

June 26, 2017 – MORE LAUGHTER

More laughter as we look again at the race in Georgia's 6th district. You know, the one where the Dem candidate was downgraded by the NY Times from "political neophyte" to "upstart." [Daily Beast](#) is first.

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And we find out from [HotAir](#) Ossoff is calling for campaign finance reform. Now, *that* is chutzpah.

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American Thinker wants to know how that referendum on Trump worked out for the Dems and their media minders.

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Good bunch of cartoons today.

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## Daily Beast

### [Jon Ossoff's \\$23 Million Loss Shows Dems Have No Idea How to Win in the Age of Trump](#)

***'The fight goes on. Hope is still alive,' Ossoff said in his concession speech, as his party struggles to crack the code for converting resistance into victory.***

by Patricia Murphy



SANDY SPRINGS, Georgia—After \$50 million and a congressional contest bigger than some presidential primaries, the special election in [Georgia](#)'s 6th District to replace Rep. Tom Price

ended up where it began, with the House seat [still in Republican hands](#) and national Democrats still [looking for a way to turn the resistance to Donald Trump into a victory at the polls](#).

With 81 percent reporting, former Secretary of State Karen Handel defeated Democrat Jon Ossoff 52.5 percent to 47.5 percent.

From the moment Price announced he was leaving the seat to become President [Donald Trump](#)'s secretary of health and human services, the race to replace him was a highly nationalized, money-soaked brawl—a referendum, especially for [Democrats](#), on the president in an affluent suburban Atlanta district he'd barely won in November.

After Rep. [John Lewis](#) (D-GA) endorsed Ossoff, then a 29-year-old unknown Democrat who lived just outside the district, liberal activists from across the country flooded Ossoff's campaign war chest, blowing it up into a \$23 million mega-campaign in five months. Within weeks, he rocketed to the front of the field in the [Republican](#)-packed 17-way jungle primary in April.

When Ossoff came up less than 2 points short of the 50 percent threshold to win the primary outright in April, he went on to face off against Handel, a longtime fixture in local Republican politics. While Handel stuck to closed-door fundraisers, avoided national reporters, and held invitation-only GOP events, Ossoff knocked on doors, did Republican neighborhood meetings, and went to every meet-and-greet he could. His goal was to ask for every vote. Hers was to stick with what had been working for the last 40 years in the district: turning out reliable Republicans.

The Washington big guns joined in on both sides, with Speaker [Paul Ryan](#)'s PAC sending millions of dollars to give Handel TV air cover as Trump mean-tweeted and Comey-fired his way to one bad headline after another.

On the Democratic side, the combined efforts of the Ossoff campaign, the Democratic National Committee, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee help build a monster operation unprecedented in Georgia Democratic politics. By the end of the race, they had knocked on more than 500,000 doors, hired 100 staffers, recruited 12,000 active volunteers and spent more than \$11 million on ads on everything from the *Today* show to Korean newspapers and gospel stations.

But, and this is the part that will sting Democrats for a long time: It still wasn't enough.

In his concession speech, Ossoff told his supporters they had done much more than work on a campaign. "You have provided a beacon of hope, not just for people in Georgia, but for people around the world," he said, finishing. "The fight goes on. Hope is still alive."

When the full returns are counted, Republicans here will have to ask themselves why the race was so close in a community that Mitt Romney won by 23 percentage points in 2012, and also what Handel did right to keep her own fortunes separate and apart from Donald Trump's tweetstorms.

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## Red State

### Democrats Have Written a Hit Song Called "Moral Victories"

by Jay Caruso

Jon Ossoff lost to Karen Handel by a larger margin than Hillary Clinton lost to Donald Trump. That's a pretty stinging defeat for somebody that collected more money and significantly spent more money than his opponent. Democrats are assuaging their hurt feelings this morning with talk of Handel "barely" winning and that Democrat near-misses are a "trend" the GOP should worry over.

So the question many are asking is, *"Why did Jon Ossoff lose despite an unpopular president and a huge financial advantage?"*

The answer is pretty easy: Ossoff tried to position himself as the nice, bland Democrat who was the anti-Trump guy without ever mentioning Trump, and the district is reliably Republican.

I don't live in the 6th congressional district but next door in the 11th. However, I saw all the ads run by both campaigns. Ossoff's ads never mentioned health care or President Trump. The ads spoke of Ossoff's willingness to cut spending, eliminate waste, and re-negotiating federal cell phone contracts. The ads going after Handel never mentioned Trump or health care. Instead, they focused on her supposed lavish spending while the Secretary of State for the state of Georgia. One ad crowed about her expenditure on fancy office chairs. As if highlighting expensive tastes in the wealthiest district in Georgia matters and would get people running to the polls.

Still, as the inevitable became a reality and Handel was declared the winner, there were still people talking about the "moral victory" of having "come close" to winning the race. There are no moral victories in politics. Rudy Reuttiger making the Notre Dame roster for a game and running out on the field is a moral victory. Nobody is going to carry Ossoff off on their shoulders shouting about his "moral victory."

Many times I go back to this clip from the movie 'True Believer,' where James Woods' character talks about "fighting the good fight."

He's right. A good fight is one that you win. Joe Scarborough spoke about what kind of candidates Democrats need to win in the south, and he was spot on when he said they're not going to win if they are little versions of Nancy Pelosi. It is a cultural battle Democrats are not willing to engage. It means having candidates that support Democratic policies on taxation, spending, and trade but are pro-life and support a robust defense of the second amendment.

Unfortunately, too many people on the left think the reason Ossoff lost is due to him not being a raging leftist. There is no better example of that than Jill Filipovic who tweeted the following this morning:

I know, it's more convenient to blame the party for just not convincing people. But what kind of ppl vote for candidates like Handel, Trump?

— Jill Filipovic (@JillFilipovic) [June 21, 2017](#)

Some are even motivated by bigotry – it's the bigotry that speaks to them. There's no winning that if Dems keep their soul.

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Maybe instead of trying to convince hateful white people, Dems should convince our base – ppl of color, women – to turn out. Cater to them.

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Note her advocating candidate condescension by saying, “Cater to them.”

If Democrats continue to go this route, Republicans will keep winning, especially in the south. You see, contrary to what Filipovic thinks, Republican and conservative voters don't go to the polls with identity politics in their head. Filipovic doesn't even get the irony that Ossoff, the straight white male, *was defeated by a woman*.

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## HotAir

### [Finishing most expensive House race ever, Ossoff calls for campaign finance reform](#)

by Jazz Shaw

Ed Morrissey may be on vacation but he's still keeping his ear to the door of American politics. He popped up on Twitter this morning, searching for his dictionary [to look up the definition of "chutzpah."](#) The reason for his apparent confusion was a rather off-putting interview with Georgia-06 Democratic candidate Jon Ossoff [conducted by NPR's Rachel Martin](#). The subject of the massive, record-breaking amount of cash dumped into this race couldn't be avoided, so Martin asked Ossoff to weigh in. He did so, but his take on the subject rang a bit hollow to say the least. (Emphasis added)

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**MARTIN:** How do you feel about the money that's been spent on this campaign? The Atlanta Journal Constitution published a calculation that said you and your opponent have spent or reserved over \$40 million for TV and radio ads. Does that disturb you? What does it say about our political culture?

**OSSOFF:** *The role of money in politics is a major problem and particularly the role of unchecked anonymous money.* There have been super PACs in Washington who have been putting up tens of millions of dollars of attack ads in air for months now. When you have that kind of an environment, it's necessary to raise the resources to fight back. I'm proud of the fact that my campaign has raised that money in small-dollar contributions, on average less than \$50.

**MARTIN:** Although, it was your party that started the big spending. The Atlanta Journal Constitution also found your campaign and groups supporting it spent about \$2 million more in ad spending than Handel during the runoff.

**OSSOFF:** Well, *the overwhelming majority of money spent supporting my opponent has come from super PACs in Washington.* And the overwhelming amount of money that's been spent supporting my candidacy has come from small-dollar donors. ***But there's no question that money in politics is a major problem, which is one of the reasons that we need campaign finance reform*** so that candidates and campaigns will spend more time talking to voters and discussing the issues and less time raising money.

Um... Jon? A word if you have a moment?

See, that sort of tactic used to be quite popular and it very likely worked for any number of politicians in the 70s and even the 80s. But you do realize that since that time we've gotten this newfangled technology called "the internet" right? It's just this thing, you see... [sort of like a series of tubes](#). And it allows us to look up not only things you've said in the past, but all sorts of verifiable facts which have been reported.

For example, by the end of May, your opponent, Congresswoman-elect Handel, [had spent](#) \$3.2M. You, Jon, on the other hand, had spent \$22.5M. And then there's all of that big "out of state PAC" money which Handel was getting. Of the roughly \$13M she managed to take in, it was lumped into the category of "*super PAC and party committee cash.*" Sure, there was some PAC activity on her side just like yours, but NBC reports that the significant majority came from only two sources... *the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Congressional Leadership Fund.* These aren't exactly nameless, faceless non-profits popping up in some warehouse owned by George Soros.

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## American Thinker

### How'd that referendum on Trump work out?

by Monica Showalter

The special election in the 6th District of Georgia was universally billed "[a high-stakes referendum on Trump](#)" in all the much hyped build-up coming from the left and its media allies. Not a local election, not a fluke election. A moment-of-truth Referendum on Trump.

After all, weren't President Trump's poll numbers down? Didn't the "resistance" put on a mega-protest show and continue its tantrum in all the days-of-rage riots on college campuses? Wasn't President Trump engulfed in scandal for colluding with the Russians to win the 2016 election that was rightfully Hillary Clinton's? Weren't the leftists whispering: "President Pence"?

Rubbing their mousy hands together with glee, it's pretty clear that leftists thought they had a certain victory in the bag with that "narrative," along with a perfect post-election analysis, no matter what the Georgia voters thought about it.

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So it was a referendum on Trump? Maybe so. Lookee here: what were the locals saying when Karen Handel won the special election last night? From the [Atlanta Journal Constitution](#):

Handel thanked President Donald Trump and other prominent Republicans who [supported](#) her in the nationally watched runoff, leading to cheers of "Trump, Trump, Trump" from the crowd at the Hyatt Regency in Dunwoody.

Trump! Trump! Trump! Guess it really was a referendum, but not with the "narrative" Ben Rhodes and all his fellow Democratic Party coevals and media toadies thought it would be. Apparently, hating Trump is not sufficient to win elections these days.

The reality it shows is that Georgia voters and Americans in general are tired as heck of the left's kitchen-sink Energizer Bunny-style efforts to delegitimize President Trump – whether through tantrums, thuggery, lawsuits, special prosecutors, fake news, gobs and gobs of campaign cash, or "any means necessary."

Handel wasn't always riding high in the polls, but when it came down to brass tacks and the coinciding news was in all the disgusting efforts to stop President Trump and the agenda the people elected him to accomplish back in Washington, Handel's numbers crossed the victory threshold.

Democrats, of course, are horrified, though some are trying to put the best possible face on it, and others are vowing to double down on extremism. To take two examples spotted on Twitter:

Dont lost your mind over GA-06. We have healthcare to fight for right now and 94 R held seats more favorable to Ds <https://t.co/h2AoYt8j6m>

— Jen Psaki (@jrpsaki) [June 21, 2017](#)

There'll be Democrats who feel as tho they lost b/c moderating message. □ They'll want to go militant progressive for 2018. □ They will be wrong <pic.twitter.com/LWI7406X5Z>

— SalenaZito (@SalenaZito) [June 21, 2017](#)

What they won't do is take an honest look at themselves and why voters chose Trump.

There are two things to observe about this.

One is an observation from Peggy Noonan, who pointed out [a few months ago](#) that Trump's support isn't likely to tank or fade for the simple reason that voters took a long time to make up their mind on whether to support Trump. Making that mental "investment," they weren't about to scrap it over something small or stupid.

The other thing is that Democrats have yet to confront the problem as to why they are losing elections. The big reason is that they have [swung hard left](#) on every single issue they once had moderates on – immigration, government spending, health care, law and order, terrorism. In every single instance, it's a stance that benefits some special interest group and leaves the average voter with the bill.

What's more, it's a creepy kind of left-wingery – one that benefits corporate interests at the expense of Main Street. Whenever some big-spending, freedom-ending intrusive Democrat program is rolled out "for the children," you can bet there is a plethora of corporate hipster crony capitalists slaving in the rafters over all the new contracts to come. The backwash is massive speaking fees these corporate beneficiaries shovel out to Democrats once the programs are enacted. This is not the party of the little guy.

And it's an inflexible, brittle stance as well. Like Obama, the left finds it impossible change course when it goes too far. It just keeps digging deeper and deeper into its left-wing party line, intensifying it and thrilling its special interest activists and Sorosian NGOs determined to "make a difference."

Voters can see that – and yet at election time, the Democrats don't run one of these new-style extremists emblematic of who they now are. Such extremism is reserved for leftist representatives in safe and longtime seats such as Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.). The Democrats run what they claim is a "moderate," figuring that voters won't notice how far the party has shifted left. Figuring that the youth gambit would work in the States as it did in France and Canada, they ran a candidate who tried to capitalize on his youthfulness – in this case, the

30-year-old documentary filmmaker named Jon Ossoff, who didn't even live in the district he purported to represent. He just said he hated Trump – and proposed a raft of tax hikes to prove he was a business-as-usual Democrat, not a new-style street extremist or Sorosian crony.

It doesn't work.

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## **Ricochet**

### **[As Scalise Leaves Intensive Care, Democrats Leave Civility Far Behind](#)**

by Jon Gabriel

First, the good news: Rep. Steve Scalise has been released from the intensive care unit. MedStar Washington Hospital Center stated that “Scalise’s continued good progress allowed him to be transferred out” and that he “remains in fair condition as he continues an extended period of healing and rehabilitation.”

Scalise was sent to the ICU by a crazed Bernie Sanders volunteer with a long history of angry social media posts against congressional Republicans and President Trump. A list of several GOP lawmakers was found on his body after Capitol Police took him down. His goal was to overturn the results of free and fair elections with the barrel of a gun.

Obviously, rhetoric didn't pull the trigger on that Alexandria baseball practice last week, and we can't hold liberal politicians and celebrities directly accountable for the actions of a violent, unbalanced man. Free speech in politics often tends toward the hyperbolic yet it is, and should remain, fully protected under the First Amendment. But after the shooting, many Democrats paused their efforts to undermine that right and called instead for civility on a voluntary basis.

To be honest, I'm surprised it (sort of) lasted a week.

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DC Democrats aren't the only ones insisting that Republicans are murderers.

Nebraska Democratic Party official Phil Montag was fired after audio surfaced in which he said of Scalise, "His whole job is to get people, convince Republicans to [expletive] kick people off [expletive] health care." [Montag added](#), "I'm glad he got shot. I wish he was [expletive] dead."

Celebrities, too, were quick to join the pile on. In a rambling speech at UK's Glastonbury Festival, Johnny Depp brought up Trump and asked, "When was the last time an actor assassinated a President?" As the crowd cheered its approval, he continued. "I want to qualify, I am not an actor. I lie for a living. However, it has been a while and maybe it is time," [Depp said](#).

Democrats want it both ways and, considering the media's left-wing views, they usually get it. But it's impossible for voters to believe their "love trumps hate" slogans when hate is nearly all they offer.

## **NY Post**

### **[Democrats can learn from spending \\$30M on a House race — and losing](#)**

by John Podhoretz

Before we go overboard analyzing the meaning of the [narrow special-election victory of a Republican in a Republican district](#), we should remember how it came to be that a Democrat named Jon Ossoff managed to raise and spend more than \$30 million in this House race — the most expensive such race in history by a very large margin — only to lose it.

Democrats enraged and emboldened by the Trump victory in November came out of the gate hard and fast against the incoming regime. They organized gigantic protests and rallies and succeeded in trumping Trump's inaugural weekend with an awe-inspiring 3 million-person turnout nationwide for the so-called "women's march."

And when the president nominated Rep. Tom Price to be his secretary of health and human services, the table was set for an epic effort to show these stunning protests could have stunning real-world results.

Price, a congressman from Georgia, represented a largely affluent suburban district outside Atlanta that Trump had only won by 1.5 percentage points after Mitt Romney had taken it by 24 (and Price by 23.4). The district clearly had problems with Trump personally and that disaffection seemed like potentially fertile ground.

Democrats and liberals were frantic about doing something positive, something meaningful, something powerful after the November wound, and word whipped around the country that there was a winnable fight in a Georgia special election with a primary election on April 18.

No one quite anticipated the desperate enthusiasm that would follow as Ossoff entered the fray. The no-name Democrat who'd challenged Price in 2016 had raised and spent less than \$1,000. The Daily Kos, the leftist website that pioneered grassroots internet political fundraising, generated \$1 million for Ossoff in a matter of weeks.

Ossoff raised nearly \$9 million by election day in April. No one had ever seen anything like it. The need was pressing; if Ossoff could get 50.001 percent of the vote that night, he'd immediately go to Congress as the district's representative. If he fell short but still led, [he'd face a June runoff](#).

In the end, he got 48.6 percent and the effort to hand Trump a defeat and serve as the vanguard of an anti-GOP wave had to be extended to June. His closest rival, Karen Handel, only got 20 percent.

And at this point, the fundraising accelerated. Over the next two months, Ossoff raised another \$15 million. Ninety-eight percent of the money he raised came from outside the district. (So did Ossoff; he doesn't live there and couldn't even vote for himself.) The GOP money machine kicked in too, with outside spending on Handel's behalf bashing Ossoff.

All that money, \$55 million on a single House race, and it was the political equivalent of World War I trench warfare. It's likely every penny after the original election was wasted, as Ossoff ended up a point lower than he was on April 18 while Handel scooped up every non-Ossoff vote and finished with a very comfortable margin.

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**Power Line**  
**Why Ossoff Lost**  
by John Hinderaker

Via [InstaPundit](#), Christina Sommers explains GA-6 in a single retweet.

**Christina Sommers** Following  
@CHSommers

**A failed campaign captured in a single tweet**  
**#GA06**

**rose mcgowan** @rosemcgowan · Apr 4  
Raised money for @ossoff (D) GA 6 while eating amazing custom cupcakes from #polkatots & sipping great wine from #consensiwine #flipthe6th

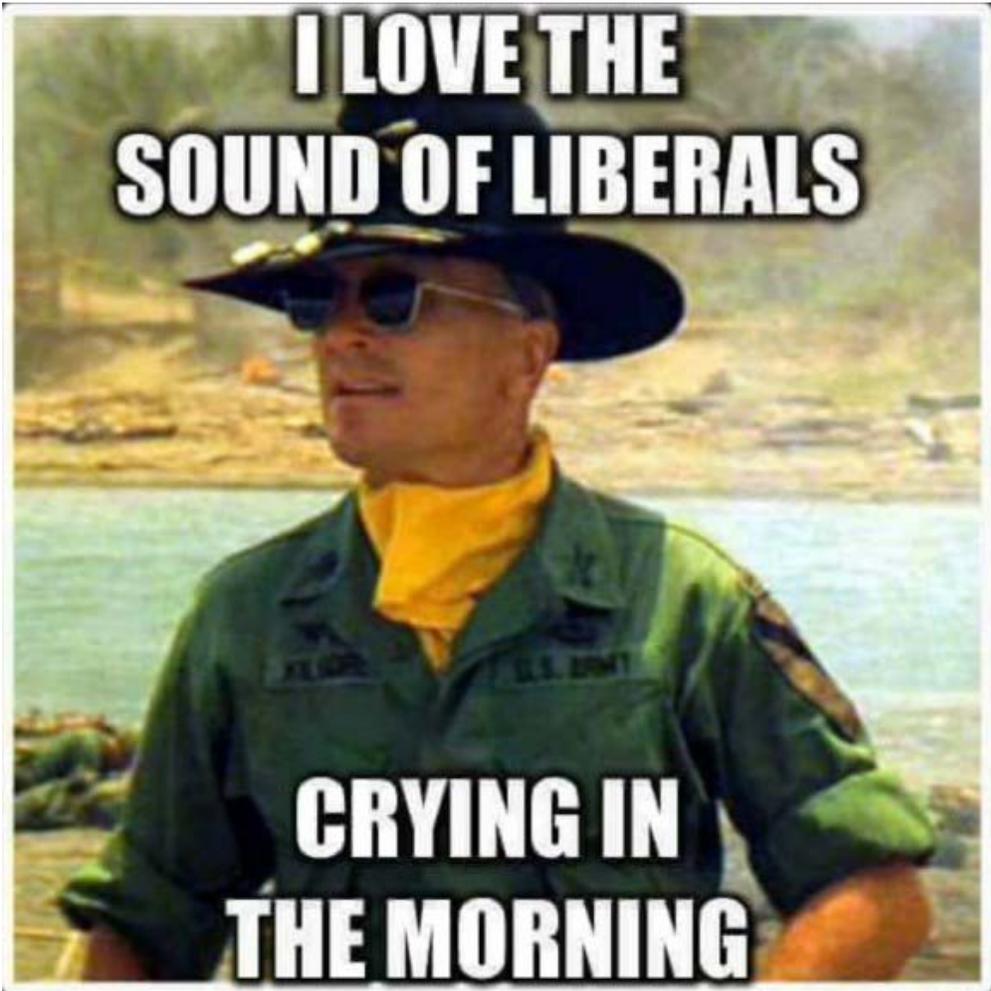
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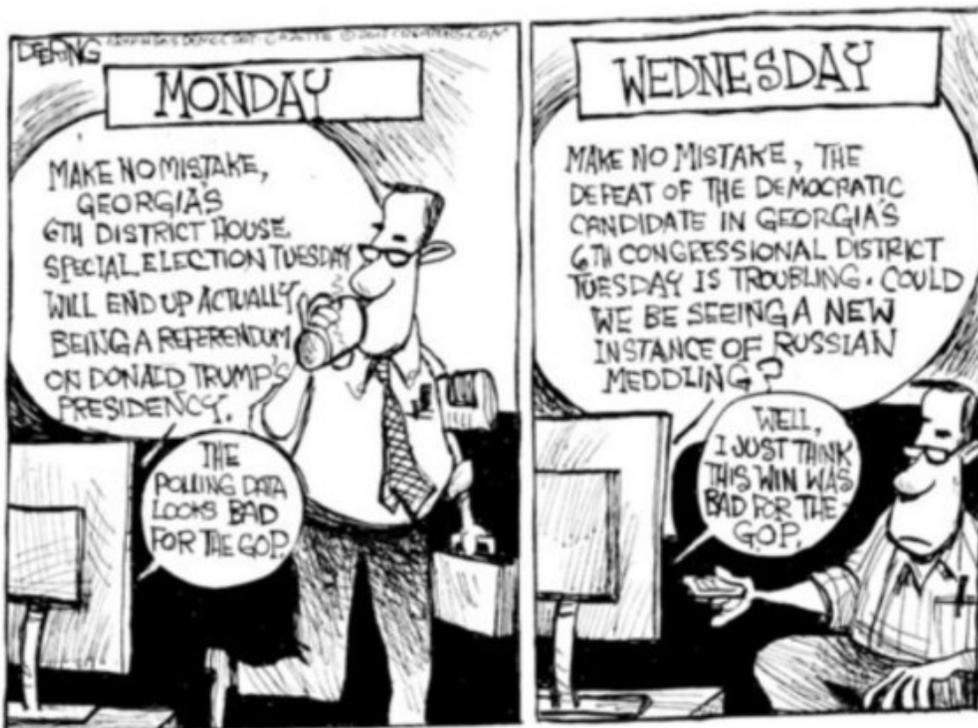
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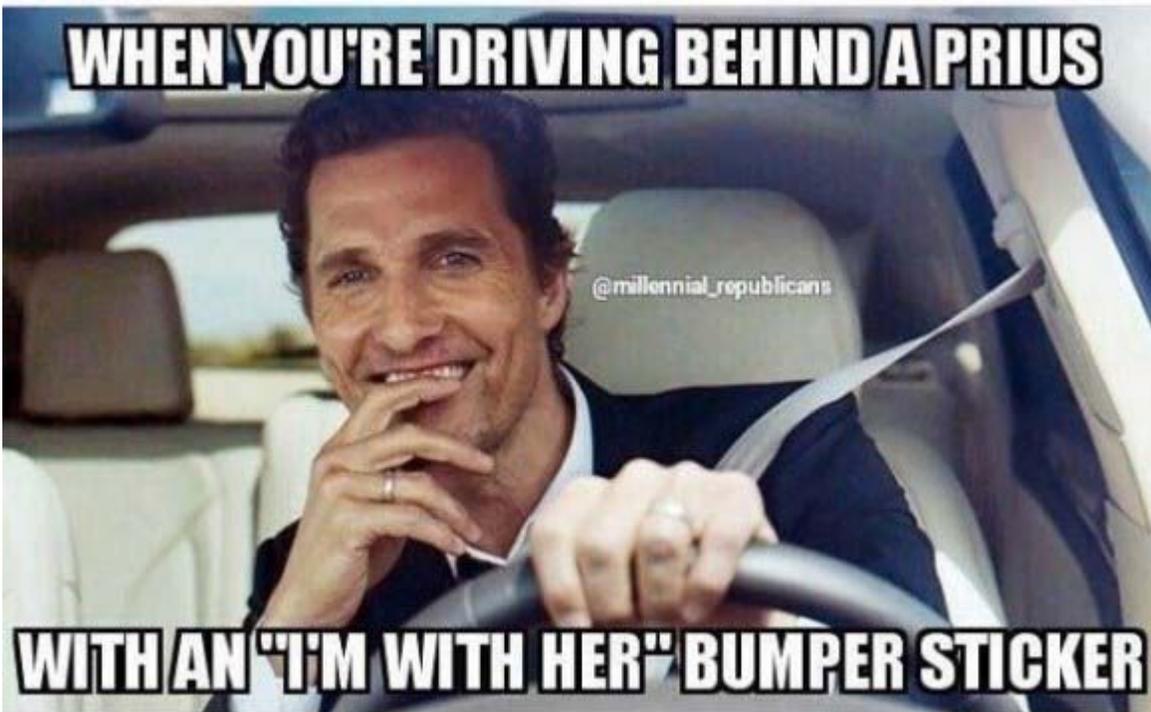


**BUT I SEE THE AMOUNT OF  
SPECIAL ELECTIONS THE  
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**QUIET, KIDS..**



**WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING BEHIND A PRIUS**



**WITH AN "I'M WITH HER" BUMPER STICKER**

