From Hemidemocracy [1] to Eleutheriocracy [2]

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A number of strong epithets were used in the press to describe the electoral results of the 2026 elections. Among those, one could read words such as:

> *Bloodbath, Shellacking, Dem-olition, Massacre, Rout, Slap, Tsunami, Landslide, Blue wave, Crushing rebuke, Repudiation.*

The reader could be under the impression that voters for the losing party had been totomated.[3]

However, it seems these were in fact not totomated, nor even decimated, since the returns were, as of this day, as follow:

Body	*Democratic votes*	*%*	*Republican votes*	*%*	*Combined*
House	**54,511,241**	**50.3**	**53,953,866**	**49.7**	**108,465,107**
Senate	**37,459,913**	**49.5**	**38,193,343**	**50.5**	**75,653,256**

In effect, **one half** of the votes **plus one third of one percent** secured the House of Representatives, while **one half** of the votes **MINUS one half of one percent** secured the Senate. The phenomenon was nothing new and was quite similar to earlier instances, in which the results were reversed.

Hemidemocracy for some (at any rate hardly Democracy), while others long not only for Eleutheriocracy but also always for the preservation of the rights and aspirations of the losing party, out of mere respect and good manners, instead of a perpetual state of oscillating political civil war.

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[1] The power to half the people, from Greek "*hemi*", half; "*demos*", people; and "*kratia*", power

[2] The power of liberty, from "*eleutheria*", liberty

[3] From Latin "*totus*", all, while the word "decimated "is from Latin "*decimus*", one in ten.