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Do the Democrats get it? A good many of them, like so much of the mainstream media, have long taken their cue from The New York Times editorial page. This morning the [Great Gray Lady](#) sallies forth, ideological blinders in place, to pronounce that, "To our minds, [Tuesday's result] is not remotely a verdict on Mr. Obama's presidency, nor does it amount to a national referendum on health care reform." Not remotely? Those Democratic officeholders who continue to sip from that purblind well will soon have plenty of time to do so.

But Republican performance in recent years has hardly inspired. To their credit, however, Republicans tend to subscribe to principles about government that are closer to the nation's founding principles -- if only they would abide by them. And so one hopes that, after Tuesday, they will come better to "get it."

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