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Is Massie's Loss the End, or the Beginning of Something Bigger?

U.S. Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) took on the neocon machine and lost by nearly 10 points to primary challenger Ed Gallrein. It's a surprisingly large margin in a race that was projected to be close, *and* given the grassroots excitement the congressman inspired compared to the tepid response Gallrein's campaign consistently received. Suspicions of election chicanery are already circulating. Among those scratching their heads is the pioneer of modern libertarianism, [Dr. Ron Paul](#).

Assuming the election result is legitimate, Massie's loss serves as a reminder that, like their Democratic Party counterparts, the Republican electorate is plagued by lack of knowledge and bad judgment. With overwhelming margins, Kentucky voters sent Massie to Congress seven times before President Donald Trump began campaigning last year to get him fired. Trump has published irate, middle-of-the-night social-media posts painting Massie as a "RINO," Democrat, obstructionist, grandstander, and other unsavory labels. Megadonors such as Miriam Adelson, John Paulson, and Paul Singer invested tens of millions of dollars in anti-Massie ads and Gallrein super PAC money to convince voters of the same. Though Massie is nothing like their labels, the propaganda seems to have worked.

The Republican [platform](#) vows fidelity to individual liberty, fiscal responsibility, limited government, and constitutional principles. Massie has been one of the few lawmakers who has taken these promises seriously, and none of his colleagues from either party has defended the Constitution as fiercely. His voting record proves it; during his 14 years in Congress, he has accrued a lifetime score in *The New American's* Freedom Index of [99 percent](#). That's even better than Ron Paul's track record. The libertarian icon amassed a lifetime score of [97 percent](#). His son, Rand Paul, another constitutional stalwart (and Massie ally), is riding a [96-percent freedom](#) score. As Ron Paul noted Wednesday, in Massie "they've taken somebody who had the best voting record [and] turned him into a monster." Massie is the kind of ideal legislator the Founders prescribed. He has fought to bring about some



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semblance of fiscal sanity on Capitol Hill. He built an electronic debt counter and wears it to serve as a reminder of our perilous national debt. He opposed Trump's war with Iran because the president doesn't have constitutional authority to launch a war without congressional permission. Massie has sponsored or supported legislation to protect privacy and freedom of commerce, to increase overall empowerment of the electorate, and to shutter unconstitutional agencies, including the Department of Education, USAID, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and even the Federal Reserve.

Massie also took on the ruling class. With California Democrat Ro Khanna, he drafted and pushed through legislation that forced the government to release millions of files related to convicted pedophile and suspected foreign-intelligence asset Jeffrey Epstein. For many, the files conclusively revealed that the world is run by a privileged class of international power players who live by their own twisted rules and operate above the law.

Massie's problem isn't that he's a RINO (he's not); it's that he threatens the Uniparty's control. As [he noted Tuesday](#) in his concession speech following that day's primary loss:

If the legislative branch always votes with the president, we *do* have a king. If the legislative branch always votes whichever way the wind is blowing, then we have mob rule. But if the legislative branch, and the representatives and the senators that serve with it, always follow the Constitution, we have a Republic.

President Trump [gloated](#) over Massie's defeat by posting several infographics on his Truth Social channel highlighting tens of races won by candidates he endorsed. Among them was that of Gallrein, the (reputedly) former Navy SEAL-turned-dairy farmer. Gallrein is accused of employing the Joe Biden 2020 campaign strategy because he refused to debate Massie or to participate in forums. He refused to sign right-to-life pledges. He drew small crowds and rattled out uninspiring platitudes. His campaign promise, essentially, was that he would be loyal to Trump and the Republican Party. His strategy seems to have worked. Massie observed during his concession speech Tuesday night that until now he'd never heard of someone winning by promising voters that he'd go to Washington "to get along."

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) also celebrated Massie's loss. The organization admits that it wanted Massie gone because he opposes foreign aid to Israel, as well as America's war against Iran on behalf of Israel. "Voters across America sent a resounding message tonight," [said AIPAC in a statement](#). "They support Democratic and Republican candidates who view a strong U.S.-Israel relationship as an American interest."

AIPAC brags that it has backed more than 100 candidates who are advancing to the general election in November, all in the name of ensuring that America continues to serve as Israel's cash cow and military attack dog.

The Israel lobby has reason to fear Massie. He recently [introduced](#) the Americans Insist on Political Agent Clarity (AIPAC) Act. It would amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act ([FARA](#)) in a way that would likely require AIPAC to register as a foreign agent. "If an organization is heavily engaged in influencing U.S. policy in ways that principally benefit a foreign country, it should be required to register under FARA," Massie said in a statement about the legislation.

Massie also took shots at the Israel lobby during his reelection campaign. During a [pre-primary rally](#) on Saturday, May 16, he joked that the phone number he called to concede the race had a Tel Aviv area



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code. He also pointed out the foolishness of a country \$38 trillion in debt doling out foreign aid and waging wars all over the planet. “Our empire will collapse if we keep sending our money to other countries,” he noted Tuesday.

So what’s next for Massie? And what happens to the millions of people he has awakened and inspired?

For starters, as he reminded supporters, he has seven months left in Congress. His Epstein Files Transparency Act passed Congress in only six months, so there’s still time for him to further upset the Uniparty.

In the long term, he is now the crowned leader of a libertarian-style, Constitution-centric movement, not unlike the Ron Paul Revolution of the early 2000s. What “started out as an election,” he told supporters, has “turned into a movement.” Framing the loss as a win of greater proportions, he reiterated: “We won because we started a movement. We showed people that if you’re under 50, you want to save this country.”

Massie has often expressed such optimism about the future of America. Polls reveal that the 60-plus crowd is the only demographic that did not overwhelmingly support him, and that more Americans today consider themselves Independents than those who identify as Republicans or Democrats. Legacy media’s stranglehold on the narrative is dying. It is now a widely held belief that a conspiratorial class is undermining liberty and national sovereignty. The future is indeed bright, but do we have enough time to get there?

Chants of “2028” and “president” erupted while Massie was trying to give his concession speech. It sounded like a room filled not with dejected people, but with people who are ready to change things. In the past, Massie has repeatedly dismissed suggestions of running for president. He did it on Theo Von’s podcast in 2025, and again this April at the University of Louisville. “If I lose on May 19, I am not doing any more government ever,” he said. “I am not running for president, not running for governor.”

His message on Tuesday seemed different, though. Perhaps he was just being cordial to his supporters, or maybe this campaign shifted his thinking. Regardless, he made statements that hint at possible continuing political ambitions. “There’s too much of the Uniparty. ... What we need is a Unity Party,” he said, to chants of “2028!”

Massie also invoked God’s sovereignty over the election:

What happened today was God’s will. It couldn’t happen if God didn’t want it to. And we have to figure out what was the purpose of having the biggest fight ever.... Why did it converge on one of 435 congressional seats right here in Kentucky?... What is He showing us tonight?

Someone in the crowd replied, “We’re just getting started!”

Massie repeated it: “We’re just getting started. I like that!”

Chants of “2028” erupted again, followed by those of “president.”

Massie concluded, “You made a compelling argument, you’ve spoken your piece. But I need a medical margarita right now. And we’ll talk about it later.”



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