Why the Republicans Lost

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First, before addressing the question of why the Republicans lost so resoundingly, please understand that the results of this election does not mean the end of the Republican Party as a viable political organization. The Republican Party will regroup and bounce back and stay competitive. So, do not write-off the Republican Party.

Nevertheless, the Republican Party sustained a major defeat. It lost control of both houses of Congress and by wide margins. In fact, some could argue that the Democrats practically drove the Republican from the playing field. Now, after a careful analysis of data obtained from Fake News and my own observations, I attribute the Republican loss to the following:

1. POTUS Donald Trump's failure to quickly and successfully conclude military operations against Iran. Trump gambled that he could score a quick and decisive win against Iran from which he could take full credit and warn huge political dividends. Instead, military operations dragged on, causing economic problems, especially at the gas pump, for which Trump had to bear full blame since, acting without the support of Congress, he could not deflect blame elsewhere.

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2. The absence of any Republican candidates who could match Trump's charisma or effectiveness as a vote-getter. Donald Trump is the single greatest vote-getter in American political history. Trump personally saved the Republican Party from oblivion. Without Donald Trump it could be argued that today there would be no Republican Party. Hence, to keep the Republican Party completive in 2026, Trump was forced to actively campaign even though he was not running for office. In the process Trump transformed the election into a referendum on himself, a referendum that based on item number 1 above, could only drive voters away. from Republican tickets.

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