

Aging

**In 2014 the US elected
the oldest Congress in its history.**

The record did not last long:

It was broken in 2016.

And then again in 2018.

**And yet again in 2020,
when — remarkably — the majority
of the incumbents who lost their seats
were replaced by someone even older.**

**In the 2022 midterms, the House did become
slightly younger (the mean age of representa-
tives dropped by a year, from fifty-nine to
fifty-eight), but the mean age of senators
continued to rise and is now over sixty-five.**

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The presidency is following the same trend.

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