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After the Midterms: What's Next for US Policy on Palestine?

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The 2026 US midterm elections dealt the Republicans a sweeping defeat, handing Democrats control of both chambers of Congress. They reshaped the political landscape for the remainder of Trump's presidency and saw a significant rejection of candidates who made unconditional support for Israel central to their campaigns. But will these electoral shifts translate into meaningful changes in US policy toward Palestine?

As public opposition to US support for Israel grows and longstanding political allegiances come under increasing scrutiny, the election results raise fundamental questions about the future of Washington's relationship with Israel. Will the new Congress challenge decades of bipartisan support for Israeli occupation and apartheid, or will the gap between public opinion and US policy persist? And what opportunities do these political shifts create for Palestine advocates seeking to turn growing public solidarity into concrete policy change?

In this Policy Lab, Margaret DeReus and Andrew Kadi join host Tariq Kenney-Shawa to examine what the midterm results reveal about the changing position on Palestine in the US, the implications for US foreign policy, and the challenges and opportunities ahead for Palestinian rights advocacy.

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