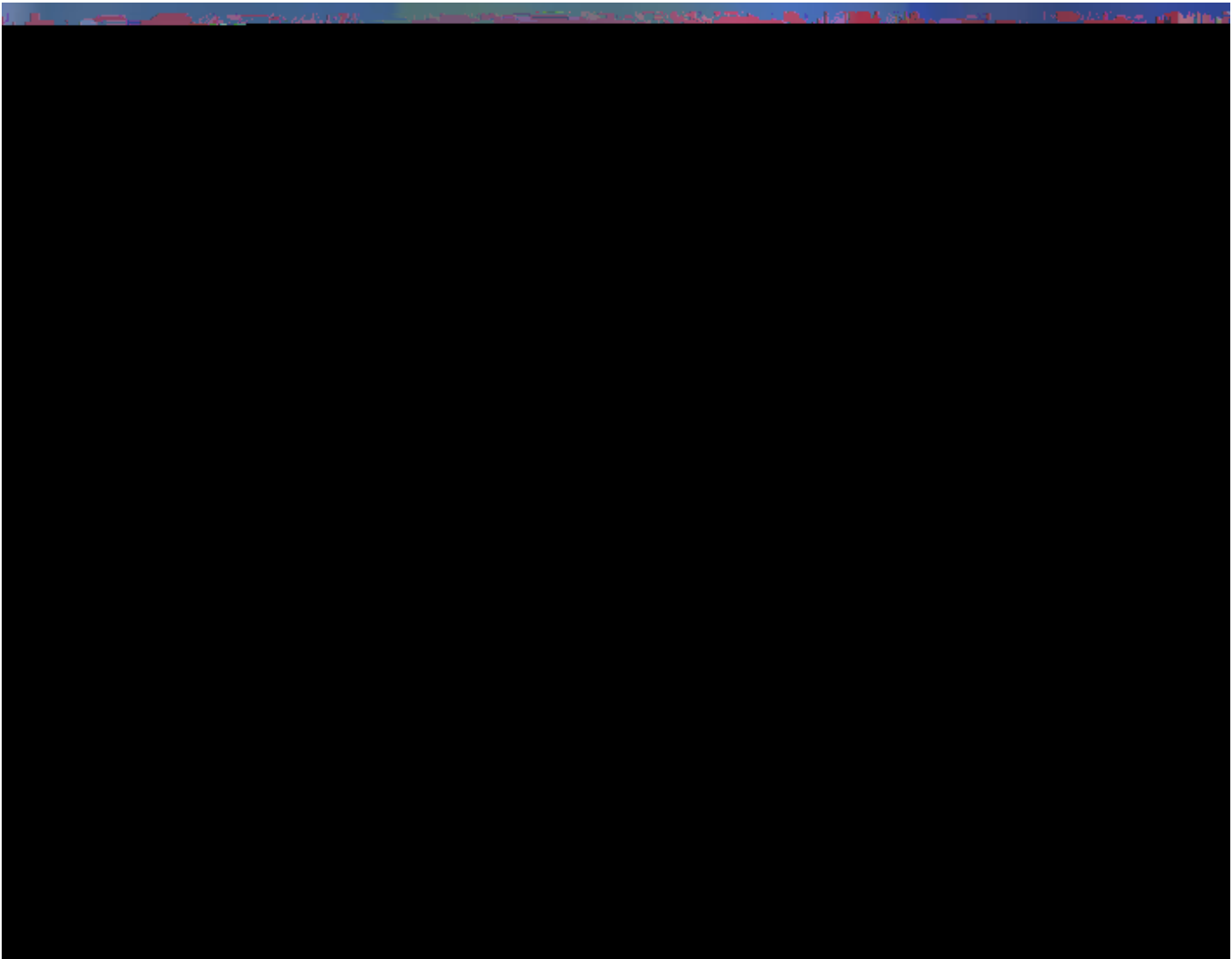


Murphy and the National Left Lane Marker

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If all turns out as pollsters and pundits so confidently predict, the national Democratic Party leadership will awaken the morning of Nov. 8 and gaze upon a nuclear winter landscape where the republic once stood. While differences over the size of Republican gains range from a relatively modest 25 seats to a blowout upwards of 50 seats, the universal consensus appears solid — the four years of Democratic majority rule in the House of

economy wrecked by out of control inflation and a sense that the Biden Administration is helpless in the face of t

from center to center-left to far left.

It is as well that Vice President Kamala Harris — normally the person considered as the heir apparent — has been unimpressive and, to many in the party, is not a presidential material.

Murphy will be among those Democratic leaders who will survey the smoking rubble on election day plus one, who