issued by heads of state as if they were still kings. Voltaire (1694–1778) to observe that a traveler in France "changes his law almost as often as he changes his horses."

The key contemporary debate has surrounded itself where we are witnessing the emergence of a fourth, cosmopolitan, model of citizenship appropriate to a global age with no borders as proposed by George Soros. This departs from these earlier three versions of citizenship.

Aristotle's Politics provides the foundation of the Greek version of republican citizenship that has basically been the rule of thumb. Are we looking at the attempted evolution of modern democratic citizenship where that is no longer a privilege but merely a tool to retain tyrannical power at the very cost of citizens?

#### Democrats Move to Allow Illegal Aliens to Vote in US Elections

Congressional Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee passed an amendment to H.R. 8770 elections bill, calling for non-citizens to vote in US elections. They struck the language from an amendment to H.R. 8770 making it clear that non-citizens are ineligible to vote in American elections. This has violated every principle of what is a citizen from classical antiquity. Why? To now pit illegal aliens against American citizens. To allow illegal aliens to vote for tax increases on citizens when they pay nothing but get all the benefits is unimaginable.

According to the text of the Democrats' "amendment to the amendment," the language to be struck from the legislation reads:

"nothing in this section may be construed to permit any noncitizens to vote in a Federal election, or to encourage or require a State or political subdivision to permit any noncitizen to vote in a State or local election."

Under H.R. 8770, which is making its way through the House of Representatives, Democrats aim to "expand the voluntary opportunities for translations in elections." They want non-Americans to vote for benefits and to be extorted from taxpayers all to keep the tyranny of the Democrats in power at literally ALL costs.

In recent years, Democrats have led campaigns in multiple deep-blue cities and states to give non-citizens and even illegal aliens the right to vote in American elections. All the while, US citizens who champion election security and election integrity efforts are deemed terrorists and publicly targeted by the Biden FBI and associated federal authorities.

It is just shocking how even the Department of Justice under Biden's directive, The US Department of Justice, wants to legally block a recently passed law in Arizona that requires proof of citizenship to vote in some federal elections.



The DOJ announced it filed the lawsuit to stop the legislation that was signed into law by Republican Gov. Doug Ducey in March 2022.

How can the Biden Administration actively seek to allow non-Americans to vote? DOJ's Civil Rights Division is going after the Arizona law as a "textbook violation" of the National Registration Act passed by Congress that required each state to establish federal election voter registration procedures. While the New York State Supreme Court struck down a New York City law that would have allowed noncitizens to vote in the city's

elections, Democrats support non-citizen voting has once again struck a deep blow into their division polices that divide the nation into groups and pin them against each other. Many see this as simply another means to steal the election away from actual citizens all to retain power.

## Who has the right to vote?



he Democrats are exploiting the fact that the US Constitution actually does not guarantee the right to vote. There is no constitutional right to vote! That in itself sounds like tyranny. However, unlike other rights listed in the Constitution, such as the right of the people to keep and bear arms in the Second Amendment, or the right to a speedy and public trial in the Sixth Amendment, the Constitution may not explicitly give U.S. citizens this beloved "right" to vote.

Believe it or not, there has been a long disagreement whether the U.S. Constitution gives Americans right to even vote. Some believe that the right is implicit, embedded in the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment which came only following the Civil War, and others argue that the right does not exist at all.

Clearly, as scholars have argued over a right to vote is inherent in the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court does has not hesitate to affirm that there is this right to vote. In a 1972 decision in **Dunn v. Blumstein**, **405 U.S. 330 (1972)** Justice Marshall stated:

"In decision after decision, this Court has made clear that a citizen has a constitutionally protected right to participate in elections on an equal basis with other citizens in the jurisdiction."

Once again, in Richardson v. Ramirez 418 U.S. 24 (1974), Justice Rehnquist wrote:

"Because the right to vote 'is of the essence of a democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strike at the heart of representative government,'... voting is a 'fundamental' right."

There are various theories of interpreting the Constitution. One of the earliest decisions of the Supreme Court established its authority of judicial review. In its 1803 decision in **Marbury v. Madison**, 5 U.S. 137 (1803), the Supreme Court famously

asserted and explained the foundations of its power to review the constitutionality of federal governmental action. During the two decades following its holding in Marbury decision, the Court decided additional cases that helped to establish its power to review the constitutionality of state governmental action. If a challenged governmental action is unconstitutional, the Court may strike it down, rendering it invalid. When performing the function of judicial review, the Court <u>must</u> necessarily ascertain the meaning of a given provision within the Constitution.

There has also been a debate on how to interpret the Constitution. The term **strict constructionism** refers to a philosophy of law that would restrict judicial interpretation of the law, as well as of the U.S. Constitution, to apply the text of the law, <u>exactly as written</u>, in making judgements and rulings. In other words, under strict constructionist principles, judges would <u>not</u> be allowed to consider the intent of the law, but be held to enforcing the actual wording

Opponents to **strict constructionism** argue that the specific language of the Constitution cannot be directly applied to modern legal issues. Considered to be "**broad constructionists**," these people also believe that the broad, and often vague language of the U.S. Constitution requires governmental or judicial interpretation using the current facts and issues. The problem here is that judges then get to constructively alter the Constitution on a perpetual ongoing basis.



Chris Matthews went nuts against Justice Scalia reporting that:

"in the arguments over the Voting Rights Act, Justice Scalia called the act a racial 'entitlement.' Got that? 'Entitlement'? The right to vote is an 'entitlement,' like Medicaid or food stamps. No, it's not."

Curiously Matthews cites the 15th Amendment to the Constitution, the:

"right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." He then claimed that amendment was ratified in 1870 under the administration of President Grant, one of my heroes."

Matthews is actually admitting the problem. The Constitution was drafted in 1776 and never mentioned the right to vote at all. The actual right to vote was an entitlement as Justice Scalia said. The 1824 election was the first in which the popular vote was first fully recorded and reported.

The popular vote is not used to determine who is elected as the nation's president or vice president, it is the electoral college which people today criticize since the winner of the popular vote can end up losing the election, which has happened several times including the 2016 election.

There was no popular right to vote in the 1789 election of George Washington. It was not even until the 1804 **12th Amendment** to which the United States Constitution provides the procedure by which the president and vice president are elected; electors were to vote separately for each office. Previously, electors cast two votes for president, and the winner and runner up became president and vice-president respectively. The Amendment stated that they were not allowed to vote for someone from their own state:

"The Electors shall meet in their respective states and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves."

The 1824 Andrew Jackson campaign medals, of which a few different types exist, are considered by most to be the first actual presidential campaign medals

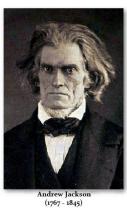
produced to promote a candidate prior to an election. They had a hole pierced so they could be worn with a pin to your clothing.



Andrew Jackson
Presidential Campaign of 1824

#### 1824 Presidential Election





7th President March 4, 1829 - March 4, 1837





(1772 – 1834) 7th US Secretary of the Treasury (1816-1825)

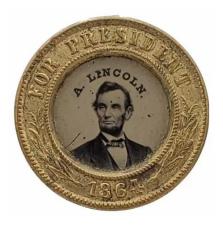
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The 1824 election was really the first time we begin to see any hint of a popular vote. Prior to 1824, political medals tended to commemorate inaugurations, deaths, etc. Political campaigns did not exist as we know them today because the people did not directly vote.

The appointment of electors was a matter for each state's legislature to determine; in 1872 and in every presidential election since 1880, all states have used a popular vote to do so. Clearly, before 1872, there was no "right" to vote for citizens for such a "right" was only created by Amendments.

Article I, section 3 of the Constitution provided for state legislatures to elect senators. Americans did not directly vote for senators for the first 125 years of the Federal Government. In fact, the first time the phrase "right to vote" is used, is in the 14th Amendment following the Civil War:

"But when the right to vote at any election ... is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state."



Framers of the **14th Amendment** threatened the loss of congressional representation if that state were to deny the right to vote to any of its (male) U.S. citizens over the age of 21, unless he participated in a crime.

Since the addition of the **14th Amendment**, the U.S. Constitution has been amended four more times to prohibit states from denying the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude (**15th Amendment**), sex (**19th Amendment**), failure to pay poll

tax could not be used to deny a right to vote (24th Amendment).

In the 1970 case <u>Oregon v. Mitchell</u> 400 U.S. 112 (1970), a divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Congress had the right to regulate the minimum age in federal elections, but not at the state and local level. It expressly held: (1) The 18-year-old minimum-age requirement of the Voting Rights Act Amendments was valid for national elections. (2) That requirement is not valid for state and local elections. (3) The literacy test provision is valid. (4) The residency and absentee balloting provisions are valid. Amid increasing support for a Constitutional amendment, Congress passed the **26th Amendment** in March 1971. The states promptly ratified it, and President Richard M. Nixon signed it into law in July, 1971. Thanks to Vietnam, you were old enough to die for your country, but you were not old enough to vote



Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

When asked:

"What do we have, a republic or a monarchy?"

Franklin replied:

"A republic, if you can keep it."

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Therefore, when Ben Franklin was indeed asked what kind of government do we have? He said a "Republic" if you can keep it. They were deeply influenced by the Greeks and at the time by the Age of

or have a drink.

Enlightenment that included Edward Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire that was published in 1776 and Franklin reviewed chapters before it was published. They sought a Republic, not a Democracy.

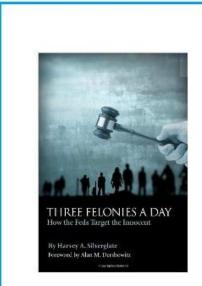
Consequently, there was in fact no constitutional provision creating any "right" to vote. This has emboldened Democrats to propose that it is up to them to allow whoever they want to vote that will guarantee their reelection. If citizenship is not a requirement to vote, then why can't the entire world send in ballots and vote?

This has raised the question of is right to vote implicit or merely privilege granted by Congress? Since the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court both point to state law regarding voting rights, then should it be up to the individual state to determine how it wants to distribute those voting rights? Some argue that since there was no constitutional right to vote from the outset, the right should be treated as a privilege. If this is true, then can states legitimately seek to limit as long as they don't do so in specified ways or for certain explicit reasons? Can Arizona deny non-citizens to vote?

Since states are permitted to restrict the right to vote, some denying anyone guilty of some sort of crime like a felony for not paying taxes, then this indeed seems to be more of a privilege rather than a human right. As it stands right now, the "right to vote" is indeed

only a privilege despite the fact that people seem to perhaps wrongly believe that it is one of the most sacred and fundamental tenets of American democracy. Therein lies the conflict. We do not live in a Democracy – only a Republic where representatives vote on our behalf, not We the People.

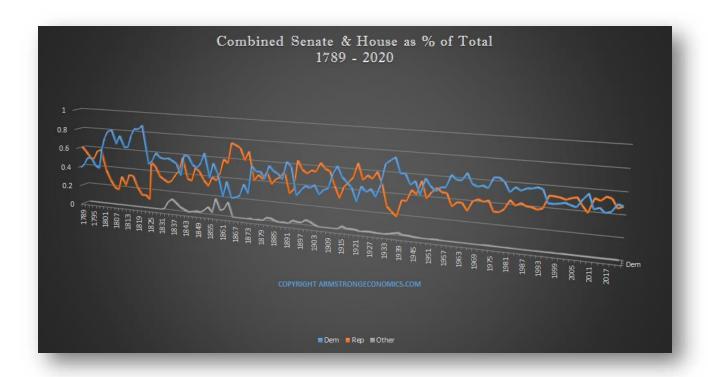
The lack of Equal Protection of the Law is self-evident where class can be discriminated against charging people different rates of taxation and people convicted of felonies, which can be anything from taxes to murder, have their "privilege" to vote taken away. In each state, they treated people differently now. In some states, a felon is allowed to vote and some even allow convicted felons to vote from behind prison bars.



How every American commit THREE felonies each day so that the USA could lock anyone up at anytime they desire. by Professor Harvey A. Silvergate

Many consider it improper to permanently strip them of their power to take part in elections. Those in power could just as easily declare it to be a felony to jaywalk or speed in your car. They have full discretion to make whatever they want a felony. Professor Harvey A. Silvergate has put out a shocking book that right now, everyone commits three felonies per day and we just do not know it. That could all be used to deny the "privilege" to even vote completing the circle of tyranny.

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was asked in on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020: did I believe that the Democrats would split by 2022? The Democratic Party has indeed become polarized itself. The root of the problem for the Democrats has been the extremism of Marxist theory that has led the Party to cast aside all common sense and fiscal responsibility. The Democrats are deeply divided and there is a lot of hatred among their ranks. You see the extremist views of AOC and her squad but even when Elizabeth Warren ended her bid to become the first female US president, she refused to endorse Bernie in his battle

against Joe Biden.

Tulsi Gabbard (born 1981) was a United States Army Reserve officer who was a former representative for Hawaii's second district and had also run for President dropping out In March 2020. She was a good party member and endorsed Joe Biden. In October 2022, Tulsi announced



that she is fleeing the Democratic Party in a video that has made waves across the internet.

Tulsi explained that the Democratic Party has radically transformed to "a cabal of warmongers driven by cowardly wokeness." The party has altered its views to such a far-left point that their ideals are no longer based in democracy and honestly reflect more of the old communist states we once fought against. She declared:

"I can no longer remain in today's Democratic Party that is now under the complete control of an elitist cabal of warmongers driven by cowardly wokeness, who divide us by racializing every issue and stoke anti-white racism, actively work to undermine our God-given freedoms enshrined in our Constitution, are hostile to people of faith and spirituality, demonize the police and protect criminals at the expense of law-abiding Americans, believe in open borders, weaponize the national security state to go after political opponents, and above all, are dragging us ever closer to nuclear war."

The Democratic Party has indeed undermined the entire Constitution with an aim to remove all our freedoms under the guise of "equality," while the powerful elites

who run the nation prosper and are immune from their own laws. The "cowardly wokeness" has certainly racialized every issue in an attempt to DIVIDE us, precisely as Hitler divided the people against each other. The Treasury just created a racial equality board, banks have said they would begin issuing special mortgages for people of color, and even Kamala Harris said that whites would be the last to receive aid after Hurricane Ian. Has the Democratic Party simply become the party for people of color against all whites?

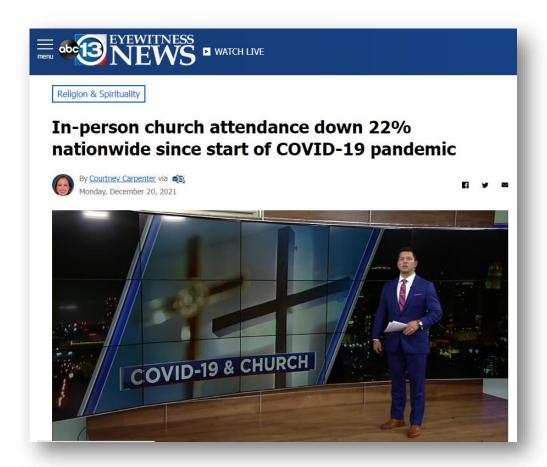


We are no longer energy independent due

to woke climate change policies. There would not be an energy crisis in America had Biden not taken office. Countless government funds are placed into "*climate initiatives*" that never see the light of day.

Similar to Marxist states that rejected religion, the Democrats have likewise abandoned fundamental faiths of Christians, Jews, and Asian religions. Americans

are demonized for their spirituality. The Communists closed all the churches and turned some into museums.



Many have wondered if the closure of churches using the excuse of COVID was an intentional tactic to reduce religious beliefs precisely as the Communists did to increase the authoritarian nature of government. The government closed our churches during COVID which does appear to have been an attempt to separate the people. Attendance has declined by 22%, which has resulted in some churches being forced to shut down.

The Democrats support abortion calling it a constitutional right when even voting is not a fundamental right of citizenship when they claim voting can be restricted. Christians are portrayed in the media as closed-minded and ignorant because they believe abortion violates the command not to kill.



The borders are open with more illegals pouring into the country in hopes of being aranted citizenship and Social Security benefits without ever having to have contributed. They want illegal aliens to vote to retain power over actual citizens. More illegals are coming in than ever before at the expense of the taxpayer. They are deliberately allowing the borders to remain open, as nothing has been done to curb the influx. This has been a

political strategy that these people will always vote for Democrats.

When I tried to negotiate the purchase of land in Australia to allow Hong Kong to move in 1998, I met with the former Prime Minister Paul Keating. Every proposal I made was rejected. When I asked was this racist? He said no. They would vote conservative and he was a Labor government. They feared it would change the pollical balance. This is what the Democrats are doing right now with the open

borders. They are simply trying to change the political balance by dramatically increasing what they hope will be the minority base to always vote for the Democrats.

This has nothing to do with America or the benefit of society as a whole. They are allowing drugs to pour into the country and this has nothing to do with public safety. This has only to do with the deliberate policy to secure the domination of the Democrats who will destroy the foundation of society for their own political dominance.



Paul Keating 24th Prime Minister of Australia

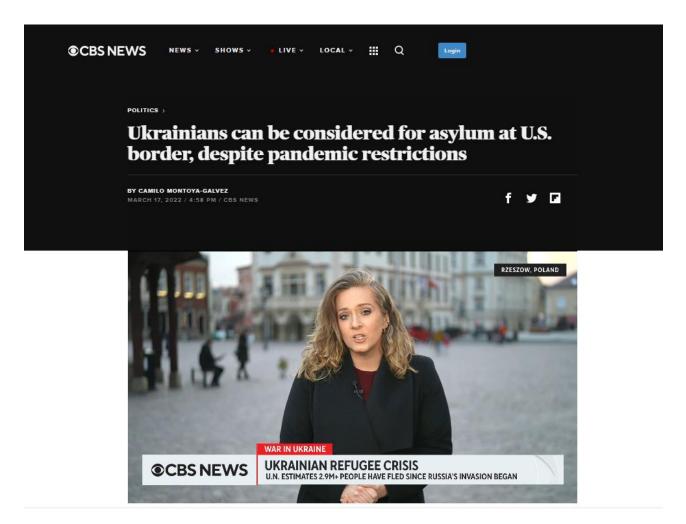
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LBJ pushed the Civil Rights Act through after JFK was assassinated. It was no secret that the Southern Democrats were opposed to it. The blacks generally voted Republican because that was the party of Lincoln. The quote from the biography on LBJ, who was indeed a very blunt-speaking Texan, was certainly in his character. He never was shy from using what today we refer to as the "N Word" that is very well known. The shocking quote that has marked LBJ's legacy and gained tremendous fame, is this: "I'll have those niggers voting Democratic for 200 years" by passing the Civil Right Act.

The source of that quote is Ronald Kessler's 1995 book *Inside the White House*. Kessler attributed the quote's origin to Robert MacMillan, who was an Air Force One steward. He said LBJ uttered this comment to two Southern governors during a conversation on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in an effort to get them to vote for the Act.

Playing with the demographics of a nation to these people is fair game. All they care about is power. Where the Democrats were following Andrew Jackson, who was a slave owner and opposed the Republicans led by Abraham Lincoln, they used the Civil Rights Act to put on the mantle that they were the champions of the minorities. Hence, today they have taken this same strategy and allowed all the people from South American to flock to the USA and get everything free.



Only in March 2022, has the Biden Administration even allowed Ukrainian refugees to seek asylum. Previously, they were to be put on a plane and sent home if they were not pre-approved for a visa and were unvaccinated. When confronted with this hypocritical policy where anyone from Europe was not allowed to enter without a COVID vaccination. Finally, the U.S. authorities along the Mexican border have been instructed to consider exempting Ukrainians from a pandemic-related restriction so they can enter the country to seek asylum, according to a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) memo obtained by CBS News. Note that this is a directive for the Mexican border. A Ukrainian must fly to Mexico and then illegally cross the border and demand asylum.

The policy is clearly directed at Europeans. Fearing that if they flee to America, they would vote conservative. Thus, they should be restricted but anyone even carrying the black plague from South America is welcome assuming they will vote Democrat.

Violent criminals are indeed protected above law-abiding citizens. This is why they want to remove the Second Amendment and confiscate our guns, one prohibition at a time. Democratic cities are overrun with homelessness, crime, pollution, and drugs. We have an opiate epidemic that is killing off millions. The police are unable to prevent crimes because Democrats have passed laws prohibiting them from arresting criminals, as lawcitizens suffer abidina the consequences.

Many believe that the 2020 election was rigged for this entire agenda was way too important globally to have ever allowed an honest free election. It is true that an election won by fraud



They get to change their color depending upon who they are talking to - Rich or the Poor

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could in theory be overturn. However, that would be extremely difficult for it would take the Supreme Court to stand up for what is right. That is not always the case.

If you simply did the analysis by using *Benford's Law to Detect Fraud*, you would understand that to be able to overturn an election is legally possible. But even if this were proven, there would probably be massive civil unrest. We are approaching a point in history where the very foundation of civilization is starting to crumble. We are facing a global coup to take over the United States and the world to force this idea of one world government upon the world.

This entire agenda is global in nature and **NOT** confined to just the United States. Just open your eyes and you will see the same agenda is unfolding throughout Europe and even in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

The Deep State has been worked against Trump from day one. However, were they really aware of this globalist agenda? Trump was too naive to understand how the swamp really works. When Regan was elected, I was told by Republicans in Washington that they would "train" him. You see, they did not like Regan either. He was a governor – that is not one of "them" which is exclusively a Washington player – *i.e.* Senate or House. The party brought in people that THEY selected and

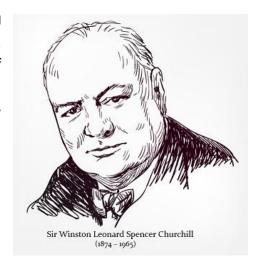
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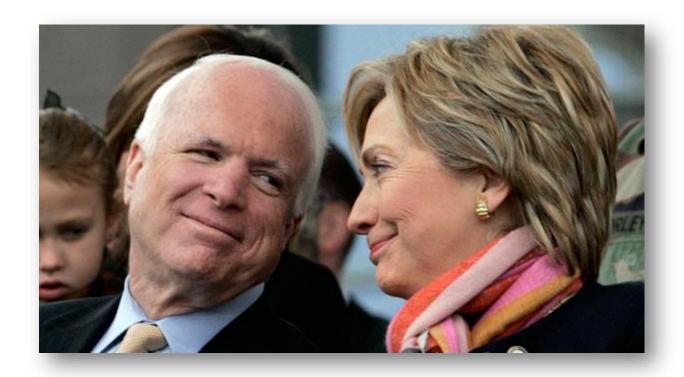
they tried to "train" Trump, but he was resisting. Bolton wanted to expand troops overseas and invade Syria.



Trump ended up firing people that the "party" stuffed into his cabinet. John Bolton is a staunch Neocon who never saw a war he did not support. Bolton has no trouble sending people to die on the battlefield all for his visions of enemies. Never have I even once heard Bolton ever support peace.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874–1965) felt bad sending troops to go fight and wanted to be with them. John Bolton would never do that. Winston's staff rejected that idea. People like Bolton should be out there leading the charge, putting his life on the line instead of everyone else.





Trump's idea of draining the swamp may have sounded nice and he was sincere by not being one of those career politicians who enter office broke and leave as multi-millionaires. Nonetheless, Trump was naïve for the swamp included both parties, not just one.

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John McCain handed the fake Steele Dossier created by Hillary Clinton to James Comey at the FBI. McCain set up his foundation the same as how the Clintons created theirs. The question of draining the swamp was far bigger than Trump imagined and they have done everything in their power to remove him from office and then are seeking to criminally charge him any way they can to try to prevent him from ever running again in 2024.



Late Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., on Aug. 29, 2012. (Spencer Platt/Getty Images)

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Deposition Reveals Late Sen. McCain's Role in Spygate Scandal

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The media was using the polls in 2016 to try to manipulate the people into a "blue wave" as they were projecting. The mainstream media began circling the wagons even as the votes were being counted on Tuesday, the very day of the election in 2016.

When Hillary lost, the Democrats were very pissed off. The evidence from the investigation revealed that with Hillary's loss, she began to try to undermine Trump even illegally tapping into White House communications. She also tried to



block everything Trump wanted to do, blaming Russia when not just the Democrats knew that was all made up, but also the Republicans. McCain turned against Trump because he was against McCain's endless arguments for war against Russia.

## Democratic Party to Split

In electronics that I have studied in school doing electrical engineering in computer science, there was an interesting phenomenon known as Negative Resistance which is the characteristic whereby an increase in voltage across the p-n junctions results in a decreased current. In other words, the same interesting phenomenon takes place in markets. You can move to all-time highs and 97% of the people are long, that is when a crash can take place because they try to sell and there is no bid. Sometimes the more you move in one direction; you increase the odds of moving in a panic-type move in the opposite direction.

We are starting to witness the moderate Democrats trying to pin the blame for losses in the House on controversial far-left members such as Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. This is increased sharply, should the Democrats lose the House.

Historically, the Democratic-Republican Party split into two separate parties after the 1824 presidential election; one faction supported President John Quincy

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Adams (Republicans), while the other faction backed General Andrew Jackson (Democrats). The Democrats were for slavery, which was the underlying economic foundation of agriculture in the South. Russia had retained the serfdom system until the 1860s. The difference was that under slavery, an individual could be sold whereas under serfdom the people were tied to the land. Thus, the problem with slavery was a contentious issue from the very start of the country. The first slaves were really the indentured servitude from England where they were charged with some crime and then sold for a period of time.

The British legal system pre–Revolution was so corrupt that the slightest offense, even stealing an apple, resulted in the arrest, and being sold into indentured servitude, all to profit the government. As Hibbert reported the sentence imposed read:

"Because you have committed this offence, the sentence of the court is that you shall no longer be burdened with the support of your wife and family. You shall be immediately removed from a very bad climate and a country overburdened with people to one of the finest regions of the earth where demand for human labour is every hour increasing and where it is highly probable you may ultimately regain your character and improve your future." (Roots of Evil, p145)

When the Revolution took place, the South lost their supply of labor being the Criminals from England and they began to buy slaves from the Dutch. England then sent its criminals to Australia. The religious dispute over slavery in the USA eventually led to the civil whereas the South saw this as undermining their economy that was dependent upon labor.

The political split became much more intensified in 1848 and that is the year we saw communist revolutions around the globe. The Russian end of serfdom took

place in 1861 coinciding with the American Civil War.



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2020 Revolutions of 1848, series Nathaniel Bacon the Virginia of republican revolts 1848 Rebellion (1674-1676), who against European wrote "Declaration of the monarchies, beginning in People of Virginia," criticizing Sicily and spreading to levving unfair taxes. France, Germany, Italy, and appointing friends to high the Austrian Empire. places

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One component that is critical to understand that the election of Biden has so dramatically divided the nation but also the Democratic Party. The split we had warned would begin in 2020 and the moderate Democrats, like Tulsi Gabbard, are starting to confront the far-left, which seems to have lost all common sense and rejected more than 200 years of American culture and history.

We are at 172 years from the 1848 Communist Revolutions (8.6  $\times$  2 = 17.2). All of

this intensity is right on target. Two years later, on September 18th, 1850, the Democrats pushed through the **Fugitive Slave Act** that provided for the return of slaves brought to free states. The North was then ordered to return any fugitive slave and ironically, California became the 31st state of the United States of America also in 1850.





Even the Republican Party split over Trump in 2016 with the hardline career politicians rejecting Trump as an outsider. The entire political landscape is crumbling. Ironically, from the 1848 Revolutions until the start of the American Civil War and the upheaval in Russia over serfdom, 12 years had passed. From 2020, our model has once again projected that we have only 12 years from 2020 and that brings us to the fall of Western Culture – 2032.



What we are facing is the collapse of Party Politics and many will say Thank God! It does not matter what a candidate claims that they stand for. When they get to Washington, they are instructed that **MUST** vote on party line. Rarely will you ever see a person of either party break from their own party. That is not the way politics is supposed to function any more.

Our vote for "representation" has been altered and eradicated. What has emerged is that regardless of the candidate, you must vote merely for your party. That is what has been crumbling before our very eyes since 2016.