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Education Policy Landscape Post-Midterm Elections Power shifted after the November elections, with the Democratic Party winning a new majority in the House and Republican Party increasing their majority in the Senate. The 116th Congress is the most diverse ever elected. What are the implications for education policy?

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