

Winds of Change?

Very well, Mr. President – the midterm elections did come with a surprise, not to say a certain sting, didn't they? Since we are still under the zodiac sign of Scorpio, that analogy might just be alright. To the numbers: There are about 529 female candidates in the elections for the 116th United States Congress. A vast majority, 387 to be exact, running for the Democrats. 198 chosen to be their party's official nominee. At least 109 of them won, makes a minimum number of 119 in the next Congress. A record number, even beating the year 1992.

Winds of change blowing right into the face of president Donald Trump. Or in terms of boxing – the underdogs are about to strike. They are willing to fight tough and just as rough as needed. They are hungry and they will not let go. And there are a lot of firsts amongst the new women in Congress: Two Native Americans, representatives of New Mexico and Kansas, Deb Haaland (57) and Sharice Davids (38). The latter one being an openly gay woman and proud Ex-MMA fighter, having studied law at the UMKC and the Cornell Law School. She knows exactly where it hurts, so one might not want to challenge her.

Minnesota and Michigan are sending the first Muslim-American women, Ilhan Omar (37) and Rashida Tlaib (42). In case of Ms. Omar we do speak about the first Somalian-American woman and that under a president who banned Somalis from entering the country. Plus, there comes Puerto Rican-American Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez from New York, the youngest woman ever to win a seat at the age of just 29. Same time last year, she was working in a Manhattan-based Bar.

From Massachusetts comes Ayanna Pressley (44), giving another voice to the African-American Community and victims of sexual harassment and/or sexual violence. Georgia seats Lucy McBath (58), who is a strong gun control activist and opponent of the NRA. For Texas comes Veronica Escobar - with her roots being Latin-American, she might have something to say about President Trump's politics concerning the Central-American migrant caravan headed for the US-Mexican border.

So, for now let's go with the words of the 1990's-Song „Wind of Change“, played by the German band „Scorpions“: „...The future's in the air, I can feel it everywhere, blowing with the wind of change...“