

# **Predictions for the 2018 Midterm Elections**

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**Regarding the 2018 mid-term elections, I believe that the Republicans will retain control of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and may increase their majority in the latter chamber. I base these predictions on the following:**

**1. The mass media is predicting a "Blue Wave," for the 2018 mid-term elections. The mass media is overwhelmingly and transparently pro-Democratic. Hence, their coverage of the 2018 elections is biased. Therefore, their prediction of a "Blue Wave" is political and not entirely based on objective facts.**

**2. Despite the mass media's massive efforts to discredit and delegitimize Donald Trump, Trump's poll numbers continue to stay steady, meaning that Trump's base of support that won him the presidential election is still intact and that he still has political leverage.**

**3. The Democratic Party has shifted to the Left and is openly courting socialists. Socialism drives away more voters than it attracts.**

**4. Under Trump and the Republicans, the economy seems relatively strong. A strong economy always helps the party in power.**

5. The Democratic Party is advocating policies that seem to favor lax enforcement of immigration laws. Any political party that is anti-law enforcement on anything loses votes.

6. The Democratic Party did not support the 2017 tax cuts. Any political party that opposes tax cuts drives away voters.

7. Donald Trump is actively campaigning for Republican candidates. As long as Trump's core support stays solid, Trump will bring out voters.

8. The Democratic Party is pushing one issue: impeach Donald Trump. That issue may galvanize their left leaning base but that alone is not enough to expand their base.

9. Under Trump and the Republicans the country has not become involved in any new wars. That always helps the party in power.

My predictions are based on information obtained from the mass media and on my own subjective understanding of politics in the United States. All information from the mass media must be treated with skepticism. Reason: every report generated by the mass media contains spin. No exception. Thus, all of its reports are slanted. This makes the mass media an unreliable source for purely objective data. Nevertheless, it is the only source of information available.

**When analyzing data from mass media sources, it is imperative to separate facts from spin. This I try my best to do. Likewise I try my best to put aside my own subjectivity when analyzing data.**

**My predictions are conditional at best. Between now and election-day anything can happen that could quickly and dramatically alter the political landscape and produce unanticipated results in defiance of conventional wisdom and of my own understanding of the facts. Examples: the presidential elections of 1860, 1948, 1968 and 2016. The pundits predicted that Lincoln, Truman, Nixon and Trump would lose. The pundits were wrong.**

**American politics is fluid, and outcome, especially for nationwide elections, cannot be predicted with absolute certainty. Anyone who asserts otherwise either has a crystal ball or is promoting a political agenda.**