



Democratic voters are considerably more motivated and enthusiastic, driven by an intense dislike for the President and a visceral desire to demonstrate the country committed a serious mistake in 2016 by choosing Trump over Hillary Clinton.

Republican congressional candidates – incumbents and challengers alike – face the brunt of this thirst for revenge. Payback is a... well, you know what.

Trump cannot escape the lion's share of responsibility for the decline in party stature and for the bleak outlook in the mid-term election. He's never been shy about speaking his mind, even when his musings create political headaches for party leaders and candidates alike.

What was once considered to be a refreshing attribute – smashing all the politically correct china – has become a serious drag as candidates struggle to distance themselves from Trump's more outrageous and demonstrably false