

Ron Paul: The Two-Party US Political System Is in Reality a Monopoly

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Ron Paul (Reuters/Robert Galbraith)

Former Congressman Ron Paul told RT in the midst of Tuesday's midterm elections that the "monopoly" system run by the leaders of the two main parties is all too evident as Americans go to the polls this Election Day.

"This whole idea that a good candidate that's rating well in the polls can't get in the debate, that's where the corruption really is," Paul, the 79-year-old former House of Representatives lawmaker for Texas, told RT during Tuesday's special midterm elections coverage. "It's a monopoly...and they don't even allow a second option," he said.

"If a third party person gets anywhere along, they are going to do everything they can to stop that from happening," the retired congressman continued.

Paul, a longtime Republican, has been critical of the two-party dichotomy that dominates American politics for decades, and once ran as the Libertarian Party's nominee for president of the United States. While third-party candidates continue to vie against the left and right establishment, however, Paul warned RT that even the two-party system as Americans know it is in danger.

"What do they do with our young people? They send them all around the world, getting involved in wars and telling them they have to have democratic elections," he told RT. "But here at home, we don't have true Democracy. We have a monopoly of ideas that is controlled by the leaders of two parties. And they call it two parties, but it's really one philosophy."

All hope isn't lost, however; according to Paul, American politics can still be changed if individuals intent on third-party ideas introduce their ethos to the current establishment. Americans can *"fight to get rid of the monopoly of Republicans and Democrats,"* Paul said, or *"try to influence people with ideas and infiltrate both political parties."*

With respect to the midterm elections, though, Paul told RT that he's uncertain what policies will prevail this year — excluding, of course, an obvious win for the status quo.

"I think the status quo is pretty strong right now, and I imagine that the status quo is going to win the election tonight," he said Tuesday afternoon.

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