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The US midterm elections: How to continue the momentum?

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The massive defeat of Republicans in the Tuesday, October 2 US midterm elections were even greater than anticipated as the Democrats won enough state elections to take control of the House of Representatives with a commanding majority while winning control of the Senate with a lesser but clear majority. Democrats even won in gerrymandered districts designed to assure Republican victories. The loss of a Republican majority in both Houses is a major blow to Trump's reactionary agenda and puts the Republicans in crisis and the Democrats on the spot as they face pressure to undo Trump's damages. The Republican/Trump defeat can also be seen as part of an international anti-authoritarian trend coming weeks after the defeat of Flavio Bolsonaro in Brazil and several months after the defeat of far-right authoritarian Viktor Orban in Hungary. [1]

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