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The significance of the US midterm elections

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Introduction

Many people across globe have been following the US mid term elections. It was seen as a test of the power of the extreme right, after their loss in Brazil in the presidential election where Lula defeated Bolsonario. What is the significance of the US midterm elections? These elections is about the House of Representatives and the Senate.
The US parliament, the Congress, consists of two chambers:

- The House of Representatives (the "lower" chamber with 435 members chosen for two years). The Democrats won 225 seats and the Republicans 210. The switch with previous election is 9 seats. The majority threshold is 218.
- The Senate (the "upper" chamber with 100 members chosen for six years). The Democrats won 54 seats and the Republicans 46. The switch with previous election is 7 seats. The majority threshold is 51.

Both chambers must vote to pass the exact same bill before it can go to the President to become law. Neither chamber can pass a law independently.
What made these midterm elections so special, is that it has revealed the deep fractures in the American society regarding the trust in government and media and the relationship with Israel. What are its implications for the future of the war in West Asia?

Where do we stand in world history?

I have been making the following argument about the current state of world affairs. It consists of two parts.
The first part is about where we stand now. We are about to witness a dramatic transformation in world history that can be compared to the transformations that occurred because of World War I and World War II. In 1914 the German, Russian, Austria-Hungarian and Ottoman empire seemed to destine to exist forever. Four years later they were gone because of World war I.
In 1939 Germany was the strongest economic power in Europe. England and France with their colonial empires dominated the world. The U.S. was not a super power. Six year later the world changed dramatically because of World War II. Germany was split in two countries. Eastern Europe became part of the Soviet bloc. Socialism became a dominant force with the Chinese revolution. The U.S. became a superpower. The colonial empires crumbled.
I argue that today we stand at the threshold of similar a deep going transformation in world history with the confrontation between the U.S./Israel and Iran and the axis of resistance.
There are four dimensions of this transformation:
First, the economic dimension. The economic decline of the West and the rise of the rest, with China leading this rise.
Second, the social dimension. Identity formation apart from class has become a crucial factor in politics. Social struggle is not just class struggle and struggle about economic issues. It is also a cultural struggle about identity formation: who are we, what are our core values which we stand for and will fight for.

Third, the cultural dimension. Western knowledge production which has claimed universal validity is lost its credibility. Other knowledge systems from civilizations from the Global South are becoming more relevant now.
Fourth, the political dimension. The political systems in the West and the Westernize global south have become unstable with the rise of the extreme right. This instability leads to extreme reactions in policies as can be seen in many parts of the world.

Where are we going?

The second part of my argument is that we are moving towards a final confrontation between Western civilization and a new world civilization arising from the Global South. That final confrontation takes place in West Asia and is led by Iran and the axis of resistance against US/Israel and their supporters in the region, including Arab governments and Turkiye.
The anti-imperialist strategy promoted by Iran consists of three steps. The first step is to remove the US from West Asia. In the last war Iran destroyed 20 US military bases in the region. It took control of the Strait of Hormuz putting direct economic strains to consumers in the US because of the rising price of gas and the rising cost of living. And now Iran has put seven conditions for ending the war with the US.
1. A complete end to hostilities, including in Lebanon.
2. Lifting of naval blockade.
3. Lifting of Iran sanctions.
4. Release of frozen assets.
5. Reduction of US military presence in the region.
6. Compensation for war-related damages.
7. An end to US attacks on Iranian territory.

Trump did not accept these conditions yet, but there is no alternative for him. He threatened Iran with nuclear attacks, but he had to back down. The midterm elections has shown that the war with Iran is extremely unpopular.
Once the US is removed from the region, or at least becomes impotent to wage war, then the next step is creating a united Muslim front against Israel. Iran has been working very hard to unite Muslims in the region, and in the world, against the apartheid state of Israel. It has not yet achieved much success, but gradually the treacherous Arab states and Turkiye that are in close contact with the US government see that American cannot protect them in a new war. And they are also looking for long term alternatives. The recent talks in Tehran with Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkiye who signed the Mecca Agreement is a sign of some progress. This unity is needed for the last step.
The last step is the dissolution of the apartheid state of Israel. I have been saying this since the publication of my book Decolonizing The Mind in 2013. We are witnessing the final years of the existence of the apartheid state of Israel in occupied Palestine. With the removal of US power in West Asia and the Muslim united front on the rise, although it is fragile, a new war between Israel and Iran will result in the dissolution of Israel. Muslim ground forces will enter occupied Palestine and Zionists will be seeing fleeing their home and leave for the US, Europe and Russia.

The impact of the midterm elections

Against this background we should make an assessment of the significance of the US midterm elections. The war in West Asia and the support were clearly on the agenda. It was visible in extreme term in the campaign for the Michigan Senate seat where Democratic Party Dr. Abdul El-Sayed was relentlessly attacked by an array of forces in the Democratic and Republican Party and the rightwing and liberal media, including Fox News and CNN. The smear campaigns against him were funded by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), a notorious Zionist lobbying organization that advocates for U.S. policies that support and strengthen the alliance between the United States and Israel.

First he had to win the Democratic primary against Haley Stevens, who's campaign was funded by AIPAC. Then he had to fight Republican contender Mike Rogers, who was supported by Trump and AIPAC.
All dirty tricks were used against him: his Muslim name was linked to support for jihadism, his critique of Israel was presented as anti-semitism. He was portrait as an extremist.
Yet, they failed. El-Sayed got 53% of the votes and Rogers 46%. The difference is 7%. That is not very big. The right has done everything they could, and this is show in the 46% of Rogers. It was not a landslide victory for El-Sayed. Ilhan Omar in Minnesota on the other hand regained her House of Representative seat with 76% of the votes while her Republican opponent John Nagel only got 16%. This tells you that the coalition of pro-Zionist forces in the Republican and Democratic party and her media went full out in Michigan. And yet, they lost.
The loss shows that the power of controlling the mind of the people by the establishment has reached its limitation. People are able to link the reality of the life (poverty, health care crisis, inflation) to the causes of misery: the endless wars and the unlimited support for the genocidal state of Israel.
Now the struggle will shift from the axis of Democrats and Republicans to the arena of inner party struggles within the Democratic Party. Within the establishment of the Democratic Party AIPAC has many supporters. Around 70% of AIPAC funds go the Democratic Party. AIPAC spends 2.5x more per Democrat than per Republican. The Democratic Party is very divided over the critique of Trump. Some want to impeach him and his key supporters in government. That will not be easy. In the House of Representatives a simple majority vote (more than 50% of members present and voting, or 218 out of 435 when all seats are filled) is required to pass the articles of impeachment. But in the Senate a two-thirds supermajority vote of the senators present and voting (at least 67 out of 100 if all senators participate) is required during the Senate trial to convict and remove the official from office.
With the fracturing of power in the US government the chances for war between the Muslim world and Israel is growing. The US might not initiate a war, but the axis of resistance might take the next step in liberation Palestine by holding Israel accountable for the genocide in Gaza and Lebanon. With the midterm elections Trump erratic and crazy politics might have gotten a big blow, but there is still a long way to go before the US completely reverses its policy in West Asia and deserts Israel.