THE BG TOP 3

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#1 DEMOCRATS WIN IN BLUE WAVE ELECTION

Democrats secured majorities in both the House and Senate for the 120th Congress in a wave election that flipped seven Republican seats in the Senate and forty-three seats in the House. Even more surprising than the number of Democratic victories were the margins of those victories -- many of which were double-digit. A large number of Republicans who were not even on the radar for potential risk in their re-elections or won by a very small margin. This will dynamically change the legislative landscape, although Democrats will still need the support of some Senate Republicans and the President to advance legislation (outside of budget reconciliation).

> **"This is a change election. And we understand as House Democrats, we need to deliver dramatic change. Things are broken. We need a Congress that puts the American people first."**
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> **- Minority Leader Jeffries (D-NY)**

#2 LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR CASE

With congressional leadership races scheduled for next week, candidates are sending letters to their colleagues outlining their priorities as they declare their candidacy for various leadership positions. Democratic leadership is largely in place. Republicans are in the process of dissecting the election and weighing their directional path. House Republican leaders will largely focus on messaging given the significant vote advantage Democrats hold. Senate Republicans will need to navigate the complexities of leveraging votes in the minority and keeping the entire "team" together. Sen. Johnson (R-WI) is working on an effort to delay the Senate Republican leadership vote to allow for more time to discuss things internally.

> **"We have no business holding Senate Republican leadership elections until: (1) we've had ample opportunity to discuss what happened on Tuesday, and (2) we know who's going to be in our conference."**
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> **- Senator Lee Johnson (R-UT)**

#3 STEPHEN MILLER NAMED CHIEF OF STAFF

In the first big post-election White House personell move, President Trump named Stephen Miller as the new White House Chief of Staff as Susie Wiles heads to the Trump political organization. Stephen Miller has been Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and is a regular on the news circuit.

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