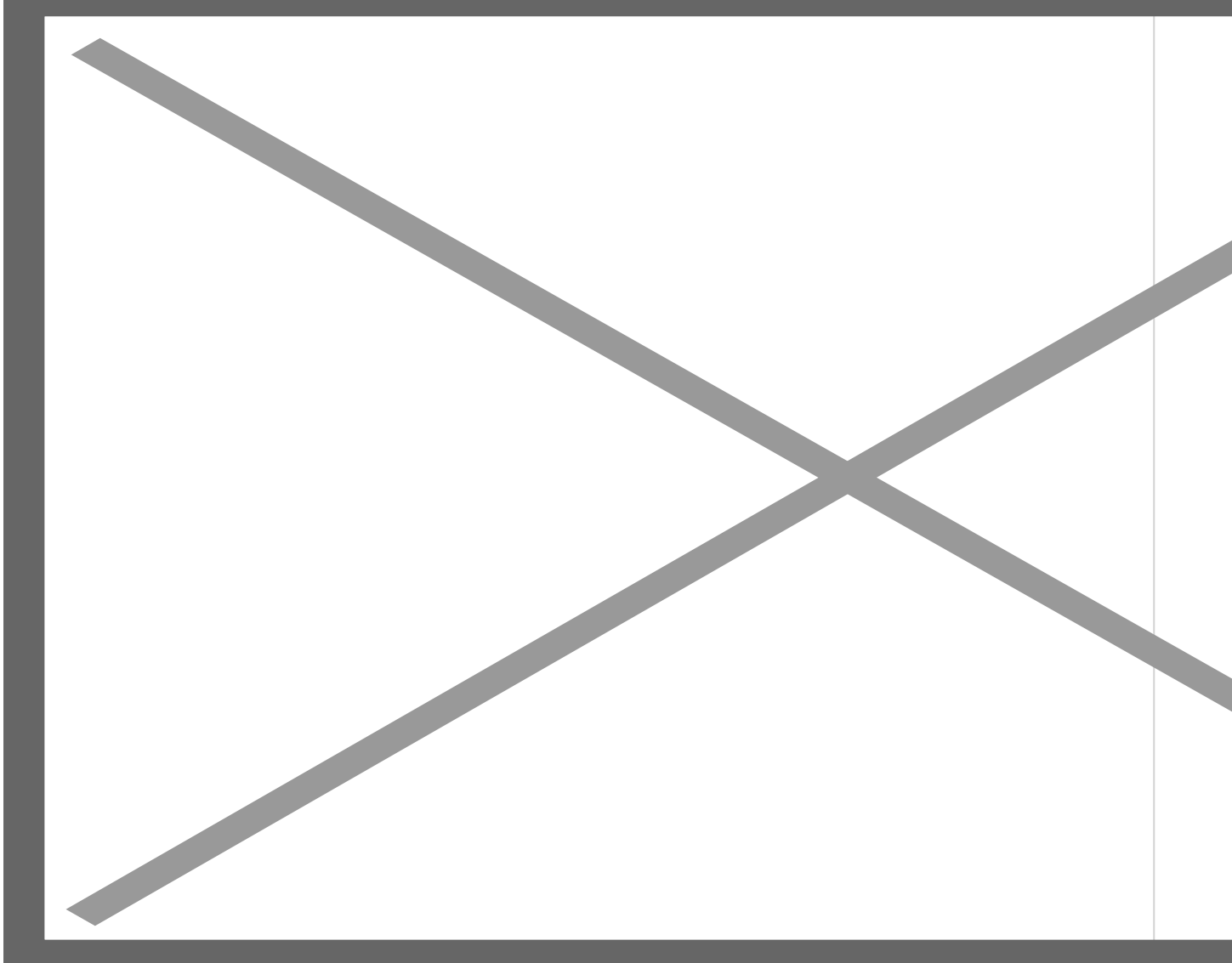


The return

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Donald Trump on his return to Washington D.C. (Reuters/Silbiger)

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This week, the former president of the United States, Donald Trump, returned for the first time to Washington since he left the White House, to participate in an event organized by his followers, where he hinted about his intention to run again in the 2024 elections and return to power.

In fact, the controversial real estate magnate never abandoned that idea, which is reinforced with the proximity of the so-called mid-term elections, scheduled for November of this year, which could radically change the composition of the Legislative Body of that power.

Now the Democratic Party has a slim majority of 12 seats in the 435-member House of Representatives, and in the Senate there is a tie of 50 seats per side, which is broken due to the double vote of the vice-president, Kamala Harris, who by law presides over that chamber.

On Tuesday, November 8, all the seats for representatives in the House will be at stake, as well as 35 of the 100 senators, in addition to governorships in 36 of the 50 states into which the country is divided.

If, as everything seems to indicate, the Republicans prevail at the polls, they will take control of Congress, which will make Joseph Biden's already opaque administration extremely difficult for the rest of his term.

One of the first effects, already announced, is that the Republican party would send to the archive the investigation being carried out on the seizure of the Capitol on January 6, 2021, a move with which Trump hoped to prevent the certification of his defeat and the end of his administration.

That is the real objective of his reappearance in Washington, where he harshly criticized Biden's work and held him responsible for the problems the nation is going through, without mentioning that many have their roots precisely during his term in office.

In his speeches at that event, he reiterated some of the darker elements of his future intentions, such as continuing the construction of the wall on the border with Mexico, as well as the expulsion of the homeless to the outskirts of large cities.

Even though his popularity has eroded somewhat among the population, as well as among the Republican party leadership, Trump still has a hard core who believe at face value that they stole the 2020 election from him and are willing to vote for him again.

All these developments show the orphanhood of serious, mature and consistent political leadership in the world's leading economic and military power and reminds me of the old saying that, if a clown enters the palace, he does not become king, but the palace becomes a circus.

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