

Adam Schiff's Telltale 2024 Agenda

His radical plans should focus Republicans on electable candidates.

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Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., on Jan. 10. PHOTO: JOSE LUIS MAGANA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adam Schiff leads the polls to be California's next U.S. Senator, so it's worth noting that he recently pledged to kill the filibuster and add four seats to the Supreme Court. This, and more, is what Democrats will do if they run the table in November's elections. The need for a check on such radicalism counsels for GOP voters to focus on nominating candidates who can win.

Mr. Schiff's agenda is pitched as "defending democracy," but it's really a plan to rewrite the rules of American politics into a winner-take-all system, with Democrats as the winners. Mr. Schiff claims, incredibly, that the Senate filibuster is currently being used "to solidify a

new generation of Jim Crow.” Abolishing the 60-vote rule would let Democrats pass their dream legislation with 50 partisan yeses, and no need to compromise.

Explicit promises from Mr. Schiff include “a national right to abortion”; “meaningful gun safety legislation”; passage of the PRO Act to tilt labor negotiations in favor of unions; an increased corporate tax rate of 35% (from today’s 21%); a cancellation of “at least \$50,000 in student loan debt for every borrower”; federal “child allowances”; and a pilot program for a “Universal Basic Income.”

He’d “increase the number of justices on the Supreme Court from 9 to 13.” He’d pass a Democratic bill to federalize elections, called the For the People Act, which would legalize ballot harvesting nationwide, while forcing states to tally mail votes that arrive 10 days late, as long as they’re timely postmarked.

Do Republican voters realize that these are the stakes if their candidates lose in November? The Senate map this fall is favorable to them, with winnable races in right-leaning states like Arizona, Montana and Ohio. Yet Republicans have a history of picking Senate nominees who can’t win a general election. The same worry hangs over a renomination of [Donald Trump](#), given his baggage with swing voters.

The only way to block Mr. Schiff’s agenda is to win elections. If the GOP chooses candidates mainly because they claim to be fighters but who can’t win suburbanites and independents, the party will be taking a gamble on living in Adam Schiff’s America.

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