

US election: Control of Congress hangs in balance after midterms

Republicans and Democrats are in a tight race for control of the US Congress, a day after the midterms.

With votes still being counted, Republicans are favourites to win the House of Representatives, but the fight for the Senate is on a knife-edge.

Democrats have gained a key Senate seat in Pennsylvania, but two other contests remain too close and one is heading for a run-off vote next month.

The economy and abortion were the biggest concerns for voters.

Though this should have benefitted Republicans, they have not seen the “red wave” of victories they had hoped for.

The US Congress is made up of two parts - the House of Representatives and the Senate. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate were up for grabs. Members of the House represent their local populations and Senators represent the interests of their states.

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