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Special issue: who dissed Trump this week?

The week

America votes, Trump reviews the result: “The Democrats did a good job”



It was not a red wave. It was not even a red puddle. In the November 3 midterms, Democrats flipped seven Senate seats and 27 House seats on election night, according to Fox News, taking control of both chambers of Congress with two years of the Trump presidency still to

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Inside the party, the post-mortem did not take long. “Look, first and foremost, this is a Trump loss,” Republican donor Dan Eberhart told Fox News, adding a forecast: “I think Trump being a lame duck starts

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The week

Trump vs. Fox News: “Your pollsters are the worst”

On election night, as results came in, the president found a culprit closer to home: his favourite channel. Fox News, he wrote on Truth Social, “bears responsibility for these losses by constantly and consistently putting on the Dumocrat

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The world replies

Spain’s Sánchez: “It happened in Brazil. It just happened in the US. It will happen soon in Spain”

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez did not wait for the final count. On X, he said American voters had rejected Trump’s agenda: “Against hate. Against machismo. Against climate denialism and against the privileges of the

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go.

The president took it in his own way. Calling into Fox News shortly after midnight, he said the Democrats “did a good job” and “fought hard.” Asked by anchor Bret Baier whether he would change his Cabinet, he offered a rare moment of philosophy: “It’s just a point in time, Bret, just a point in time.” And then: “There was a mood in the air, I guess.”

«It’s just a point in time, Bret, just a point in time.»

By morning, philosophy had given way to arithmetic. “I wasn’t on the Ballot,” he wrote on Truth Social, “and if I was, we would have won IN A LANDSLIDE!”

Before the vote, Trump had warned that he would become “Mr. Veto” if Democrats won Congress. He now says he will veto Democratic policies he considers extreme, while adding: “I think we’ll work with the Democrats, and we’ll get along very well with them.”

The rest of this issue is about everyone who had something to say about that.

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today.”

Aides were blunter, on condition of anonymity. “Trump ignored affordability completely,” said one. “We had a great map, and he hijacked it,” said another, pointing to the president’s “primary revenge tour.” A statewide Republican official told Scripps News the result was “a reflection of Trump’s agenda, particularly our continued involvement in Iran, high gas prices, inflation.”

Bobby Charles, who lost the governor’s race in Maine, summed up the mood to POLITICO: “Trump’s going to be gone in two years.”

Trump has his own list. He told the Wall Street Journal that the Iran war “was a piece of it,” but “I did the right thing. I would have done it again.” He also blamed Texas Governor Greg Abbott, who lost his re-election, saying Abbott “wouldn’t have lost” if he “hadn’t become a RINO in the last six months of his Political Life.” And then there was Fox News.

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opposition.”

He singled out Jessica Tarlov, the network’s Democratic panelist, calling her “dumb as a rock” and a “loser.” Earlier that day he had texted host Greg Gutfeld during The Five to complain about her. Gutfeld read the texts on air. Tarlov’s reply: “Just press ‘Stop.’” And: “At least he didn’t ask for $5.”

Around midnight, Trump called in live and gave the anchors some career advice: “You ought to get yourself a good pollster, because your pollsters are the worst.” Bret Baier pointed out that the results were close to what Fox’s polls had shown.

Trump also posted that Fox ratings were “way down (27%!).” On that point, at least, the numbers agree: CNBC reports Fox averaged 1.1 million viewers in October, down about 27% from a year earlier. Fox Corp. chief executive Lachlan Murdoch blamed “viewer fatigue.”

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elites.”

Then he turned the result into a campaign poster: “It happened in Brazil. It just happened in the US. And it will happen soon in Spain.”

Spain votes on November 29. Nobody in Madrid missed the subtext.

The world replies

Ontario's premier: "I was doing cartwheels down the street"

Doug Ford, premier of the Canadian province of Ontario, has spent months on the receiving end of Trump's tariffs on cars and steel. So he did not hide his joy. The Democratic win, he said, gives Canada "a little more leverage." And, for those wondering about his mood: "I was doing cartwheels down the street."

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Ottawa was more careful. Federal trade minister Dominic LeBlanc said he was unsure the result would strengthen Canada's hand in trade talks, which depend on the new Congress in January: "I guess we'll see in a few weeks." No cartwheels were reported in Ottawa.

The world replies

Norway, Germany, Austria: Europe says it politely, but it says it

Norway's foreign minister, Espen Barth Eide, read the vote as a change of direction: Americans "have had enough of MAGA and now want a different course. Enough of polarization." Norway, it should be said, had its own reasons to follow the news closely: more on that under "Late night."

In Berlin, Jürgen Hardt, foreign policy spokesman for Chancellor Friedrich Merz's bloc, told ARD that Republicans should see the result partly as a rejection of Trump's foreign policy, and said he hoped the president would now "exercise more reason."

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Austria's foreign minister, Beate Meinl-Reisinger, drew the European lesson: "our security and prosperity in Austria and Europe must not depend on how people in Kansas or Iowa vote."

From South Africa, which Trump has accused without evidence of discriminating against its white minority, President Cyril Ramaphosa said Democratic control of Congress would "introduce a new era in world relations."

The world replies

The polite ones: Moscow hopes, Mexico waits

Not everyone joined the chorus. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia hopes Trump "will continue his peacemaking efforts," whatever the result of the election.

Mexico's president, Claudia Sheinbaum, whose country shares a long border and a longer list of disputes with Washington, kept it to four words: "We must wait and see."

And in London, Prime Minister Andy Burnham steered the conversation to prices: "I can't get people's cost of living pressures down until the conflict in the Middle East is resolved."

In Washington

After the defeat, a promotion: Stephen Miller becomes chief of staff

Some presidents answer a midterm defeat by changing course. Trump answered it by promoting Stephen Miller, the architect of his hard-line immigration policy, to White House chief of staff after Susie Wiles stepped down. Miller is due to start on November 9.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer wrote on X: "Trump couldn't have made a worse choice. Our Democratic majorities will fight him every step of the way." He added that the president had "learned nothing from his historic defeat."

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California Governor Gavin Newsom called the promotion "an insult to every American who voted for change on Tuesday." House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries went further and called for Miller's immediate removal.

Conservative commentators defended the pick. The White House had not responded to the criticism in the coverage available at the time of writing.

In Washington

The arch got approved at lunch and blocked by dinner

On Thursday, November 6, the National Capital Planning Commission gave final approval, by 8 votes to 4, to the president's 250-foot triumphal arch near Arlington National Cemetery, topped by a 60-foot winged golden figure in the style of Lady Liberty, flanked by golden eagles.

Within hours, federal judge Tanya Chutkan issued a 14-day temporary restraining order halting site work, from excavation to road closures, in a lawsuit brought by the District of Columbia and Virginia. She found the plaintiffs likely to show the government skipped required legal steps, and noted that the arch needs congressional approval.

The White House praised the commission for approving "President Trump's historic vision," and called the court "activist." The administration must certify its compliance by November 9.

In Washington

Two days after the vote, Trump makes his gold Oval Office a national monument

On Thursday, November 5, sitting beside a red cap reading "VETO," the president signed a proclamation making the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room a national monument. The room, he said, "will not be allowed to be touched by anybody."

Over the past two years, Trump has covered the office in gold appliqués and gold-framed portraits. The proclamation requires "documentation, review, and consideration of alternatives" before any change that would substantially alter the room, though it still lets presidents redecorate. CBS notes that nothing stops a future president from rolling the proclamation back, as Trump has done with his predecessors' monuments.

The timing did not go unnoticed. "Two days after a historic electoral defeat, Trump is signing paperwork to protect his gold decorations," one user wrote on X. Another: "He demolished the East Wing, covered the Oval Office in gold, and now he's giving lectures about historic preservation."

Late night & other jokes

Late night: “A blue wave caused by an orange president”

America’s comedians had been waiting for this one. Jimmy Fallon opened with the results: “President Trump couldn’t do it with the Reflecting Pool, but last night he turned the whole country blue.”

The verdict, he said, was “a blue wave caused by an orange president.”

Jimmy Kimmel called it a “blue tsunami,” and described the president as “a lame duck and an orange chicken at the same time.” To Trump’s claim that he would have won in a landslide had he been on the ballot, Kimmel replied: “Oh, shut up. Just shut up, please.”

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Seth Meyers could not settle on the weather: “a blue wave or a blue tsunami, or a blue monsoon or a blue ‘Sharknado.’” He said he had enjoyed watching Trump become “sad and philosophical” on Fox News.

The Daily Show kept it to one line: “Congratulations to Donald Trump on a successful regime change.”

Late night & other jokes

Bill Maher, worried: “Donnie, are you OK?”

Of all the president’s reactions, the one that unsettled Bill Maher most was the kind one. Hearing Trump say the Democrats “did a good job,” the host asked on his show: “Donnie, are you OK? I know we’ve been feuding.”

Democratic Congressman Robert Garcia had a shorter answer to the president’s promise to get along with the new Congress. Two words: “Lawyer up.”

Late night & other jokes

Norway answers Trump’s insult with the world’s most beautiful toilets

At a rally in Michigan on October 25, Trump, passed over again for the Nobel Peace Prize, called Norway a “shithouse country,” and said he would not welcome Norwegian immigrants.

Norway did not send a diplomatic note. Its official tourism board, Visit Norway, posted pictures of public toilets in breathtaking landscapes, inviting the world to meet “the world’s most beautiful toilets.” It had, it said, heard “some noise” about the remark.

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The campaign borrowed a familiar slogan: “Norway makes shithouses great again.” The toilets line Norway’s 18 National Scenic Routes, about 2,240 kilometres in all, and the pictures were first made for World Toilet Day.

According to reports, the posts drew more than 80,000 views from 170 countries in five days. The White House has not commented. The toilets have not commented either.

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