

# Catholic Advocacy Network



Tennessee Catholic  
Public Policy Commission

There is strength in numbers.

*November 23, 2018*



**47%**

**BEST VOTER  
TURNOUT  
SINCE 1966!**

**THAT SAID...**

**OVER HALF  
DIDN'T  
SHOW UP.**



**2018 Midterm Elections brought out 47% of registered voters nationally and 44.7% in TN.**

That's an IMPROVEMENT, but we can do better.

Let's review the **results** and build on that for Nov.3, 2020.

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### **Results in Tennessee**

Republicans continue to dominate the House and Senate. Governor-elect Bill Lee, however, is looking for a bipartisan Herculean-effort to tackle major issues like education, opioid crisis, and healthcare.

**House** / 26D - 73R

**Senate** / 4D - 14R

[Click here for a detailed breakdown of TN General Election Results:](#)

**TN Results**

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## **National Results**

Democrats secured 218 seats in midterms to win control of the House / 231D - 198R.

Republicans firmed up their position in the Senate. / 52R - 47D.

The new Democratic House majority will bring balance to Washington for the final two years of President Trump's first term. Balanced power is a good thing because major questions are looming about health care, immigration, and government spending.

## **Women Making History**

**Rashida Tlaib** (D-MI) and **Ilhan Omar** (D-MN) became the first Muslim women elected to Congress; **Debra Haaland** (D-NM) and **Sharice Davids** (D-KS) are the first Native American congresswomen; **Veronica Escobar** (D-TX) and **Sylvia Garcia** (D-TX) are the first Latina congresswomen; and **Jahana Hayes** (D-CT) is the first black congresswoman.

There are also some statewide firsts, like **Abby Finkenauer** (R) is the first congresswoman from Iowa; **Marsha Blackburn** (R), the first female senator from Tennessee; And **Ayanna Pressley** (D), the first black woman to rep Massachusetts.

# WHAT DOES ALL THAT MEAN?



## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE.

**Whether you voted blue or red, the GOOD NEWS is that Democracy is not dead.** We detected a pulse and passion in the midterm election turnout. IN 2020 we can infuse new blood in our leadership through elections AND by sharing our ideas for a better democracy.

# FLAME ON!





**Keep the passion stoked** for democracy and liberty, AND the legislative process that guards and maintains them. Keep abreast of critical issues through our CAN reports.

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**Reach out to the newly elected representatives**—even if you didn't vote for them—and share your concerns over these issues:

**Better school choices for TN parents.** [Read more.](#)

**1,776 Tennesseans died from opioid use in 2017.** [Read more.](#)

**TN needs Medicaid expansion.** [Read more.](#)

Message Bill Lee with YOUR ideas and concerns.

Find and Contact YOUR Legislator.

**Forward this email to family, friends, and peers and encourage them to [CLICK & GET](#)** a weekly report (during the session) on critical legislation that affects our community, state, and country.

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# HE STOKED THE FIRE.

Charles Sargent | 1945-2018

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TN lost a great leader. TN State Representative Charles Sargent (R) Franklin passed away. His knowledge, kindness, and ability to work across the aisles will be sorely missed. God bless you, Charles Sargent.

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