I do not believe in moral victories. The Ohio 12th Congressional District race in a solid Republican district should never have been so close. Though it suggests a strong possibility of a blue wave in November, Democrats must not become complacent.

The key variable will be enthusiasm.

One thing we’ve learned is that President Trump is a master at rallying his base in campaigns — even more reason Democrats must work hard to keep their voters enthused and get them to the polls. Most of the key House races will depend on securing votes from educated white woman who have reservations about Trump, younger people, minorities and those part of the resistance movement who historically may not vote.

Democrats also need to persuade progressives not to vote for independent candidates; though traditional Democrat candidates are not perfect, on important issues they are far more progressive than pro-Trump conservatives.

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