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From a July 12 protest in Houston in solidarity with Lorenzo Salgado, murdered by ICE. Anger against ICE fueled mobilization that elected Latina Gina Hinojosa governor and pushed some of the worst racists in Texas politics out of office. More at workers.org/?p=95875.

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Behind the unprecedented election wins in Georgia

WW COMMENTARY

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Protecting the right to vote in Atlanta.

In a history-making midterm election, eight Black women running for the eight statewide offices in Georgia won on Nov. 3. Their names and state office positions are Keisha Lance Bottoms, Georgia Governor; Tanya Miller, Attorney General; Penny Brown Reynolds, Secretary of State; Lydia Powell, School Superintendent; Keisha Sean Waites, Insurance Commissioner; Katherine Juhan-Arnold, Department of Agriculture; Nikki Porcher, Department of Labor; and Shirley Edwards, Public Service Commission.

Mind you, Georgia was historically part of the South where the economy was dependent on exploiting the labor of enslaved people. State offices have been held by white men, regardless of Democrat or Republican, for decades. While there were 33 Black men elected to the Georgia General Assembly in 1868 during Reconstruction, not one Black person has ever been elected as governor, until now. In fact, Keisha Lance Bottoms is the first Black woman governor in U.S. history.

There are parts of Georgia where the confederate flag is flown alongside interstate highways, and racist terminology can still be heard unashamedly. Known KKK murders have never been prosecuted, despite Georgia being an anchor state during the Civil Rights Movement, an engine behind the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Black people and other people of color have been elected to local offices in many parts of the state for a number of years. But to win state office, candidates can't solely rely on voters in Black majority, urban areas. As of 2026, Georgia has an estimated population of over 11.4 million people. The racial composition includes white, over 52%; African American, over 31% and Latine, over 10%.

President #47 won the Georgia vote during his 2024 reelection due to the majority of white voters located in rural counties.

So what happened in 2026?

Probably the most relevant factor was the prevailing revulsion toward the current administration's policies that has produced economic disasters for most working people's budgets, with rising prices for just about every necessity from food to medical care, from gas to housing. Couple that with a disastrous, illegal war on Iran, cruel and vicious assaults on immigrant neighbors and co-workers by terrorist Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and astounding wealth being transferred to the already superrich, and you have some of the key ingredients for an electoral tsunami like the "blue wave" on Nov. 3.

Let us be clear, while these eight women are experienced, capable leaders in their fields, that hasn't been enough in the past when other women were on the ballot.

So would it be correct to say that the trap of bigotry, racism and sexism has been reduced, or is it more accurate to suggest that the class interests of workers, the unemployed, retirees, youth and the houseless prevailed when they rejected the millionaire and billionaire candidates on the ballot?

These eight women are not revolutionaries. Their efforts will undoubtedly be blocked by the entrenched white status quo in fulfilling any electoral promises. Nevertheless, their life experiences and their electoral victories serve as another crack in the dominant culture of capitalist exploitation.

It took hundreds of volunteers to help voters identify with them. It will take thousands to make them live up to their campaign promises. And eventually it will take millions of people united to finally end the rule of the profit hungry billionaire class over the multinational and multigendered working class.

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A vote against AIPAC, billionaires

By Martha Grevatt



Abdul El-Sayed speaking at a press conference in Detroit, Aug. 5, 2026.

Election Day 2026 was a day of firsts: the first Black woman governor of Georgia, the first Latina governor of Texas, the first Indigenous governor of New Mexico, the first Black governor of Florida, the first out gay male senator from New Hampshire and more.

And Michigan voters elected Abdul El-Sayed, the first Muslim U.S. senator. This was a massive defeat for the right wing and pro-Zionist groups, which made crass, bigoted appeals to Islamophobia and anti-Arab racism. The notorious American Israel Political Affairs Committee (AIPAC) alone spent $32 million on El-Sayed's opponent, House Representative Haley Stevens, in the Democratic Party primary election and at least another $9 million slandering El-Sayed while supporting Republican candidate Mike Rogers in the general election. (Middle East Monitor, Nov. 4)

El-Sayed's campaign spent a grand total of under $31 million, most of it from small individual donors and progressive unions and groups, among the most prominent being the United Auto Workers. The Michigan senate race was one of the most expensive midterm elections in U.S. history, with El-Sayed being outspent 9 to 1 by his opponents. (bridgemi.com, Oct. 16)

Stevens is so extreme in her support for Zionist apartheid that she came out for Rogers just days before the election, even though she had earlier called him a "nightmare." Her turnaround didn't seem to sway many voters.

The senator-elect is the son of Egyptian immigrants and is among a number of pro-Palestine candidates elected for the first time or reelected. El-Sayed's victory follows the 2024 effort of voters, starting in Michigan, to vote for "uncommitted" or "unaffiliated" in Democratic state presidential primaries to protest President Joe Biden's and Vice President Kamala Harris's support for Israel. There were enough voters for uncommitted in Michigan to send delegates to the Democratic Party convention.

There are about 400,000 people of Arab descent in the three counties that make up Metro Detroit, including about 109,000 in Dearborn, where they comprise the majority of residents. El-Sayed lives in nearby Ann Arbor.

This vote demonstrates that the genocide in Palestine is an issue voters care about, along with El-Sayed's main campaign slogan: "Money out of politics, money in your pockets, Medicare for all."

This win in the elections demonstrates a clear rejection of Islamophobia and racism.

Anti-imperialists should not, however, think that the election of "progressive" Democrats is enough to bring about real change, either in foreign or domestic policy. El-Sayed himself has made it clear that he is not any kind of socialist, stating, "I'm a capitalist." (CBS News, Nov. 1)

Control of the state remains in the hands of the capitalist class, which includes the candidates elected who claim to reject the politics of the pro-fascist, ultraright, Trump wing of the ruling class.

The results of the Nov. 3 election represent a progressive shift in mass consciousness. But the working-class movement will have to organize class struggle to win even basic demands, such as Medicare for All or reversing the devastating cuts in food assistance. ☐

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Midterm elections 2026: A welcome conflict

Let's take a few minutes to enjoy the smashing rejection at the polls of the MAGA administration and its leader. And the squawking among its political heads as they hunt for someone to blame. And the massive feeling that some of the most blatant political criminals and most outspoken racists, xenophobes, misogynists, homophobes, transphobes and openly corrupt officials have been handed a humiliating electoral defeat.

The corporate media is calling the MAGA defeat an earthquake, a hurricane, a landslide, a tsunami. But to figure out the next steps, the working class must still analyze what has really changed and what to do to stop wars, disband the ICE stormtroopers, win back benefits for all workers and poor people that the MAGA crowd has stolen, and defend the rights of all sectors of society that have recently lost them.

That the Democratic Party now has a significant majority in both houses of Congress does not in itself guarantee that it will deliver any of these potential gains.

It is a fundamental Marxist concept that elections held under the rule of a capitalist state cannot by themselves ever put real state power in the hands of the working class and other oppressed sectors of capitalist society. With capitalism in decline, these electoral victories don't guarantee reforms that benefit "the 99%," that is, the vast majority of the population who are not rich.

The election does show changes in the political understanding of the working class and how closely the workers understand their class interests. In this case the election demonstrated the disgust of the voting population with the reactionary policies and words of the second MAGA administration and their anger at the results of these policies.

A key issue is the U.S. war of aggression against Iran. Not only is this an extremely expensive war, the Iranian (and later the Yemeni) response turned it into a defeat of U.S. and Israeli military power. The Iranian response destroyed the extensive ring of U.S. military bases in the Persian Gulf, creating a problem for the U.S. ruling class. Stopping shipments through the Strait of Hormuz brought the cost of war home by immediately raising gas, diesel and food prices.

This added to already inflationary prices.

Then Trump called his economic policies a victory. He minimized the problems from high oil prices. Then he boasted that he and his rich cronies, including the owners of oil monopolies, got rich on their investments. It was impossible to miss the lesson that the MAGA administration was anti-worker.

The war and its consequences might have been the top issue, but it wasn't the only one, as the electoral successes of the anti-Trump, anti-MAGA forces revealed. Opposition to the brutality of ICE has grown. Despair at accessing affordable healthcare has increased.



Celebrating surprising election results in Texas. Nov. 3, 2026. The question is how to turn this into the necessary ongoing struggle against the ultraright.

African Americans organized to defeat the MAGA candidates throughout the former Confederacy, and as a result elected Keisha Lance Bottoms Georgia's first-ever female governor and the U.S.'s first-ever Black female governor. Black women won eight key positions in the state.

Rep. Gina Hinojosa became the first Latina governor of Texas, defeating Trump-clone Gov. Greg Abbott. In New Mexico, Deb Haaland will be the first Native American woman to serve as governor. Eight trans candidates won their elections.

Dr. Abdulrahman Mohammad el-Sayed, born in Michigan of Egyptian immigrant parents, faced the financial opposition of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the anti-Muslim and anti-Arab rants of Vance, Trump, Texas Senator Ted Cruz and various other MAGA trashtalkers. That he has now become the first Muslim U.S. senator illustrates that the growing opposition to Israel in the U.S. is making it a liability to accept major contributions from AIPAC, as Dr. El-Sayed's opponent did.

Struggle far from being over

As encouraging as the diversity of the elected officials is, it leaves them and their voters working through a pro-imperialist, pro-capitalist party. The Democratic Party leadership made this clear again by raising Sen. Chuck Schumer — always a key supporter of Israeli and U.S. wars of aggression — and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries — who also backs U.S. militarism — as the party's Congressional leaders.

That Schumer and Jeffries are whom the Democratic Party looks to is a clear sign that its leadership has no intention of ending the war threats in West Asia against Iran or the hostility to People's China. If anything they will act even more aggressively toward Russia, pushing NATO's proxy war in Ukraine. Removing deadly sanctions and war threats against Cuba aren't on their agenda either.

What this means is that if the political understanding of the mass of voters, as shown in the election, is to be expressed, it will have to be by mobilizations for actions that confront both Trump and Congress with the demands:

No war with Iran!
Abolish ICE!
End the blockade of Cuba!
Free Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores!
Restore and expand accessible healthcare!
Restore food subsidies!

And other such demands to be decided by the popular organizations participating in the mobilizations.

The elections showed a change in the mood of the population focused on defeating MAGA. Now it needs to be mobilized into a popular movement that is independent of the Democratic Party and operates outside the electoral arena.

The setback for reactionary forces in the U.S. has only begun. ☐

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Elecciones de medio mandato de 2026: Un conflicto bienvenido

MUNDO OBRERO
editorial

Tomémonos unos minutos para disfrutar del contundente rechazo, en las urnas, a la administración MAGA y a su líder. Disfrutemos también de los lamentos y reproches entre sus dirigentes políticos, quienes ahora buscan desesperadamente a quién culpar.

Y saboreemos la sensación generalizada de que algunos de los criminales políticos más descarados —junto a los más recalcitrantes racistas, xenófobos, misóginos, homófobos, transfobos y funcionarios abiertamente corruptos— han sufrido una humillante derrota electoral.

Los medios de comunicación corporativos describen la derrota del movimiento MAGA como un terremoto, un huracán, una victoria aplastante o un tsunami. Sin embargo, para determinar los próximos pasos, la clase trabajadora debe analizar qué ha cambiado realmente y qué acciones emprender para detener las guerras, disolver a las «tropas de asalto» del ICE, recuperar los beneficios sociales —arrebatados por el grupo MAGA— destinados a los trabajadores y a las personas pobres, y defender los derechos de todos los sectores de la sociedad que los han perdido recientemente.

El hecho de que el Partido Demócrata cuente ahora con una mayoría significativa en ambas cámaras del Congreso no garantiza, por sí solo, que se logre ninguno de estos posibles avances.

Es un concepto marxista fundamental que las elecciones celebradas bajo el dominio de un Estado capitalista no pueden, por sí mismas, poner el poder estatal real en manos de la clase trabajadora ni de otros sectores oprimidos de la sociedad capitalista. En un contexto de declive del capitalismo, estas victorias electorales no aseguran reformas que beneficien al «99%», es decir, a la inmensa mayoría de la población que no es rica.

Las elecciones ponen de manifiesto cambios en la conciencia política de la clase trabajadora y el grado en que los trabajadores comprenden sus propios intereses de clase. En este caso, las elecciones demostraron el disgusto de la población votante con las políticas y declaraciones reaccionarias de la segunda administración MAGA y la ira por los resultados de dichas políticas.



Celebración de los sorprendentes resultados electorales en Texas. 3 de noviembre de 2026. La cuestión es cómo transformar esto en la necesaria lucha continua contra la ultraderecha.

Un aspecto fundamental es la guerra de agresión de Estados Unidos contra Irán. No solo se trata de un conflicto extremadamente costoso, sino que la respuesta iraní —y, posteriormente, la yemení— lo convirtió en una derrota para el poderío militar estadounidense e israelí. La respuesta de Irán desmanteló la extensa red de bases militares de Estados Unidos en el Golfo Pérsico, planteando un serio problema para la clase dominante estadounidense. El bloqueo del tráfico a través del estrecho de Ormuz hizo que los efectos de la guerra se sintieran directamente en EE.UU., provocando un aumento inmediato en los precios de la gasolina, el diésel y los alimentos.

Esto se sumó a una situación de inflación ya existente.

Por su parte, Trump calificó sus políticas económicas de «victoria» y restó importancia a los problemas derivados de los elevados precios del petróleo. Además, se jactó de que tanto él como sus acaudalados allegados —incluidos los propietarios de monopolios petroleros— se enriquecieron gracias a sus inversiones. Resultaba imposible no captar la lección: la administración MAGA era profundamente contraria a los intereses de los trabajadores.

Si bien la guerra y sus repercusiones fueron, posiblemente, el tema central, no fueron el único, tal como evidenciaron los éxitos electorales de las fuerzas contrarias a Trump y al movimiento MAGA. Ha crecido la oposición a la brutalidad del ICE (Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas), y se ha intensificado la desesperación ante la falta de acceso a una atención sanitaria asequible.

La población afroamericana se organizó para derrotar a los candidatos del movimiento MAGA en todo el territorio de la antigua Confederación; como resultado, Keisha Lance Bottoms fue elegida gobernadora de Georgia, convirtiéndose en la primera mujer en ocupar dicho cargo en el estado y la primera mujer negra en ser gobernadora en la historia de Estados Unidos. Asimismo, mujeres negras obtuvieron ocho cargos clave en el estado.

La representante Gina Hinojosa se convirtió en la primera gobernadora latina de Texas, tras derrotar al gobernador Greg Abbott, una figura que replica el modelo de Trump. En Nuevo México, Deb Haaland se convertirá en la primera mujer nativa americana en ejercer como gobernadora. Por otra parte, ocho candidatos transgénero resultaron elegidos en sus respectivas contiendas.

El Dr. Abdulrahman Mohammad el-Sayed, nacido en Michigan de padres inmigrantes egipcios, se enfrentó a la oposición financiera del Comité de Asuntos Públicos Estados Unidos-Israel (AIPAC), así como a los ataques anti musulmanes y anti árabes de Vance, Trump, el senador por Texas Ted Cruz y otros voceros del movimiento MAGA. El hecho de que ahora se haya convertido en el primer senador estadounidense musulmán demuestra que la creciente oposición a Israel en Estados Unidos está convirtiendo en un lastre el aceptar grandes contribuciones del AIPAC, tal como hizo el oponente del Dr. El-Sayed.

La lucha está lejos de haber terminado

Por muy alentadora que sea la diversidad de los funcionarios electos, esta situación implica que tanto ellos como sus votantes deben operar dentro de un partido proimperialista y procapitalista. La cúpula del Partido Demócrata lo dejó claro una vez más al designar al senador Chuck Schumer —un firme partidario de las guerras de agresión de Israel y Estados Unidos— y al representante Hakeem Jeffries —quien también respalda el militarismo estadounidense— como sus líderes en el Congreso.

Que el Partido Demócrata recurra a figuras como Schumer y Jeffries es una señal inequívoca de que su dirección no tiene intención alguna de poner fin a las amenazas de guerra en Asia Occidental contra Irán, ni a la hostilidad hacia la China popular. De hecho, es probable que actúen de manera aún más agresiva hacia Rusia, impulsando la guerra por poderes de la OTAN en Ucrania. Eliminar las sanciones mortales y las amenazas de guerra contra Cuba tampoco está en su agenda.

Lo que esto significa es que si se quiere expresar la comprensión política de la masa de votantes, como se demostró en las elecciones, tendrá que ser mediante movilizaciones para acciones que enfrenten tanto a Trump como al Congreso con las demandas:

¡No a la guerra con Irán!

¡Abolir ICE!

¡Fin al bloqueo a Cuba!

¡Libertad para Nicolás Maduro y Cilia Flores!

¡Restaurar y ampliar la atención sanitaria accesible!

¡Restaurar los subsidios alimentarios!

Y otras demandas similares que serán decididas por las organizaciones populares participantes en las movilizaciones.

Las elecciones mostraron un cambio en el ánimo de la población enfocada en derrotar al MAGA. Ahora es necesario movilizar en un movimiento popular que sea independiente del Partido Demócrata y que opere fuera del ámbito electoral.

El revés para las fuerzas reaccionarias en Estados Unidos apenas ha comenzado. ☐