

ELECTION 2022

RESULTS ACCEPTED

Key 2020 election deniers concede midterm defeats

Still, experts say we're not 'out of the woods yet'

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Voters in several battleground states have rebuked state-level candidates who echoed former president Donald Trump's claim that the 2020 presidential race was rigged, keeping election deniers from positions with power over the certification of future presidential election results.

But dozens of other candidates who denied or questioned the legitimacy of the 2020 vote are projected to win seats in Congress. At least 180 Republican election deniers running for the US House had won their races as of Wednesday afternoon, ticking past the 139 House Republicans who objected to the counting of electoral votes on Jan. 6, 2021, according to The New York Times.

And while Democrats are projected to prevail in gubernatorial contests in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, several high-profile races remained too close to call on Wednesday — notably in Arizona, where Republican firebrand Kari Lake has made denying the 2020 election results a central theme in her campaign for governor.

"Just like yesterday I wasn't prepared to say that democracy was dead, I'm not prepared to say this morning that the threat from election denialism is completely vanquished," said Edward B. Foley, a law professor at Ohio State University who studies US elections. "I don't think we are out of the woods yet by any means."

The mixed picture for election deniers emerged Wednesday after an Election Day that largely went smoothly, with what experts described as normal hiccups but no systemic problems or violence. Threats of raucous protests and partisan challengers intent on interfer-



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Republican Kari Lake has made denying the 2020 election results a key part of her campaign for governor of Arizona.

ing with the process had not materialized, they said. They cautioned that the process will continue for days and could turn tense in close contests.

Suzanne Almeida, director of state operations for Common Cause, said late Tuesday that monitors were relieved by how quiet the day had been.

"I am happy to report that today has been relatively quiet on the political violence front," she told reporters late Tuesday. "We were absolutely prepared for more significant incidents, but they simply have not come to fruition."

That relative calm extended early Wednesday to the post-election democratic ritual of claiming victory and offering concessions.

Two years after Trump prematurely declared he had won a second term and claimed widespread election fraud, Republican candidates he endorsed took a different tack, urging their supporters to be patient until the results were clear.

In Arizona, Lake on Tuesday assailed the "cheaters and crooks" she said were in charge of running elections and predicted she would win, but stopped short of declaring she had.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Lake was barely trailing her Democratic rival for governor,

Katie Hobbs, with an estimated 67 percent of votes counted.

In Michigan, less than 20 minutes after Fox News called the race for her opponent, Republican gubernatorial candidate Tudor Dixon took the stage in a Grand Rapids hotel late Tuesday to declare that the race isn't over. Earlier in the race, she had refused to commit to accepting the results of the election. But on Wednesday morning, Dixon conceded.

"I called Governor Whitmer this morning to concede and wish her well," Dixon said in a statement e-mailed by her campaign. Dixon thanked her supporters and volunteers, saying, "we came up short, but we will never stop fighting for our families."

Democratic Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said she choked up with relief when Dixon conceded — not because Dixon lost, but because she endorsed the democratic norm of acknowledging election results.

Other election deniers also conceded their races after media organizations projected they would lose, even as some votes remained uncounted. Only Doug Mastriano, the Republican nominee for governor of Pennsylvania who lost to Democrat Josh Shapiro, has yet to concede.

UNEXPECTED RESULT

GOP results suggest a cost to being backed by Trump

By Aaron Blake
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Donald Trump has made no secret in recent days that, even as Republicans were aiming for takeovers of both the House and Senate, he was utterly preoccupied with his own political fate.

While ostensibly campaigning for fellow Republicans, he has repeatedly prioritized teasing his own potentially imminent presidential campaign, and sought to begin the intraparty maneuvering that comes with that — most notably by going after his erstwhile ally Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

He could scarcely have picked a worse time. Election Day 2022 is looking like a growing disaster for Trump. The question is whether anyone in the party summons the courage it has lacked to actually call that out and course-correct.

We'll never know for sure — and the results are still coming in — but it's quite possible that Trump cost the GOP the Senate majority, two elections in a row.

Similar to recent days, Trump two years ago was focused on himself during the runoffs in Georgia — specifically, with a far-flung attempt to overturn his reelection loss. While he perhaps views those baseless claims as legitimate, even Trump himself acknowledged last year that Georgia Republicans didn't want to vote because they didn't trust the process.

Today, consider his favored candidates, who'd won primaries in each of the four key Senate tossups: At least three of the four



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Donald Trump backed Dr. Mehmet Oz, who lost in Pennsylvania.

carried significant image problems into the general election, in potentially decisive ways.

One of them lost what had appeared to be a very winnable race Tuesday: Pennsylvania's Mehmet Oz, who likely would've lost his narrow primary without Trump's help. Now the GOP depends on both Blake Masters in Arizona and Herschel Walker in Georgia — both candidates brought significant baggage, in different ways, and whose images have lagged their Democratic opponents.

Current data suggest Democrats are slight favorites in the outstanding races in Arizona and Nevada, where heavy mail voting leads to a slow count. Georgia, meanwhile, is headed for another runoff on Dec. 6, according to Gabriel Sterling of the Georgia secretary of state's office.

If Democrats can win both Arizona and Nevada, Democrats wouldn't even need Georgia for the majority. If they win one of them and Georgia goes to a runoff, the majority would come down to the prolonged and high-

ly flawed candidacy of Walker, who has faced a series of ugly allegations in his family life even beyond the women who say the anti-abortion-rights hard-liner urged them to abort their pregnancies with him.

On top of these unpopular Senate candidates, other results tell a similar tale. To wit:

Trump endorsed extreme Republican governor candidates Tudor Dixon in Michigan and Doug Mastriano in Pennsylvania. Both helped cost the GOP winnable swing-state governorships, with both Dixon and Mastriano losing — Mastriano by double digits — in states the GOP should rightly have been competing for in a midterm that almost always favors the party that doesn't hold the White House. Republican Tim Michels also lost in Wisconsin by a wider-than-anticipated four points.

His primary-endorsed candidates also lost winnable races against Representatives Chris Pappas, Democrat of New Hampshire, and Marcy Kaptur, Democrat of Ohio, as well as a pretty pure swing district in North Carolina. Kaptur's opponent, in particular, appeared to win Trump over thanks in large part to the mere gesture of painting a Trump banner on his lawn for all to see.

Trump loyalist and GOP pro-vocateur Representative Lauren Boebert, Republican of Colorado, found herself in perhaps the nation's most surprisingly competitive race. She trailed her Democratic opponent for much of the night despite coming from a district Trump won in 2020 by more than eight points.



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Best in Class Sauvignon Blanc:
Paddy Borthwick Sauvignon Blanc 2022, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ

Best in Class Albariño:
Brecon Estate True Acacia Head Albariño 2021, Central Coast, CA

Best in Class White Blends:
Brecon Estate Last Sandwich Albariño 2021, Central Coast, CA

Best in Class Riesling:
Anchor & Hope Winery Riesling 2020, Rheinhessen, Germany

Best in Class Chardonnay:
Trois Noix Chardonnay 2020, Muir Hanna Vineyard, Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley, CA

Best in Class Rosé:
King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir 2021, Willamette Valley, OR

Best in Class Grenache:
WineSmith Grenache 2017, Bates Ranch, Santa Cruz Mountains, CA

Best in Class Pinot Noir:
Château de Pommard Clos Marey-Monge Monopole Pinot Noir 2021, Pommard, FR

Best in Class Merlot:
Merriam Vineyards Merlot 2019, Russian River Valley, CA

Best in Class Cabernet Sauvignon (Tie):
Poggi Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Napa Valley, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Le Bon Bon Cabernet 2018, Oakville, CA

Best in Class Sangiovese:
Fallbrook Winery 33N Sangiovese 2019, South Coast, CA

Best in Class Barbera:
RISK Barbara 2019, Amador County, CA

Best in Class Zinfandel:
Wellington Cellars Estate Old Vine Zinfandel 2018, Sonoma Valley, CA

Best in Class Primitivo:
VJB Cellars Primitivo 2018, Sonoma Valley, CA

Best in Class Malbec:
Ragtag Wine Co. Malbec 2018, Paso Robles, CA

Best in Class Tempranillo:
Fallbrook Winery 33N Tempranillo 2019, South Coast, CA

Best in Class Red Blends (Tie):
Auburn James Artist Series Bordeaux Blend 2017, Napa Valley, CA
Artiste Winery The Bouquet Red Blend 2022, Santa Barbara County, CA

Best in Class Petit Verdot:
Rolling Hills Vineyard Petit Verdot 2019, Snake River Valley, ID

Best in Class Syrah/Shiraz:
Meyer Family Cellars High Ground Syrah 2018, Yorkville Highlands, CA

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PLATINUM

Alexander Valley Vineyards CYRUS 2016, Alexander Valley, CA
Anchor & Hope Winery Riesling 2020, Rheinhessen, Germany
Artiste Winery Lili's Dance Red Blend 2022, Santa Barbara County, CA
Artiste Winery The Bouquet Red Blend 2022, Santa Barbara County, CA
Auburn James "1001" Napa Valley Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Rutherford, CA

Auburn James Artist Series Bordeaux Blend 2017, Napa Valley, CA
Brecon Estate Albariño 2021, Central Coast, CA
Brecon Estate Feral Underclass Reserve 2020, Adelaida District, CA
Brecon Estate Last Sandwich Albariño 2021, Central Coast, CA
Brecon Estate Meritage 2019, Adelaida District, CA
Brecon Estate Reserve Petite Sirah 2020, Adelaida District, CA
Brecon Estate True Acacia Head Albariño 2021, Central Coast, CA
Château de Pommard Clos Marey-Monge Monopole Pinot Noir 2021, Pommard, FR
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Gloria Ferrer Royal Cuvee 2014, Carneros, Sonoma, CA
Iris Vineyards Pinot Gris 2021, Willamette Valley, OR
King Estate Rose of Pinot Noir 2021, Willamette Valley, OR
King Estate Brut Cuvee 2018, Willamette Valley, OR
McKahn Family Cellars Syrah 2019, Los Carneros, Napa Valley, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Bonny's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Oakville, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Fluffy Billows Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Oakville, CA
Meyer Family Cellars High Ground Syrah 2018, Yorkville Highlands, CA
Meyer Family Cellars High Ground Syrah Winemaker's Reserve 2019, Yorkville Highlands, CA

Meyer Family Cellars Le Bon Bon Cabernet 2017, Oakville, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Le Bon Bon Cabernet 2018, Oakville, CA
Paddy Borthwick Left Hand Pinot Noir 2020, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ
Paddy Borthwick Sauvignon Blanc 2022, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ
Poggi Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Napa Valley, CA
Poggi Twin Palms Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Napa Valley, CA
RISK Barbara 2019, Amador County, CA
Rolling Hills Vineyard Petit Verdot 2019, Snake River Valley, ID
Rolling Hills Vineyard Rose 2021, Snake River Valley, ID
VJB Cellars Dante Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Sonoma Valley, CA
VJB Cellars Primitivo 2018, Sonoma Valley, CA
VJB Cellars Rosso Family Blend 2020, Sonoma Valley, CA

GOLD

Alexander Valley Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon (organic) 2018, Alexander Valley, CA
Alexander Valley Vineyards Homestead Red Blend 2020, Alexander Valley, CA
Anchor & Hope Winery Pinot Gris 2021, Rheinhessen, Germany
Ancient Peaks Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2020, Paso Robles, CA
Ancient Peaks Winery Renegade 2019, Paso Robles, CA
Artiste Winery Peace For Us Red Blend 2022, Santa Barbara County, CA
Backstage Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Backstage Vineyard, Napa Valley, CA
Bellview Winery Estate Grown Chambourcin 2019, Outer Coastal Plain, NJ
Bellview Winery Estate Grown Solavita NV, Outer Coastal Plain, NJ
Brecon Estate Mourvedre 2020, Adelaida District, CA
Brecon Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Adelaida District, CA
Cahuna Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Lodi, CA
Domaine Warty Chateau Les Cedres 2016, Bequa Valley, Lebanon
Domaine Warty Sauvignon Blanc 2020, Bequa Valley, Lebanon
Drawbridge Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Napa, CA
Fallbrook Winery 33N Sangiovese 2019, South Coast, CA
Fallbrook Winery 33N Tempranillo 2019, South Coast, CA
Fowler Wine Silverado Cabernet Sauvignon 2020, American

Gloria Ferrer Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay NV, Carneros, Sonoma, CA
Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvee 2012, Carneros, Sonoma, CA
Highway 12 Winery Sonoma Red Blend 2020, Sonoma County, CA
Hocking Hills Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2021, American
Iris Vineyards Brut NV, Willamette Valley, OR
Iris Vineyards House Call Red Blend 2021, OR

JOLO Winery & Vineyards Golden Hallows Reserve White Blend 2021, NC
JOLO Winery & Vineyards Golden Hallows White Blend 2021, NC
JOLO Winery & Vineyards Muddy Paws Port Style Dessert Wine NV, NC
JOLO Winery & Vineyards Pink Rose 2021, NC
King Estate Brut Cuvee 2018, Willamette Valley, OR
King Estate Domaine Pinot Noir 2018, Willamette Valley, OR
McKahn Family Cellars Morning Glass Red 2019, Sonoma County, CA
Merriam Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards Diana's Vineyard Pinot Noir 2019, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards Merlot 2019, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards Pinot Noir 2020, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards Rose of Pinot Noir 2021, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards SNED Red Blend 2019, Russian River Valley, CA
Merriam Vineyards Windacre Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Russian River Valley, CA

Merriam Vineyards Windacre Vineyard Merlot 2018, Russian River Valley, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Syrah 2018, Yorkville Highlands, CA
Meyer Family Cellars Syrah 2019, Yorkville Highlands, CA
Milbrandt Family Grown Cabernet Sauvignon 2019, Columbia Valley, WA
Milbrandt Family Grown Pinot Grigio 2021, Columbia Valley, WA
Monte De Oro Syrah 2018, Temecula Valley, CA
Monte De Oro Zinfandel 2017, Temecula Valley, CA
Paddy Borthwick Paper Road CPR 2021, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ
Paddy Borthwick Pinot Noir 2020, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ
Paddy Borthwick Right Hand Pinot Noir 2020, Gladstone, Wairarapa, NZ
Peltier Winery Chardonnay 2021, Lodi, CA
Peltier Winery Hybrid Pinot Grigio 2021, Lodi, CA
Peltier Winery Rose of Pinot Noir 2021, Lodi, CA
Peltier Winery Sauvignon Blanc 2020, Lodi, CA
Potter Settlement Artisan Vineyard Portage 2020, Ontario, Canada
Ragtag Wine Co. Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Paso Robles, CA
Ragtag Wine Co. Malbec 2018, Paso Robles, CA
Ragtag Wine Co. Meritage 2017, Paso Robles, CA
Ragtag Wine Co. Pinot 2018, Edna Valley, CA
Ragtag Wine Co. Syrah 2018, SLO Coast, CA
Twisted Cedar Malbec 2020, Lodi, CA

Rolling Hills Vineyard Cabernet Franc 2019, Snake River Valley, ID
Rolling Hills Vineyard Unsoaked Chardonnay 2021, Snake River Valley, ID
Te Awanga Estate Wildsong Sauvignon Blanc 2022, Hawke's Bay, NZ
Te Awanga Estate Wildsong Sauvignon Blanc 2022, Hawke's Bay, NZ
Theopolis Vineyards Cortada Alta Vineyard Pinot Noir 2021, Santa Lucia Highlands, CA
Theopolis Vineyards Estate Grown Petite Sirah 2020, Yorkville Highlands, CA
Theopolis Vineyards Pinot Noir 2021, Yorkville Highlands, CA
Theopolis Vineyards Theopolis's Cuvee Coris 2021, CA
Trecini Winery Barolo 2018, DOCG, D'AUBA ROASSO, Italy
Trecini Winery Merlot 2019, Russian River, CA
Trecini Winery Vermentino 2020, DOCG, Sardinia, Italy
Trois Noix Noisetite Cuvee 2018, Napa Valley, CA
Trujillo Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, St. Helena, CA
Trujillo Gary Morisoli Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Rutherford, CA
Twisted Cedar Malbec 2020, Lodi, CA
VJB Cellars Estate Aglianico 2018, Sonoma Valley, CA
VJB Cellars Estate Montepulciano 2019, Sonoma Valley, CA
Wellington Cellars Estate Old Vine Zinfandel 2018, Sonoma Valley, CA
WineSmith Grenache 2017, Bates Ranch, Santa Cruz Mountains, CA
WineSmith Tempranillo 2019, Tejada Vineyard, Lake County, CA

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