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## The historic firsts of Tuesday's elections

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Abigail Spanberger, Zohran Mamdani and Mikie Sherrill. - Getty Images

Several candidates made history during [Tuesday's elections](#) in races in Virginia, New Jersey, New York and Michigan. Here's a list of the newly elected state and local candidates who ran historic campaigns:

### Abigail Spanberger

Former US Rep. Abigail Spanberger will be [Virginia's first female governor](#). The former CIA officer was first elected to Congress in 2018, when she flipped control of a longtime Republican-held seat. She defeated Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears, who would have been the first Black female governor in US history.

### Mikie Sherrill

US Rep. Mikie Sherrill, a former Navy helicopter pilot, will be New Jersey's [first Democratic female governor](#). The state's first female governor, Christine Todd Whitman, was a Republican when she was elected in 1993. Whitman endorsed Sherrill over her Republican opponent Jack Ciattarelli.

### Ghazala Hashmi

[Ghazala Hashmi](#), a state senator who immigrated to the US from India as a child, made history Tuesday as the first Muslim American woman to be elected statewide in the United States when she won Virginia's lieutenant governor's race. She first ran for office in 2019, when she became the first Muslim and South Asian American elected to the state Senate.

### Zohran Mamdani

[Zohran Mamdani](#), a 34-year-old state assemblyman and Democratic socialist, will be New York City's first Muslim and South Asian mayor. After his upset win in a June Democratic primary, Mamdani was able to build on his success despite some voters' wariness over his criticisms of Israel and his progressive policy platform. The incoming millennial mayor will be the city's youngest in more than a century.

## **Mary Sheffield**

Detroit City Council President Mary Sheffield will become the city's first female mayor. Sheffield, who is Black, defeated Solomon Kinloch, a megachurch pastor. She entered the race after the incumbent, three-term Mayor Mike Duggan, did not seek reelection and instead decided to run as an independent for governor.

## ROUND 2

# **Jeff Bezos makes bold statement about the future of human civilization: 'I don't see how anybody can be discouraged who is alive right now'**

[https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/jeff-bezos-makes-bold-statement-004000763.html?fr=syicsrp\\_catchall](https://www.yahoo.com/news/articles/jeff-bezos-makes-bold-statement-004000763.html?fr=syicsrp_catchall)

### Generate Key Takeaways

The future is looking bright, at least according to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

Fortune reported on Bezos' speech at Italian Tech Week 2025, where he shared his vision of the future — one that includes living in space and a lack of commutes.

Included among Bezos' predictions is the expectation that by 2045, robots will commute to work for us. More significant than that, though, is his prediction that within the next decade or two, millions will be enjoying life in space.

Bezos also shared his disbelief with those who predict the downfall of civilization due to AI and technological advances. AI, however, is already responsible for people losing jobs, and the data centers required to power the technology consume a massive amount of natural resources. Considering these factors, it's easy to see how people can predict doom and gloom with AI's continued use.

The potential benefits are obvious, too, by allowing a machine to synthesize huge volumes of data and draw conclusions or recommendations in minutes — in some cases even helping to solve pollution and power problems, even if we have yet to see any such solution compensate for the power usage associated with the many millions of more trivial AI uses per day.

The Amazon founder isn't the only billionaire who is looking forward to a future in space, either. Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, predicts that in a mere decade, college grads will be working off-planet on exciting (and extremely well-paid) projects, while Elon Musk remains convinced that humans will be living on Mars as soon as 2028.

Not all of the uber-rich are believers in space travel, though. Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft, told James Corden that he believes humanity should prioritize fixing our current planet over planning ventures into space.

"Space? We have a lot to do here on Earth," he said.

According to Fortune, Gates "has been on the fence about how far we should push technology."

While Gates said in an interview with Jimmy Fallon that AI and machines could begin a new era where people only have to work a couple of days a week while machines do the rest, he also once explained that if he ever came across a time-traveler, he'd question them on the future of humanity under AI. To Gates' point, it's also unclear how any of the tech companies and moguls in charge of these AI innovations would plan to help these productivity increases benefit individual members of society who do not work for their companies, allowing them to work less without taking a pay cut, as Gates alluded to.

Pete Buttigieg is among the few politicians who have spoken out about the need for governmental involvement to help make sure AI leads to a more utopian society rather than a more dystopian one, saying there should be "AI dividends" that would spread the wealth of "the value that is being created by AI."

"I think it's giving everybody a share in the overall value that's being created by technologies, which again rest on technologies that the taxpayer paid for in the first place back in the '60s," Buttigieg, the former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, said. "So why shouldn't we all get a share? Instead of it all going to this tiny handful of super, super wealthy people who are consolidating their own power, but like mega mega billionaires consolidating their power, right? We have to have tax policy that does that."

Bezos, however, remains optimistic. As he said in Italy, "I don't see how anybody can be discouraged who is alive right now."

ROUND 3



ROUND 4

# If We Must Die

By [Claude McKay](#)

If we must die, let it not be like hogs  
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,  
While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs,  
Making their mock at our accursèd lot.  
If we must die, O let us nobly die,  
So that our precious blood may not be shed  
In vain; then even the monsters we defy  
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!  
O kinsmen! we must meet the common foe!  
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,  
And for their thousand blows deal one death-blow!  
What though before us lies the open grave?  
Like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack,  
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!