## Making Sense of the 2014 Midterm Elections -- Locally and Nationally

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The 2014 midterm elections have changed the political landscape of the United States, but how will those changes play out both nationally and in New Jersey, where the results were more or less as expected -- with one notable exception. According the expert panel assembled by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, the Democrat's capture of the county executive slot in Bergen County was the most significant race in the state.

But how much does Jim Tedesco's victory reflect the fact that the Republican party in Bergen County is "splintered," in the words of one expert, and thus reflects the fragmentation of the GOP nationally?



And to what degree are both the Democratic and Republican campaigns overscripted, so that one panelist reports hearing the same replies "over and over again" as he covered some of the smaller races across the state.

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