

# Rigged US Elections and the new NAFTA

Breaking the Blue Wave

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*"I think it's just easier to kind of approach the problem by blaming it on an outside foreign nation, as opposed to admit that we've had a non-democratic, non-transparent system since at least 2000."*

- Bob Fittrakis, from this week's interview.

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The upcoming November Mid-Term elections are being billed as [the most important in decades](#).

[Polls](#) are suggesting the Democrat Party has a 7-8 percentage point lead over the Republicans going into Tuesday's vote. The polling data aggregator [Real Clear Politics](#) (RCP) is predicting, based on multiple polls collected in recent days, that the Democrats will take the House of Representatives with 203 seats compared to 196 for the Republicans.

Among the issues driving people on both sides of the partisan divide to the polls: The [Brett Kavanaugh nomination](#) to the Supreme Court, the [Central American Migrant Caravan](#) approaching the US-Mexico border on foot, and the [prospect of impeaching](#) the polarizing president Donald J. Trump.

Further impacting the campaign has been a rash of violent incidents including the mailing of [pipe bombs](#) to prominent Democrats and the recent [synagogue shooting](#) in Pittsburgh which some have argued has been influenced by the xenophobic messaging of the U.S. President.

Mindful of the fact that the pollsters appear to have gotten it wrong about the 2016 election, could Americans be in for another big shock on November 6th if that great "Blue Wave" fails to make it to shore?

This week's Global Research News Hour radio show reviews some of the factors that might influence the election outcome with two guests.

**Bob Fittrakis** joins us in the first half hour to talk about the prospects of election rigging in the first half hour. He recalls from a previous conversation the capacity of high ranking partisan officials to 'strip' and 'flip' the vote in key jurisdictions. He also delves into

precisely why the irregularities that he and other election integrity experts have monitored over the last two decades have largely gone unheeded and what the stakes are for politics in America post-election.

This discussion is followed by a discussion on the recently renegotiated NAFTA. Now called the U.S. - Mexico - Canada Agreement (USMCA), the legislation recalls a promise made by President Trump during the 2016 election campaign to 'scrap' NAFTA. Is the new agreement the remedy to the malaise suffered by Americans and blamed on 'bad trade deals?' **Dr. Jack Rasmus** gives listeners the low-down on the realities behind the rhetoric, and how Trump's trade agenda is likely to play out in the November elections.

**Bob Fittrakis**, is a lawyer and political science professor at Columbus State Community College, editor of the Columbus Free Press. He has authored or co-authored several books including: *Did George W. Bush Steal America's 2004 Election? Essential Documents* and *What Happened in Ohio: A Documentary Record of Theft And Fraud in the 2004 Election*

**Dr. Jack Rasmus**, Ph.D Political Economy, teaches economics and politics at St. Mary's College in California. He hosts the program 'Alternative Visions' every Friday at 2pm on the Progressive Radio Network, and blogs at [jackrasmus.com](http://jackrasmus.com). His books include 'Central Bankers at the End of Their Rope? Monetary Policy and the Coming Depression', as well as the upcoming 'The Scourge of Neoliberalism: U.S. Policy from Reagan to Trump.'

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