

AIM: WHY ARE THE MIDTERMS IMPORTANT?

Do Now:

- What is a Midterm Election?

LAST WEST QUIZ: THURSDAY

Homework: What were the results of the 2018 Midterm Elections?

- How many seats did the Republicans win in the U.S. Senate? House?
- How many seats did the Democrats win in the U.S. Senate? House?
- Who won your (Roslyn) Assembly district?
- Who won your (Roslyn) Senate district?
- Who won the NY Gubernatorial Election?

MID TERM ELECTION

- Elections for federal offices held in the middle of a president's term

RONALD REAGAN - 1988

- “The education our children deserve is the kind no American should be deprived of, for it’s the basic instruction in what it means to be an American... Jefferson and the Founders believed a nation that governs itself, like ours, must rely upon an informed and engaged electorate.”

MIDTERM ELECTION 2018

House of Representatives

- All 435 seats will be contested.
 - Democrats 193
 - Republicans 235
- Two-year terms
- Election every even year

Senate

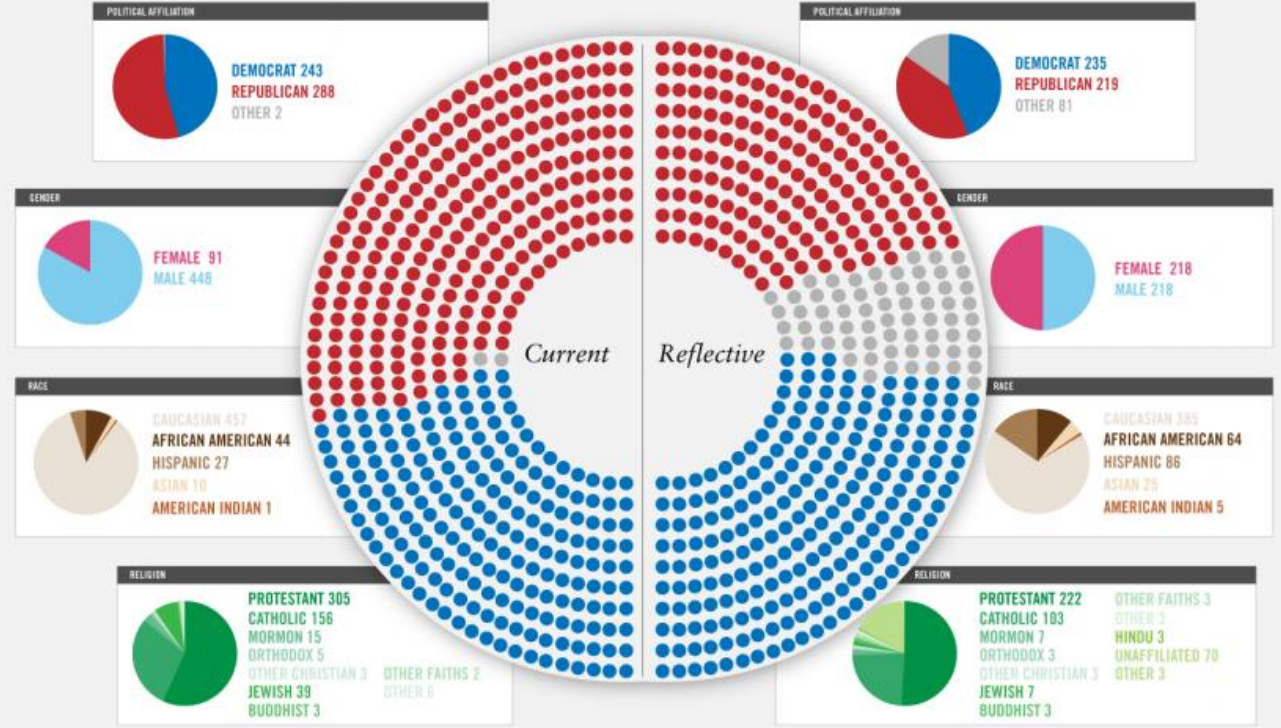
- 35 of the 100 will be contested
 - Democrats 47 +2
 - Republicans 51
- Six-year terms
- Staggered over even years
- About 1/3 of the Senate is up for reelection during any election.

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SHOULD CONGRESS MIRROR THE COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE?

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