

OPEN THREAD: GENERATIONAL CHANGE CONTINUES, NANCY PELOSI TO RETIRE

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

I am biting my tongue, resisting the urge to be extremely blunt. What I will say is already rather pointed.

Nancy Pelosi, former House Speaker, announced her plan to retire from Congress at the end of her term.

Did it take the death this week of a warmongering former vice president nine months younger than her to clue her in?

Or was it the ages of Tuesday's three election winners?

Abigail Spanberger, at 46, is old enough to be Pelosi's kid as is Mikie Sherrill at 53.

But Zohran Mamdani at 34 is of an age to be Pelosi's grandchild.

There are now four generations of voters – Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Z – who are of voting age, and two of those generations are retired or approaching retirement. It's time the youngest generations of voters had representation that understood their society and their needs.

The number of solid primary candidates in the wings should have encouraged this announcement some time ago.

This is an open thread, but let's try to discuss what the future of the Democratic Party will look like as the oldest electeds exit the stage.