David Feldman Show

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1. Initial Election Night Returns & Senate Closures

- **Nebraska Senate:** Republican incumbent **Pete Ricketts** holds a 4–5 point lead over Independent **Dan Osborn** with partial returns counted.
- **Mississippi Senate:** The race remains uncalled, with Democrat **Scott Colom** holding a narrow 28-vote lead over Republican incumbent **Cindy Hyde-Smith** with 97% of votes counted and absentee/affidavit ballots pending.
- **Historical Context:** A victory by Scott Colom would mark Mississippi's **first Democratic Senate win since 1982** and the state's **first Black senator since Reconstruction**.

2. National Balance of Power & National Leadership Reactions

- **Congressional Control:** Democrats win **control of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate**, representing a broad rejection of Donald Trump and the Republican party.
- **Donald Trump's Reaction:** Donald Trump states he will accept the election results, acknowledges that Democrats "did a good job," and attributes Republican losses to **higher fuel prices and the war in Iran**.
- **Mike Johnson's Reaction:** House Speaker **Mike Johnson** addresses supporters in Shreveport, Louisiana, expressing disappointment in the outcome and promising to oppose the Democratic agenda.
- **Media Impact:** Fox News experiences **double-digit percentage drops in viewership** over the past year amidst voter fatigue.

3. Exit Polling & Voter Sentiment

- **Presidential Approval Rating:** CBS exit polls show Donald Trump's approval rating at **38%**, lower than George W. Bush's 43% approval rating prior to the 2006 midterms.
- **Voter Dissatisfaction:** CBS exit polling reveals that **75% of American voters** report feeling angry or dissatisfied with the state of the country.

4. Texas & South Carolina Political Shifts

- **Texas Senate:** Democrat **James Talarico** defeats Republican Attorney General **Ken Paxton**, matching polling predictions of a 2.6-point margin.
- **Texas Governor:** Democrat **Gina Hinojosa** unseats incumbent Republican Governor **Greg Abbott**, defying final polling averages that had Abbott leading by 2.3 points.
- **South Carolina Senate:** Democrat **Annie Andrews** defeats Republican **Darlene Graham** (sister of Lindsey Graham), overturning polling averages that had Graham ahead by 2.6 points.
- **Voter Rejection of Endorsements:** Defeats in Texas and South Carolina mark a direct voter rejection of candidates pushed by Donald Trump.

5. Midwestern Senate & Gubernatorial Races

- **Wisconsin Governor:** Democrat **David Crowley** defeats Republican Tom Tiffany, keeping the seat blue and becoming **Wisconsin's first Black governor**.
- **Kansas Senate:** First-time candidate and megachurch pastor **Adam Hamilton** (Democrat) unseats incumbent Republican Senator **Roger Marshall**.
- **Kansas Campaign Impact:** Effective campaign ads highlighted Roger Marshall's medical billing practices that resulted in patients facing jail time over unpaid debt.

- **Iowa House:** Democratic state legislator **Adam Turek** unseats Republican Congresswoman **Ashley Hinson** in a major upset.

6. Georgia & Southeastern Results

- **Georgia Senate:** Democratic Senator **Jon Ossoff** wins reelection to the U.S. Senate.
- **Georgia Governor:** Democrat **Keisha Lance Bottoms** defeats Republican Rich Jackson, becoming the **first Black female governor in U.S. history** and the first Black governor of Georgia.
- **House Leadership Shifts:** Representative **Hakeem Jeffries** is positioned to become the first Black Speaker of the House, while Representative **Robert Garcia** takes over as Chairman of the House Oversight Committee.

7. Ohio Contests & Key House Defeats

- **Ohio Governor:** Democrat **Dr. Amy Acton** defeats Republican **Vivek Ramaswamy**, following polling averages that projected an Acton victory by 5.5 points.
- **Ohio Senate:** Former Democratic Senator **Sherrod Brown** defeats incumbent Republican Senator **John Husted**.
- **Ohio House (OH-07):** Democrat **Brian Poindexter** defeats Republican incumbent **Max Miller** following public reports regarding abuse allegations against Miller.

8. Atlantic Coast & Upper Midwest Outcomes

- **North Carolina Senate:** Former Democratic Governor **Roy Cooper** defeats Republican **Michael Whatley**, aligning with polling that favored Cooper by 10.7 points.
- **Maine Senate:** Democrat **Troy Jackson** unseats five-term Republican incumbent Senator **Susan Collins**.

- **Michigan Contests:** Democrat **Jocelyn Benson** retains the Michigan governorship, while the Senate race between Democrat **Dr. Abdul El-Sayed** and Republican **Mike Rogers** remains uncalled.

9. Remaining State Results & Bellwether Races

- **Alaska Senate:** Democrat **Mary Peltola** holds a 1-point polling lead over Republican **Dan Sullivan**.
- **Florida Races:** Republican incumbent Senator **Ashley Moody** retains her seat against Democrat **Angie Nixon**, while Republican **Byron Donalds** leads Democrat **David Jolly** by 4 points in the gubernatorial contest.
- **Early Bellwether (IN-05):** Democrat **J.D. Ford** flips Indiana's 5th Congressional District by defeating Republican incumbent **Victoria Spartz** early on election night.
- **Pennsylvania House (PA-01):** Democrat **Bob Harvie** defeats moderate Republican incumbent **Brian Fitzpatrick** (52.7% to 47.3%).