

# 2022 MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Federal, state, and local

## **COURSE #:**

22F-MID

## **FORMAT:**

Seminar

## **MODERATOR:**

Jay Russell

## **DATE & TIME:**

Mon - 1:30 - 3:30 PM

10 Weeks

Starting on 9/26/2022

## **LOCATION:**

Alumnae House  
Board Room, Smith  
College - 33 Elm St

## **MAX NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:**

20

## **AUDITORS ACCEPTED:**

No

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## **PURPOSE:**

This seminar will encourage participants to share and discuss information and analyses about the fall campaign's candidates, issues, and tactics before election day. Then, in two meetings after the election, we will review the results and speculate about their implications.

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Historically, the party of the incumbent president fares badly, sometimes disastrously so, in the first mid-term election after a presidential election. Six months before the November 2022 mid-terms, the signs this year, according to many pundits, don't bode well for the Democrats.

In a departure from the traditional LIR seminar format of having each member give a single 20-35 minute presentation, this seminar will instead consist of roundtable discussions in the seven weeks prior to the election on as many as twenty topics chosen by the members prior to Labor Day. Each week members will also discuss, in addition to the two or three scheduled topics, events from the preceding and upcoming weeks. The two post-election meetings will review and analyze the results and discuss their implications for the next two years and the 2024 elections.

## **ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS:**

Participants should be prepared to discuss and share insights on each week's scheduled topics. In addition, each participant will be expected to lead the discussion on at least one topic during the course of the seminar.

## **RESOURCES:**

There is no single publication or resource required for this seminar. The moderator will provide a list of publications and websites that members can consult to supplement their usual sources for political and election news and analysis.

## **ABOUT THE MODERATOR:**

Jay is the facilitator of Viewpoints and has co-moderated five election-year seminars since the 2016 primary and caucus season.