

The COVID Crisis and America's Democratic and Republican Governors. The 2022 Ballot

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There is growing speculation that with two dozen Democratic members of the House having already announced their retirement, an undeniable opportunity exists for Republicans to seize control of both houses of Congress during the 2022 midterm elections. It can be assumed that those Democratic incumbents, after having defended an illegitimate President and his morally bankrupt policies, fear they will bear the blame for their party's support of deplorable COVID lockdowns and their effort to destroy the American republic.

The painful truth is that the Democratic party controls almost every major social and cultural institution in the country: the mainstream and social media, every federal government agency of importance including intelligence, national security, health and the military apparatus; academic, religious and science foundations and many opinion outlets. What they do not control is the majority of the American people.

While control of Congress has dominated public discussion, what has not yet gained any real attention is whether blue governors will suffer election losses in retribution for their excessive COVID lockdowns, as Republicans may be expected to mount rigorous election challenges. This scenario raises the question whether Republican candidates have the necessary mojo to square off against the Democrats, to call them out for their despotic policies and whether they are willing to challenge their own [RINO incumbents](#).

Since COVID was identified, the level of lockdown depended on how blue was the blue state with the assumption that blue governors were assured of re-election no matter how diligently lockdown requirements were applied. For example, will Democratic voters reward previously unelected and newly appointed New York State governor Kathy Hochul's destructive [COVID escalations](#) just as California voters awarded Gov. Gavin Newsom for his extremism, despite his [defiance of his own rules](#)?

If this is a sign that Democratic governors who often introduced harsh requirements that shut down businesses and schools are electorally safe, the only conclusion is that Democratic voters are easily snookered into obeying tyrannical authority and that they more easily accept repressive dictates from the very governors they elect to represent

them.

As COVID took hold, it was within the constitutional purview of every state's governor to implement his own enforcement of COVID requirements and to issue an Emergency Executive Order to initiate his state's response. At the time, the now discredited doctors [Anthony Fauci](#) and [Deborah Birx](#), coordinator of the vice-president's COVID Task Force, provided [strategic advice](#) on repression rather than treatment options to each governor that was in direct contradiction to President Trump's message of ending the lockdowns and to focus on high-risk Americans.

On the other hand, many, but not all, Republican governors remained more distrustful of government meddling in their private health decisions and dared to question CDC 'science' as Dr. Scott Atlas, who served as advisor to President Trump, described in [A Plague on Our House](#). Hence, some of the most callous Democratic states are experiencing a population exodus with the 'free' states of Florida, South Dakota, and Texas accepting the influx.

To date, [thirty-six governors](#) will be on the 2022 ballot with twenty Republican governors and sixteen Democratic governorships up for grabs. While the final candidate alignment is still in formation, eight incumbents are bowing out with seven being term limited. [The Hill](#) has identified six incumbent Democrats and one Republican who are considered vulnerable in Kansas, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Wisconsin, New Mexico, and Maine.

Across the map there are Republican primaries with multiple candidates vying in almost every race against a Democrat incumbent with the Rs eager to challenge the Democrat record on mandatory lockdown requirements.

Of special interest will be replacements for Maryland governor Larry Hogan and Massachusetts governor Charles Baker, both elected as Republicans in Democratic states who both followed the Democratic playbook on COVID. In addition, Colorado Democratic governor Jared Polis declared the [COVID emergency](#) over as at least three lockdown opponents filed as candidates in the Republican primary.

The question on election day will be whether those Democratic governors will be held responsible for adopting more harsh measures on the population than necessary or whether those Democratic voters, many of whom are now better informed than they were, will take the opportunity to hold one of their own accountable.

If, in fact, the Dems are doomed to lose their collective shirts in 2022 by impressive margins, it is difficult to see how the party of Jefferson will not, based on its recent confrontational behavior, initiate some sort of full-blown crisis to disrupt any attempt to restore the country to its previous constitutional base. Would it be outside the realm of possibility to expect Democrats having lost their once glowing halo with their bold hijacking of the country's 2020 electoral process, continue their radical divisive campaign to do whatever is necessary in the interests of self-preservation of their power base?

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