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"We're debating a step that has never been taken in American history" to overrule the voters, says @senatemajldr. "This will be the most important vote I've ever cast."



"Nothing before us proves illegality anywhere near the massive scale...that would have tipped the entire election," says @senatemajldr.

"We cannot declare ourselves a national board of elections on steroids," adds @senatemajldr. Overruling states and courts would damage the republic forever.

Democracy "would enter a death spiral" and "every four years would be a scramble for power at any cost," says @senatemajldr.

"We cannot keep drifting apart into two separate tribes with a separate set of facts and separate realities," adds @senatemajldr.

"We must not imitate and escalate what we repudiate," says @senatemajldr addressing his fellow senators after objection to #Arizona electoral vote count.

"It would be unfair and wrong to disenfranchise the voters and overrule the courts and states," states @senatemajldr.
"I will not pretend such a vote will be a harmless protest gesture."

"The Congress does not determine the outcome of elections, the people do," says @SenSchumer. "The American people elected Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to be the next president and vice president of the United States."



"It is a very sad comment on our times that merely accepting the results of an election is considered an act of political courage," says @SenSchumer, referring to "an attempted coup."

The eyes of the world are on this chamber to see if the United States is still a shining example of democracy, adds @SenSchumer. "What messages will we send to those countries where democratic values are under assault?"