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We need to ask America to adopt a new kind of patriotism, a patriotism about something more than just war

~ John Edwards

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Senate Results Are Harshest Rebuke to Bush

Jane Hamsher says it best at [Firedoglake](#) this morning as she weighs in with this gem: "The most powerful woman in US history. Two words guaranteed to reduce any wingnut to a puddle of piss — Speaker Pelosi."

As *MSNBC's* Chris Matthews might say, "Ha!"

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has a nice ring to it as well.

And while the stunning Democratic takeover of the House of Representatives is absolutely huge, the biggest repudiation of George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Karl Rove and their whole corrupt, sick agenda, is what will be a glorious 51-49 Democratic majority in the United States Senate.

Simply looking at nominations made by the executive branch illustrates the enormity of the filtering mechanism that the Senate is *suppose* to represent and how things will change now that Congress's upper chamber will no longer simply take everything coming out of the White House and allow it to pass like a hot knife through butter.

The incredibly ill-advised appointment of John Bolton to be America's chief diplomat at the United Nations would have been killed quickly with a Democratic majority, instead of being [blocked by filibuster](#), which ultimately led to Bush defying Congress and installing Bolton in a [recess appointment](#).

On the U.S. Supreme Court, Senior Associate Justice John Paul Stevens is 86 years old, raising the likelihood that Bush – assuming he is not impeached -- would be in the position of appointing yet another ultraconservative judge to replace the liberal-leaning Stevens. How's *that* for a thought to make you lose your lunch?

With Democrats controlling the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) and the progress of any Supreme Court nominee to the floor of the Senate, and 51 Democrats awaiting any



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Bush pick if he or she should reach a full vote, Bush will be neutered in any attempt to push the high court even farther to the right. This also applies to federal judges, which receive a fraction as much attention as a Supreme Court nominee but also directly impact the quality and character of the American legal system.

Democrats will also control committees, which shines a huge spotlight on the [Senate Intelligence Committee](#) in particular which, with the exception of Democratic stalwart Russ Feingold (D-WI) raising hell on a regular basis, has spent the majority of the last two years asleep at the switch and turning a blind eye to Bush and Cheney doing Constitution-busting things like spying on Americans without required warrants.

With sleepy Pat Roberts (R-KS) at the helm, the Intelligence Committee has decided that an overwhelming body of evidence that Americans were lied into the Iraq war wasn't worth even talking about and that taking seriously the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission might interfere with the committee members' daily golf date at the Neocon Country Club.

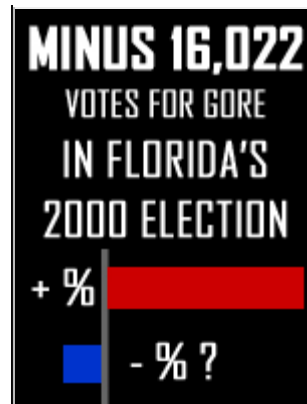
With Democratic wins by Jim Webb and Jon Tester in Virginia and Montana, respectively – and watch for the GOP election-stealing mechanism to kick into high gear on *those* victories – the Senate can awaken from its long Republican slumber and actually begin paying attention to the nonsense coming out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Wow. [Advice and consent](#). [Oversight](#). How are *those* for some wild concepts?

Update: It has just been announced that, with the writing freshly-written on the wall, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is resigning. Which means the person nominated to replace Rumsfeld will have to go through... a Democratic Senate.

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Since war began:	2837	2323
Total Wounded:	21077	

Cost of the War in Iraq

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Here's the amount of time that has passed since President Bush said he would get Osama bin Laden [dead or alive](#):

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On MSNBC, O'Donnell
let conservative guests
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Bush Demanded of Gore and Get Out of the Way. The Voters Have Elected a Democratic Senate. The GOP Shouldn't Act Like a Loserman. (Check Out the Final Senate Votes Here.) The Dems Should Announce a Transition Team to Plan for Dem Control of the Senate.

- The **BuzzFlash Mailbag** -- Uncensored and Unvarnished Truth from BuzzFlash Readers.
- Democrats captured 27 Republican-controlled seats, and no Democratic incumbent had lost thus far. "Today the American people voted for change and they voted for Democrats to take their country in a new direction, and that is exactly what we intend to do," said Speaker Pelosi
- Message to Dems: You've got the wins in Montana and Virginia. Get it: You won. Declare Control of the Senate Now. The Dems have won control of the Senate. But the Republicans will demand recounts in Montana and Virginia because they are losers. Heck, the networks in 2000 called Florida for Bush and he "won" that race by a couple of hundred. So, the Dems should just take over the Senate. Act Republican. You've got the lead in Montana and Virginia. The winner is the winner. That's what the Busheviks taught us (even though they lost, they declared themselves the winners) You REALLY won. Declare Control of the Senate Now. 11/8
- Comment and Vote on the Top News Stories! Submit Them too! This is a democracy, right?
- "World sees Dems' win as a Bush rejection." You got that right. Let's just call it a pro-reality, anti-incompetence vote. 11/8

- Brent Budowsky: America Is A Great Country. Profiles In Patriotism, From Helping Homeless Heroes to Fighting Global Warming - A BuzzFlash Guest Contribution
- Poised to become the first female speaker of the House, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi Tuesday night celebrated her party's return to power in Congress after 12 years. 11/8

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