Midterm Election Forecast:
What to Watch and What You Might See
a roundtable discussion with
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and Michael Wager J.D.

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What on Earth Will Happen in the Midterm Election on November 6????
Will there be a "blue wave?" If so, will it be blunted by a "red electoral map?"
The map is red because the Democrats (or independents who caucus with them) hold 26 of the 35
Senate seats up for a vote, and ten of those 26 states voted for President Trump. The race for the
House is also on a red map because many of the Democrats are packed into relatively few
districts, so Republicans have an advantage in most districts. Democrats probably have to win the
national vote by at least five percentage points in order to win a majority of the House.

Polls might not predict so well because in some elections there aren't many, while pollsters
have to make assumptions about who will vote, and that is especially uncertain this year.
Will angry Democrats turn out in large numbers to reject the policies of the incumbent President
and Congress? Although both parties have lower turnout in the midterms, usually the losers in the
presidential election do decline less. But economic indicators are good while President Trump
and the Republican media are stoking anger that could motivate Republican voters.

So please join us as Luxenberg Family Professor of Public Policy Joe White will explain the
peculiar dynamics and uncertainties of this election and guess about control of the U.S. House
and Senate. Center for Policy Studies Associate Director Andrew Lucker will cover state of
Ohio races, and Adjunct Professor Mike Wager, who knows about House elections from
experience, will review the Ohio contests for U.S. Congress.

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members of our communities to learn and question each other about public policy issues at the international,
national, and local levels. Faculty and other speakers share their research and experience to get beyond the
headlines and repetition in the mass media, and the wild rumors of the internet. Lunch is brown bag, but cookies
and some beverages are provided by the Center for Policy Studies of the College of Arts and Sciences.
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