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TOP STORY • UNITED STATES

Democrats Win Control of Both Houses of Congress

After the midterm elections, Democrats will run the House and the Senate. Republicans are choosing new leaders.

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Americans voted in midterm elections on Tuesday 3 November. Congress has two houses: the House of Representatives and the Senate. Democrats will control both when the new Congress meets in January.

In the House, Democrats had won at least 240 seats to the Republicans' 147. In the Senate, the Democratic group will have at least 54 senators. Alaska and Mississippi were too close to call.

The loss is changing who leads Republicans. House Speaker Mike Johnson said he will not try to lead House Republicans in the next Congress. Two Republican representatives, Steve Scalise and Jim Jordan, both said they will run for minority leader. Democrat Hakeem Jeffries will run for speaker, and he would be the first African American to hold that job.



The map marks the United States, where both houses of Congress changed hands.

WHY IT MATTERS

Congress writes the nation's laws, so the party in charge decides which ones it takes up.

WORLD • OIL

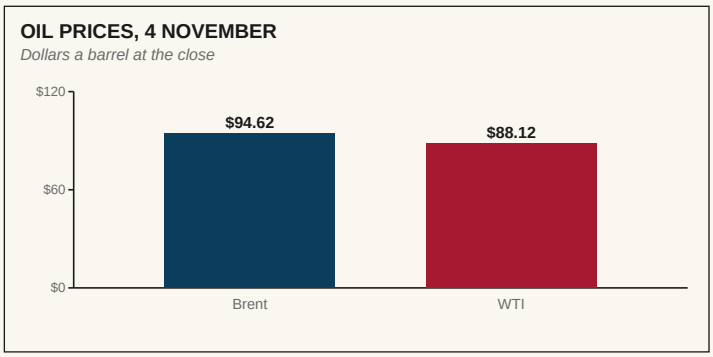
Oil Prices Drop More Than 8% in One Day

Hopes for an end to the Iran war pushed oil to its lowest price since 31 August.

The price of crude oil fell by more than 8% on Wednesday 4 November. Oil is made into fuel for cars, trucks and planes.

Brent crude, a widely used world price, fell $8.98 to $94.62 a barrel. A second price, called WTI, fell $7.97 to $88.12. Both were the lowest finishing prices since 31 August.

Traders hoped the war between Iran and the United States and Israel might end. Shares of energy companies fell 4.8% as oil got cheaper.



Brent finished at $94.62 and WTI at $88.12 a barrel.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil makes fuel, so a lower price can mean cheaper travel and goods for families.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• South Africa: Local elections began on Wednesday, with full results expected Sunday.

• Montenegro: The EU could finish membership talks with Montenegro by the end of this year.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Whether the Senate races in Alaska and Mississippi are decided.

• Whether oil prices keep falling as talks to end the Iran war continue.

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.