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## *5 pieces worth reading*

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### **Analysis: A stunning draw as Democrats hold their own**

Steve Peoples discusses a historically strong showing for the Democrats in the midterm election, as the Party has been able to defy precedent that the party in power always loses seats in midterm Congressional elections. Instead, Democrats have won several important races across the country and have a chance to retain control of the Senate, as votes are still being counted. However, Peoples contends that both parties will have to grapple with major concerns post-election, such as Democrats losing Hispanic voters in Florida and, for the GOP, fresh fears about former President Trump's electability as many of his endorsed candidates lost.

Peoples, S. (2022, November 9). "Analysis: A stunning draw as Democrats hold their own." *Associated Press*. Retrieved from <https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-race-and-ethnicity-congress-government-politics-b5a279d322326f581304df50020a9d47>

### **Did Ron DeSantis just become the 2024 Republican front-runner?**

Ross Douthat considers Florida Republican Governor Ron DeSantis's decisive reelection victory, and how that win, in the midst of a disappointing outcome overall for the GOP, lends credence to a potential 2024 bid for the Republican presidential nomination. Douthat contends that DeSantis can contend that he will win right-of-center, working class white, and Hispanic voters. If so, he would, in Douthat's calculus, be more electable than Donald Trump.

Douthat, R. (2022, November 9). "Did Ron DeSantis just become the 2024 Republican front-runner?" *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/09/opinion/ron-desantis-midterms.html>

### **Opinion: If you're breathing a sigh of relief about the midterms, just wait**

Jeff Greenfield cautions those who are in a celebratory mood about the midterms, arguing that there are daunting prospects for both major political parties ahead. The Republicans, face questions concerning Trump's electability in 2024 and Kevin McCarthy's (R-CA) ability to lead the MAGA-wing of his Party should he become Speaker, with a slim majority in the House. For the Democrats, President Biden will likely face a difficult time gaining support for his policy

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agenda if the GOP controls a chamber of Congress. Greenfield also suggests that the President must also address questions concerning whether he should run again in 2024.

Greenfield, J. (2022, November 9). "Opinion: If you're breathing a sigh of relief about the midterms, just wait." *Politico*. Retrieved from <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/11/09/democrats-midterm-election-results-relief-00065990>

### **Amid midterm show of Democratic strength, warnings for Biden**

Zeke Miller and Chris Megarian discuss exit polls on Tuesday that suggested that a majority of voters either do not want Biden to run again or have an unfavorable view of him as a caution sign for the Democratic Party. In addition, this piece notes that Republican control of the House could make it more difficult for President Biden to gain support for his legislative priorities.

Miller, Z., & Megerian, C. (2022, November 9). "Amid midterm show of Democratic strength, warnings for Biden." *Associated Press*. Retrieved from <https://apnews.com/article/2022-midterm-elections-biden-government-and-politics-8ed56d6b86fa17a407a49d625c75de3f>

### **Opinion: A rising star for the Democrats**

Peniel Joseph considers Wes Moore's historic victory in Maryland in this analysis. Moore will soon become only the third Black governor in American history. In Joseph's view, his victory suggests that leadership, character, values, and a multiracial democracy are key to America's future.

Joseph, P. (2022, November 9). "Opinion: A rising star for the Democrats." *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/09/opinions/wes-moore-maryland-victory-bright-spot-joseph>