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The Democrats have beaten fascism. Will voters elsewher...

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Sometimes something in the news seems so significant, just for its own sake, that because it does not obviously have relevance here, it is worth noting.

That is true of the overnight news from the USA that Scott Colom, a Democrat, had beaten the Republican incumbent in the Mississippi election to represent that state in the US Senate, by the smallest of margins.

He is the first Black senator to represent this state for 150 years.

He has overturned a long history of Republican senators representing the state.

Unsurprisingly, the New York Times reported street celebrations when the result was finally called, after a ballot-counting process so tight it was not concluded until nearly a week after most others were settled.

The Democrat lead in the Senate is now extended. I stress, this does not guarantee change. I have already discussed that here, but what this does show is that the USA has rejected the corruption, straightforward evil, and neo-fascist politics of the Trump era, and people have been willing to turn out to make clear that Trump's toxic form of politics must be consigned to history.

The question is whether people elsewhere will take note, heed the lesson, and stay clear of people like Le Pen in France and Reform in the UK. Only time will tell.