

There is a Democratic majority in this country
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Democrats will be just one agonizing seat short of a majority. There will be one,
and possibly two runoffs in Georgia on Jan. 5 that could conceivably hand Biden a working
50-50 Senate majority. If Collins hangs on to her seat, however, a GOP Senate is a done deal.

One thing we can say with some certainty: What Democrats hoped for most of all, a
Biden landslide, did not materialize last night. While they will celebrate removing the president
from office if and when the results are certified, Democrats wanted a more resounding
repudiation of Trumpism and a chance to govern with congressional majorities for the first time
in a decade. President Trump is already sending ominous signals that he will refuse to go
quietly, declaring victory in the middle of the night and proclaiming on Twitter this morning that
he had won the election before states started counting "surprise ballots, " and he is likely to
spend the next two months sowing doubt about the outcome, stoking further divisions in an
already traumatized, volatile country, and doing as much damage as possible to Biden and the
country on his way out.

Perhaps the hardest thing to accept might be this: Trump's
disgraceful, years-long strategy of turning Americans against one another very nearly worked.
Just four years ago, a fluke confluence of circumstances ♦ the historic unpopularity of Hillary
Clinton, the media's bizarre obsession with an email server she hadn't used in four years, the
last-minute intervention of former FBI Director James Comey in the election, and two relatively
well-known third party candidates ♦ handed an unpopular and unprepared candidate and his
party total control of Washington, D. C., despite lacking anything approaching majority support
even on Election Day.

Rather than taking office with humility, President Trump
interpreted his unlikely and unrepeatable victory as an invitation to speak to, govern for, and
care about only his hardest-core supporters and to regard every other American and their
hopes, dreams, and fears as not only irrelevant but illegitimate. He didn't spend a single
moment of a single day in office reaching out to people who didn't vote for him, or pretending to
care about states that he would likely lose in 2020. Each day of his presidency he discovered
new and previously unimagined ways to undermine American democracy and to debase himself
and his party.

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