

Our group has chosen the 2018 Midterm elections as a special focus for our activities. Here's why:

Although progressives work hard in Presidential election cycles for candidates who most closely uphold our ideals, we tend to lose focus in the Midterm elections.

This has cost us dearly. The GOP has built an electoral system that places voters and representative governance at a significant disadvantage due to restrictive voting regulations and gerrymandered Congressional districts throughout the country.

Over the last 10 years, Radical Republicans have built structural advantages that include voter ID laws meant to disenfranchise countless voters, and gerrymandered state and Federal legislative offices aimed at homogenizing the Congressional roster. Consider this: The margin of victory in WI was approximately 27,000 votes (before the recount). According to a Federal Court, there are 300,000 registered voters who lacked sufficient documentation to meet the State's strict voter ID law. This is unspeakably un-Democratic.

This suggests to our group that voter access and securing State Legislatures and Governorships is a priority goal for the 2018 mid-term election cycle. In NH, we are proud to send two Democratic Senators and two Democratic Representatives to Washington—all women. Our targets will be the State Legislature and Governorship, as well as monitoring local and federal efforts at voter suppression.

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https://ballotpedia.org/Gubernatorial_and_legislative_party_control_of_state_government

The next national Census is in 2020, and further voting restrictions and gerrymandered districts could result if we don't secure State Legislatures.