Do the midterm elections matter? – Worksheet

   
   b. How did the results connect to presidential job approval ratings?
   
   c. Are there any other elections that are striking in terms of gains/losses for the president’s party? Why might these have happened?

2. See the 1994 Midterm Elections information sheet
   a. What political, economic, and social developments led to the Republican victory in the House and Senate in 1994?
b. What actions did the Republican Congress take? Do you think that these actions had a lasting impact on the U.S. government?

   a. What does this graphic show about the number of races that will determine the composition of the U.S. Senate?

   b. How does this graphic connect to the idea that many Americans are not interested in the midterm elections?

   a. How many of the six races do the Republicans need to win? Do the Democrats still have a chance to keep control of the Senate?

   b. What does this article imply about the importance of voter turnout?
   a. Why is the Republican Party putting so much money into South Dakota? Why is this state so critical?

   b. What issues have replaced "Obamacare" as the main concerns of the American public?

   c. Why does the article discuss the success of the Jodi Ernst ad?

   d. According to this article, do the Republicans have a definite lock on a victory in the Senate?