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## Democrats Win Control of Virginia General Assembly

Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin said, [“We are going to hold our House and flip our Senate”](#) in the November 7 Virginia legislative elections. The [results of the election](#) were the opposite of Youngkin’s prediction, however, with Democrats retaining control of the Virginia Senate and gaining control of the House of Delegates.

Senior Advisor to Governor Youngkin Dave Rexrode [said on X](#), “We had hoped for a stronger outcome this evening but are proud of the effort all of our candidates put in to these extremely competitive districts.”

Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Mamie Locke made a [statement saying](#), “It’s official: there will be absolutely no abortion ban legislation sent to Glenn Youngkin’s desk for the duration of his term in office, period, as we have thwarted MAGA Republicans’ attempt to take total control of our government and our bodies.”

Democrats gained control of the Virginia General Assembly by focusing their campaigning on blocking abortion legislation.



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Virginia Democratic Delegates Rodney Willett (left) and Schuyler VanValkenburg



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