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I WON THIS ELECTION, BY A LOT!

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Election 2020 – Here we are

Course outline

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10/26	How we got here	
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Slides will be available on [Election 2020](#). (Slides will be available within 15 minutes of the start of class.)



Biden and Harris share the spotlight with their families to celebrate victory

There have been many times, over the past four years, that covering Trump's Washington felt like a foreign assignment to me, never more so than while driving around the capital these past few days and seeing boarded-up storefronts and streets cordoned off for blocks around the White House, in anticipation of unprecedented post-election violence. I have seen such scenes before, in places like Azerbaijan and Russia. This is Trump's America. It is not the America I have known.

Biden May Win, but Trump Remains the President of Red America

– Susan Glaser, The New Yorker, November 4, 2020

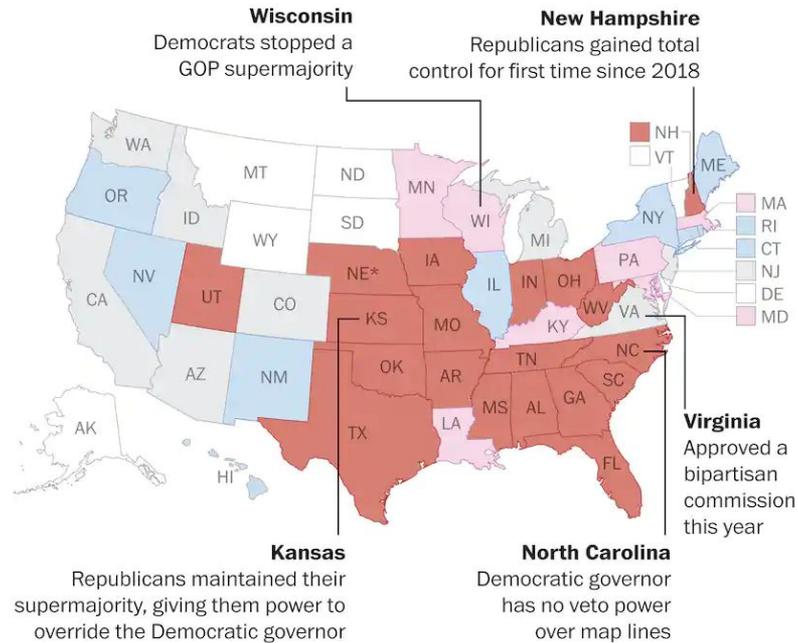


A French Bulldog Was Just Elected Mayor of Rabbit Hash, Kentucky in a Landslide Victory

Republicans will control House maps in 19 states

In most states, the legislative body and the governor will control the redrawing of U.S. House district lines in 2021.

- Republican control
- Democratic control
- Mixed control
- Independent commission
- Current single-district states (could change)



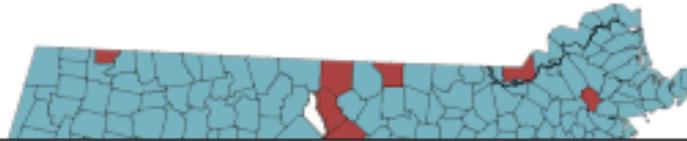
* Single, nonpartisan legislative body, effectively controlled by Republicans.

Sources: National Conference of State Legislatures

THE WASHINGTON POST

Where Democrats will be locked out of power in redistricting battles next year

PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS IN MASS.



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Top Candidates	Votes	Pct.
 Trump	607	55.5%
 Biden	464	42.5%
 Jorgensen	20	1.8%

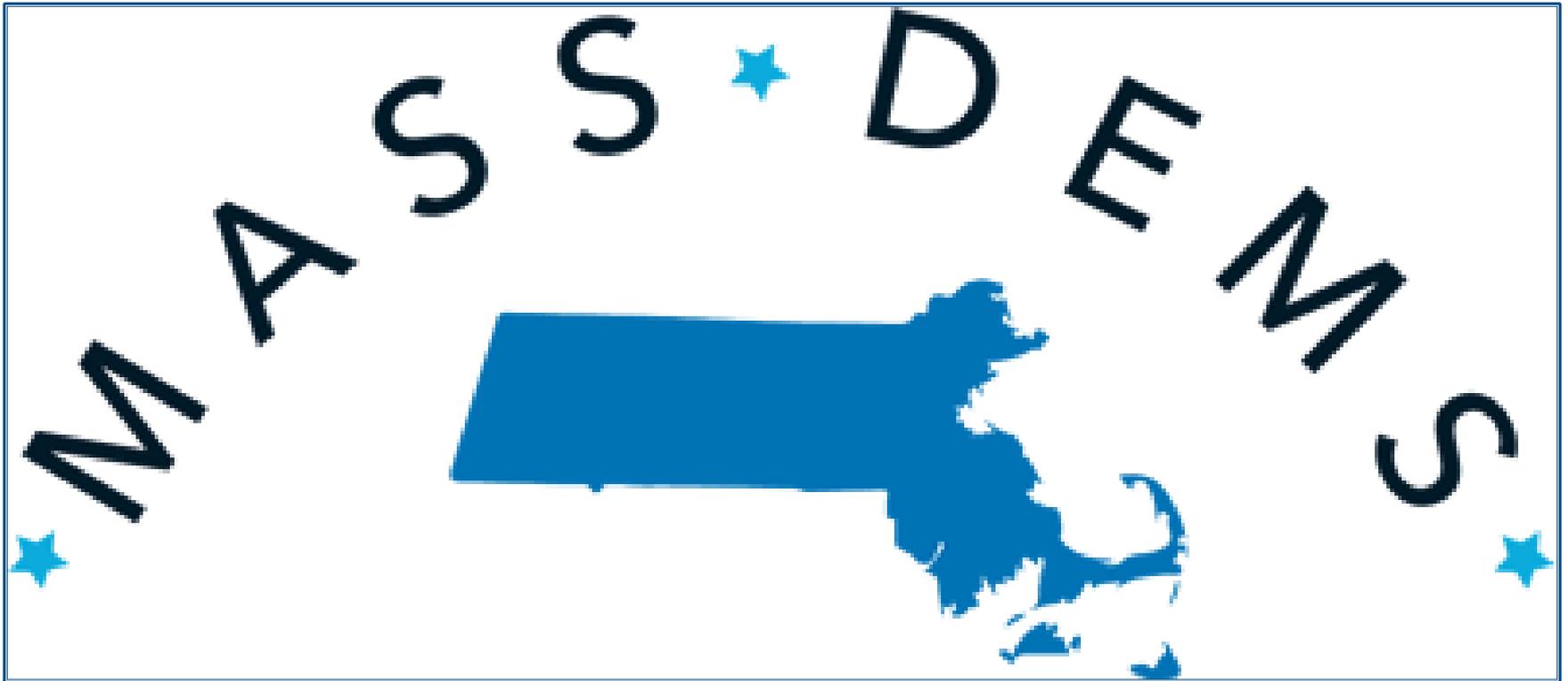


Independent 

No results 

Source: AP

Where Trump won in Massachusetts



Mass. Democratic Party chair candidates look toward 2022

Mass. GOP will live with Tuesday's results

World leaders react, or don't

- Mixed reactions to Biden's victory across the Middle East
- World Sighs Relief over Biden Win
- Trump's Fury Feeds Moscow and Beijing Accounts of U.S. Chaos
- Vladimir Putin, Kim Jong Un and other world leaders who have not acknowledged a Biden win
- Even as Biden's path firms, U.S. allies fear no end to election rancor amid Trump's threats

For four years, President Trump has sought to undermine the institutions of a democratic society, but never so blatantly as in the early morning hours of Wednesday. His attempt to falsely claim victory and to subvert the election itself by calling for a halt to vote-counting represents the gravest of threats to the stability of the country.

- Dan Balz, *Washington Post*

Trump has attacked democracy's institutions, but never so blatantly as he did overnight

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We have claimed, for Electoral Vote purposes, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (which won't allow legal observers) the State of Georgia, and the State of North Carolina, each one of which has a BIG Trump lead. Additionally, we hereby claim the State of Michigan if, in fact,....

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.....there was a large number of secretly dumped ballots as has been widely reported!

 [Learn about US 2020 election security efforts](#)

Trump 'Claims' Electoral Votes He Hasn't Won



Steve Bannon calls for beheading Dr. Fauci and FBI Director Wray



Barr Hands Prosecutors the Authority to Investigate Voter Fraud Claims

Top adviser quits



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I am pleased to announce that Christopher C. Miller, the highly respected Director of the National Counterterrorism Center (unanimously confirmed by the Senate), will be Acting Secretary of Defense, effective immediately..



Donald J. Trump 
@realDonaldTrump

...Chris will do a GREAT job! Mark Esper has been terminated. I would like to thank him for his service.

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Trump Fires Defense Secretary Via Twitter





Count Every Vote: With election too close to call, protesters take to Park Square – Berkshire Eagle, November 5, 2020



No, not that Four Seasons. How Team Trump's news conference ended up at a Northeast Philly landscaping firm.

Fox News: make America rake again



The Disinformation Is Coming From Inside the White House



The Electoral College play

If a lawsuit successfully stops certification of results in a state, legislators there could step into the void and pick a pro-Trump slate of electors.



Donald Trump Jr. 

@DonaldJTrumpJr



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The best thing for America's future is for [@realDonaldTrump](#) to go to total war over this election to expose all of the fraud, cheating, dead/no longer in state voters, that has been going on for far too long.

It's time to clean up this mess & stop looking like a banana republic!



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Trump Jr. calls for "total war" over election





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Graham: If we don't do something about voting by mail, we're going to lose the ability to elect a Republican in this country



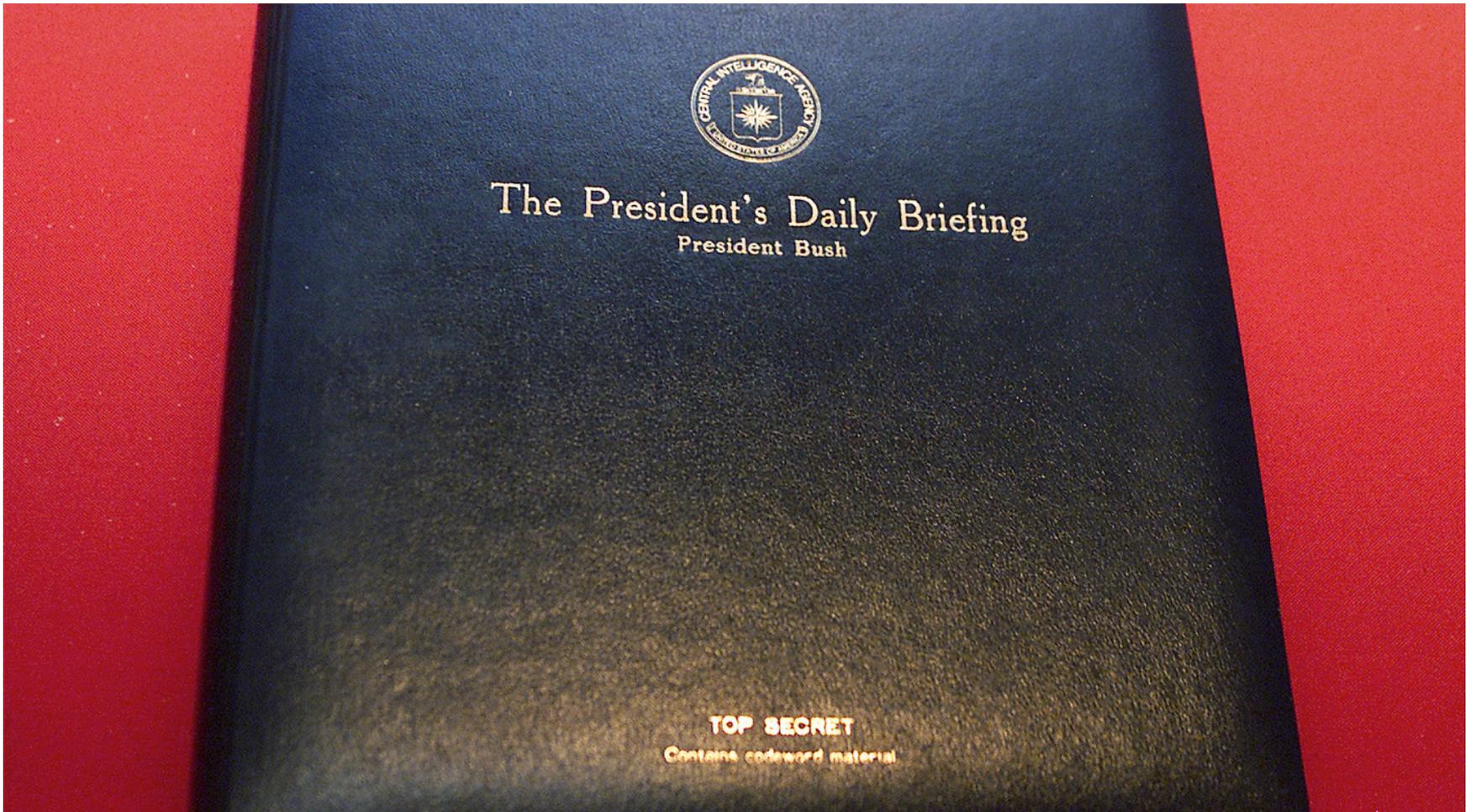
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The Economy

- Why isn't Wall Street freaking out?
- Why the bond market might keep America's next president awake at night
- Biden-voting counties equal 70% of America's economy. What does this mean for the nation's political-economic divide?
- Ericsson warns investors: This Biden fellow coming into the White House may look to resolve China trade dispute...

Campaign money didn't work

- POLITICS Mike Bloomberg takes big losses after spending over \$100 million in Florida, Ohio and Texas
- GOP retains Senate seats despite record-breaking Democratic fundraising
- All eyes — and \$\$ — on Georgia



Biden not getting intelligence reports because Trump officials won't recognize him as president-elect



Legislative Turnover at Lowest Level Seen Since 1920s



Stacey Abrams: Georgia runoffs will be 'competitive' given huge stakes

“Over the last four years, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has been a part of a whole-of-nation effort to ensure American voters decide American elections. Importantly, after millions of Americans voted, we have no evidence any foreign adversary was capable of preventing Americans from voting or changing vote tallies.”

CISA director Chris Krebs

A Big 2020 Election Hack Never Came. Here's Why



“Election officials in many states have had to field two entirely new election systems: massive-scale mail ballots where they have handled only a handful in the past, and also reengineering in-person voting to accommodate social distancing. There’s a chaos narrative, but what I see is not chaos. What I see is people working very hard to finish a difficult job.”

Mark Lindeman, co-director of the election integrity organization Verified Voting.

MIT Technology Review - It might not feel like it, but the election is working



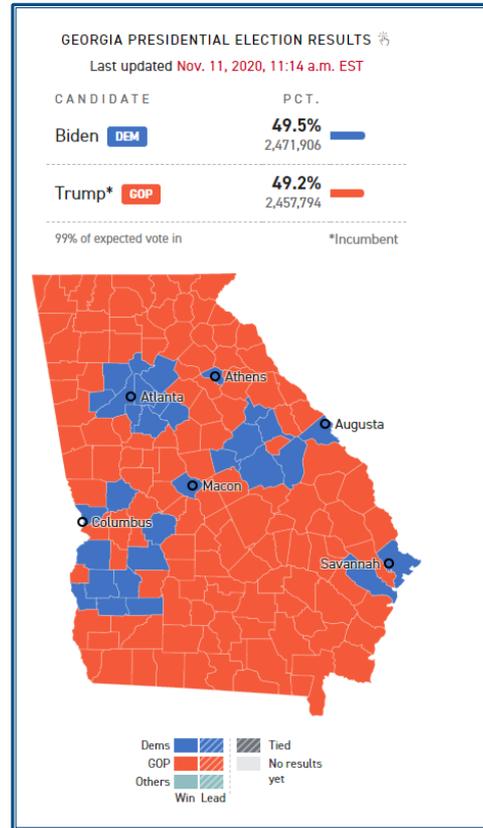
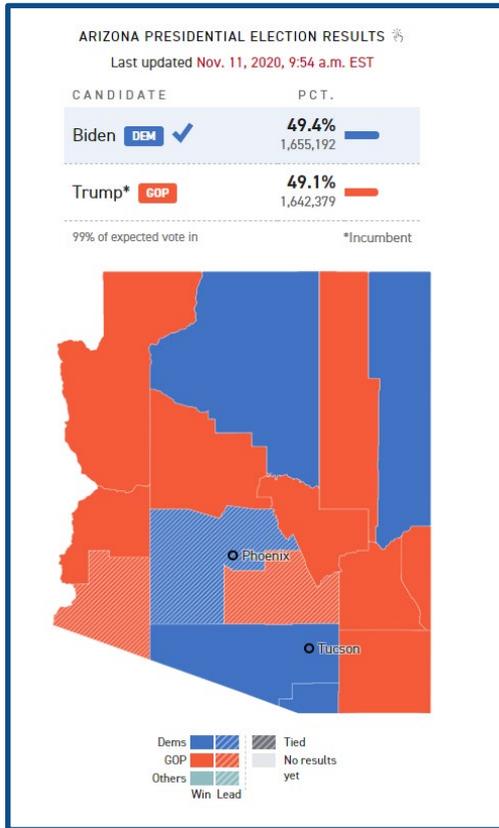
How might this end?

Of course it's too soon to tell in this case. But the AP's research shows that there have been at least 31 statewide recounts since 2000. And of those, only three changed the outcome of the election. The initial margins in those races were all under 300 votes.

Kate Brumback, a reporter for The Associated Press in Atlanta

EXPLAINER: What would a recount in Georgia look like?

Election recounts rarely change the outcome



How key swing states handle recounts and certify election results

Arizona certification – November 30. Georgia certification – November 20

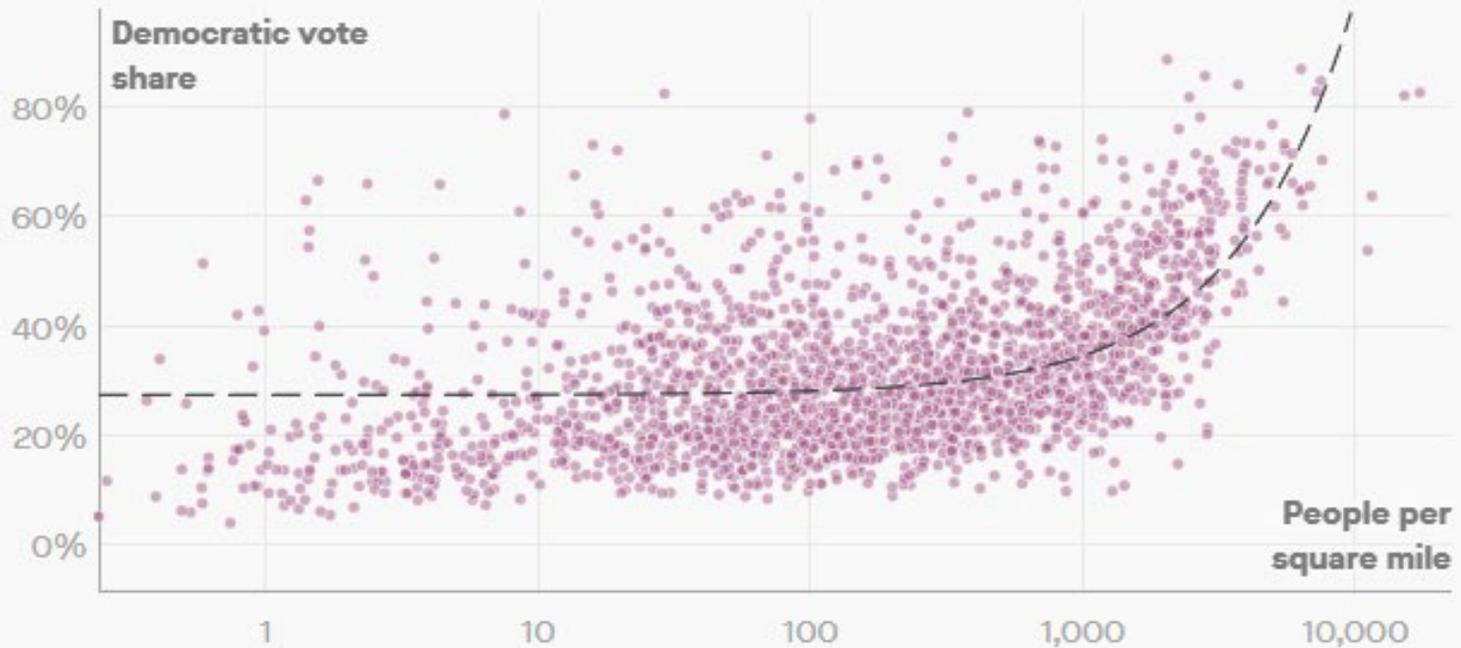


Christian Conservatives Respond to Trump's Loss and Look Ahead

How Biden swung the religious vote

Democratic vote share in 2020 presidential election versus population density in US counties

Each dot represents one county



Quartz | qz.com | Data: US Census, AP | Note: People per square mile is in population weighted. Includes 2,183 which had completed or nearly completed count on Nov. 5, 2020.

The Most Important Divide in American Politics Isn't Race

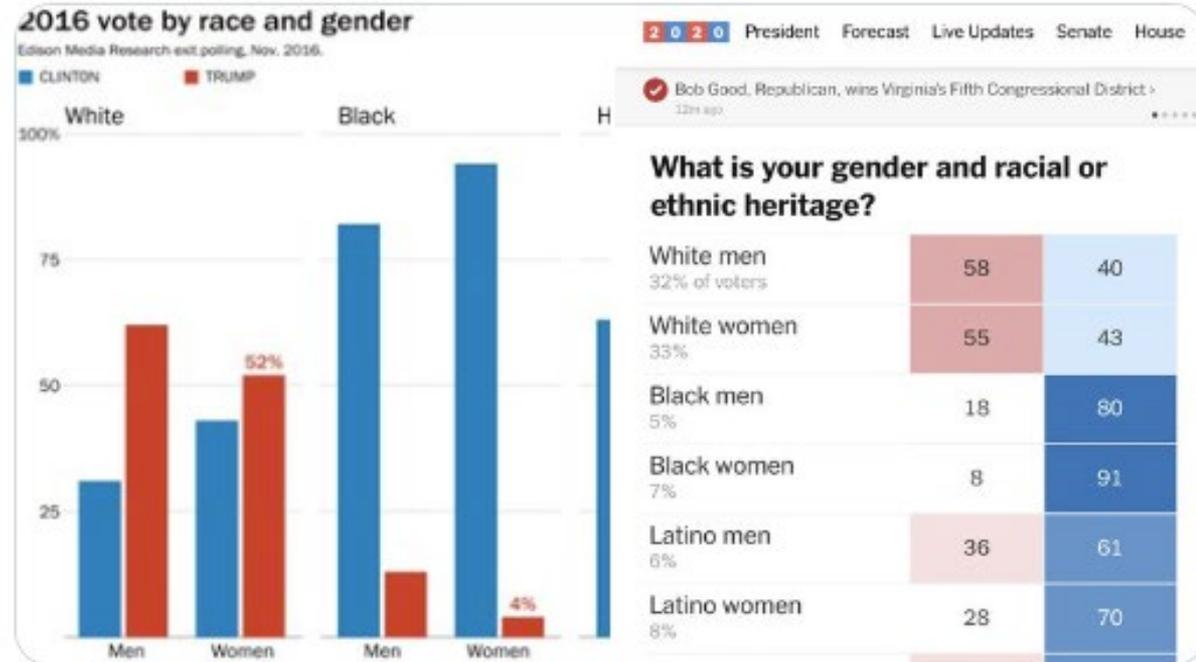
The rural-urban divide is still the big story of American politics



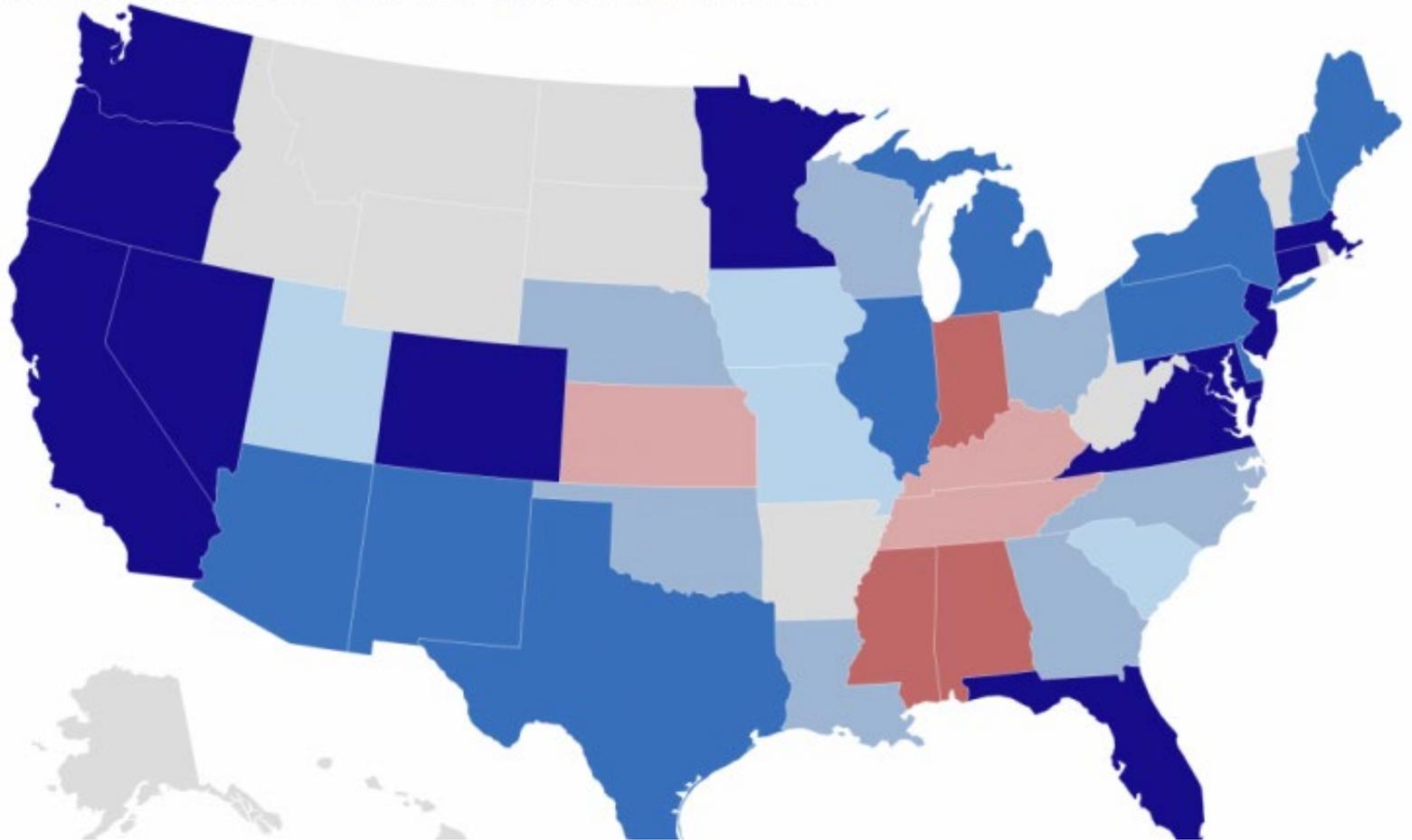
Seyi Akiwowo @seyiakiwowo · Nov 4

52% of white women voted for Trump in 2016 and New York Times exit polls predict this to be 55% in 2020.

[nytimes.com/interactive/20...](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020-11-04/election20/2016-vote-by-race-and-gender.html)

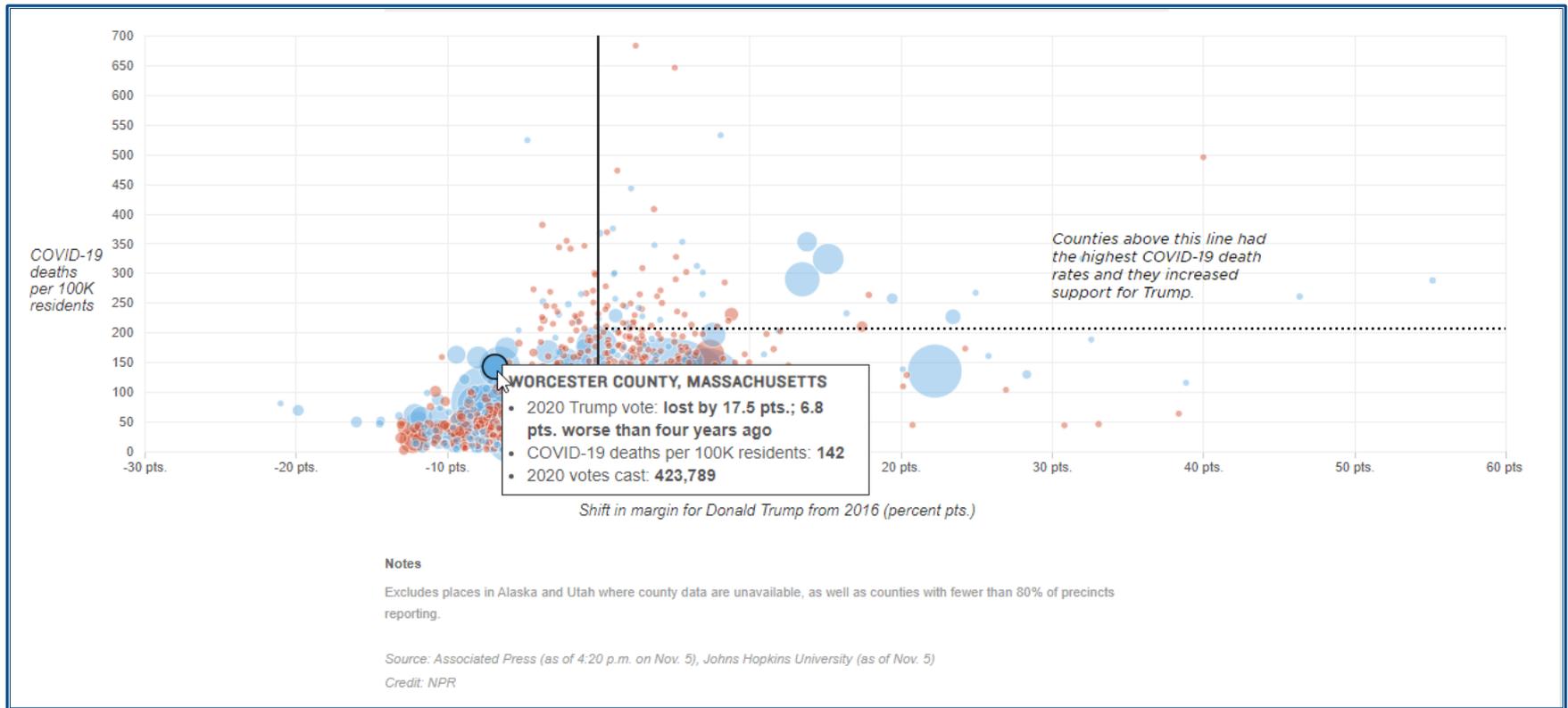


Larger percentage of white women supported Trump



Young Voters Preferred Biden -- With 1 Exception

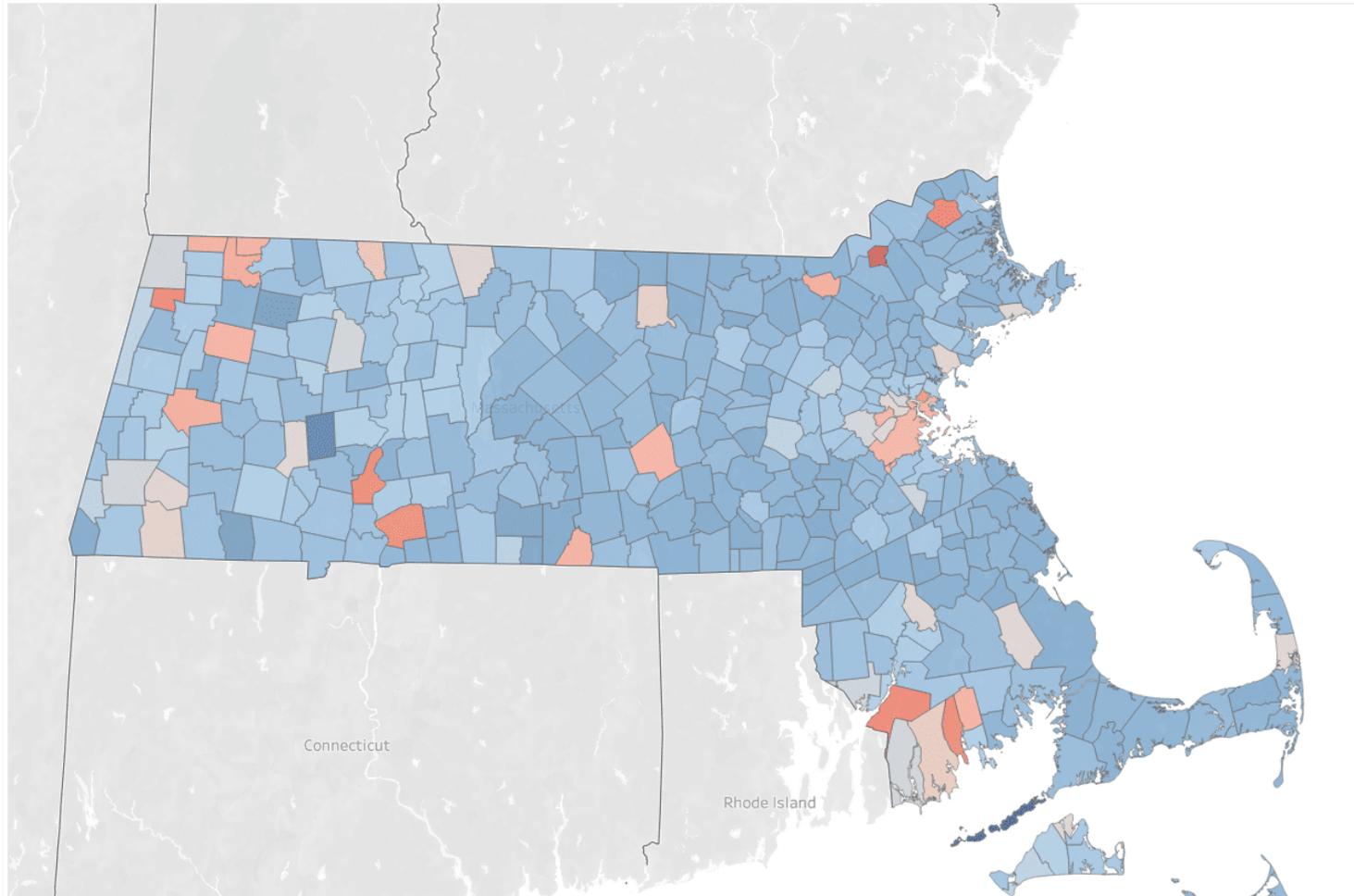
Analysis finds voters under age 30 preferred Biden over all, with young people of color voting for him by the largest margins. Young white men preferred Trump.



Exit polls suggest significant polarization about the pandemic and its economic fallout

NPR: Many Places Hard Hit By COVID-19 Leaned More Toward Trump In 2020 Than 2016

2016 source: MA Secretary of State PD43+
2020 source: WBUR town-by-town unofficial totals



One place Trump gained in Mass.: heavily Latino cities

 **Andrew Sullivan** @sullydish · Nov 6

Why did college-educated white voters lie to the pollsters about their Trump support?



Trump Is Gone. Trumpism Just Arrived
The air has been cleared. And democracy is working.
andrewsullivan.substack.com

The problem with exit poll takes, explained

You know how the regular polls were wrong? Exit polls are much worse.

Who would better handle the coronavirus pandemic?

Joe Biden 53% of voters	6	92
Donald Trump 43%	95	4



Donald Trump



Joseph R. Biden Jr.

Who would better handle the economy?

Joe Biden 49% of voters	2	96
Donald Trump 49%	92	6

Which is more important?

Containing the coronavirus now, even if it hurts the economy 52% of voters	19	79
Rebuilding the economy now, even if it hurts efforts to contain the coronavirus 42%	78	20

New York Times: National Exit Polls: How Different Groups Voted

Since the 2016 election, the Trump administration has courted the Hispanic vote with strong policies against dictators in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. The messaging resonated with our community. There are first, second, and even third generations of Hispanic immigrants from countries suffering under socialist and communist tyrannies.

-- Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

The key to winning the Cuban American vote

There were big misses in some swing states

Joe Biden's final FiveThirtyEight polling average in each battleground race compared to his vote share margin in each race

	BIDEN'S LEAD OR DEFICIT		
	POLLING AVERAGE	ACTUAL RESULT	DIFF
ME-2	+3	-8	-11
Wisconsin	+8	+1	-7
Iowa	-1	-8	-7
Florida	+3	-3	-6
Michigan	+8	+3	-5
Ohio	-1	-6*	-5
Texas	-1	-6	-5
New Hampshire	+11	+7	-4
Maine (statewide)	+13	+9	-4
Pennsylvania	+5	+2*	-3
Arizona	+3	+0	-3
North Carolina	+2	-1	-3
Virginia	+12	+10	-2
Minnesota	+9	+7	-2
Nevada	+5	+3	-2
Georgia	+1	+0	-1
Colorado	+13	+14	+1
NE-2	+4	+7	+3

* In Ohio and Pennsylvania, actual results reflects expected changes once all votes are counted.

SOURCES: POLLS, ABC NEWS, THE COOK POLITICAL REPORT, STATE WEBSITES

Nate Silver:

The Polls Weren't Great. But That's Pretty Normal.

“the only states where presidential polling averages got the winners wrong will be Florida, North Carolina and the 2nd Congressional District in Maine.”

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Democrats

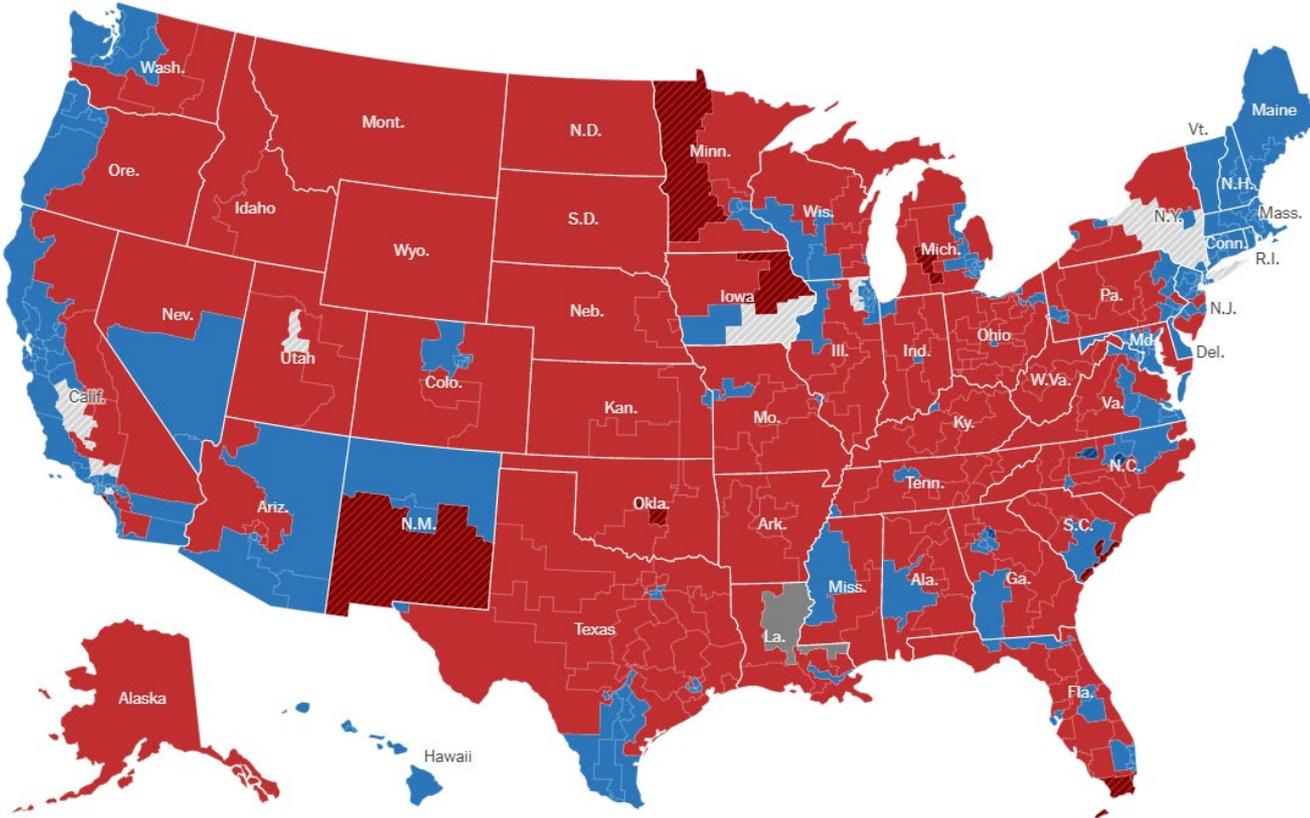
73,345,145 votes (50.2%)
Flipped 3 seats

15
remaining

218
FOR CONTROL

202
Republicans

70,556,799 votes (48.3%)
Flipped 9 seats (+6 net gain)



House Democrats will keep their majority for two more years

48

Democrats*

35 Democrats not up for election
Flipped 2 seats (+1 net gain)

3

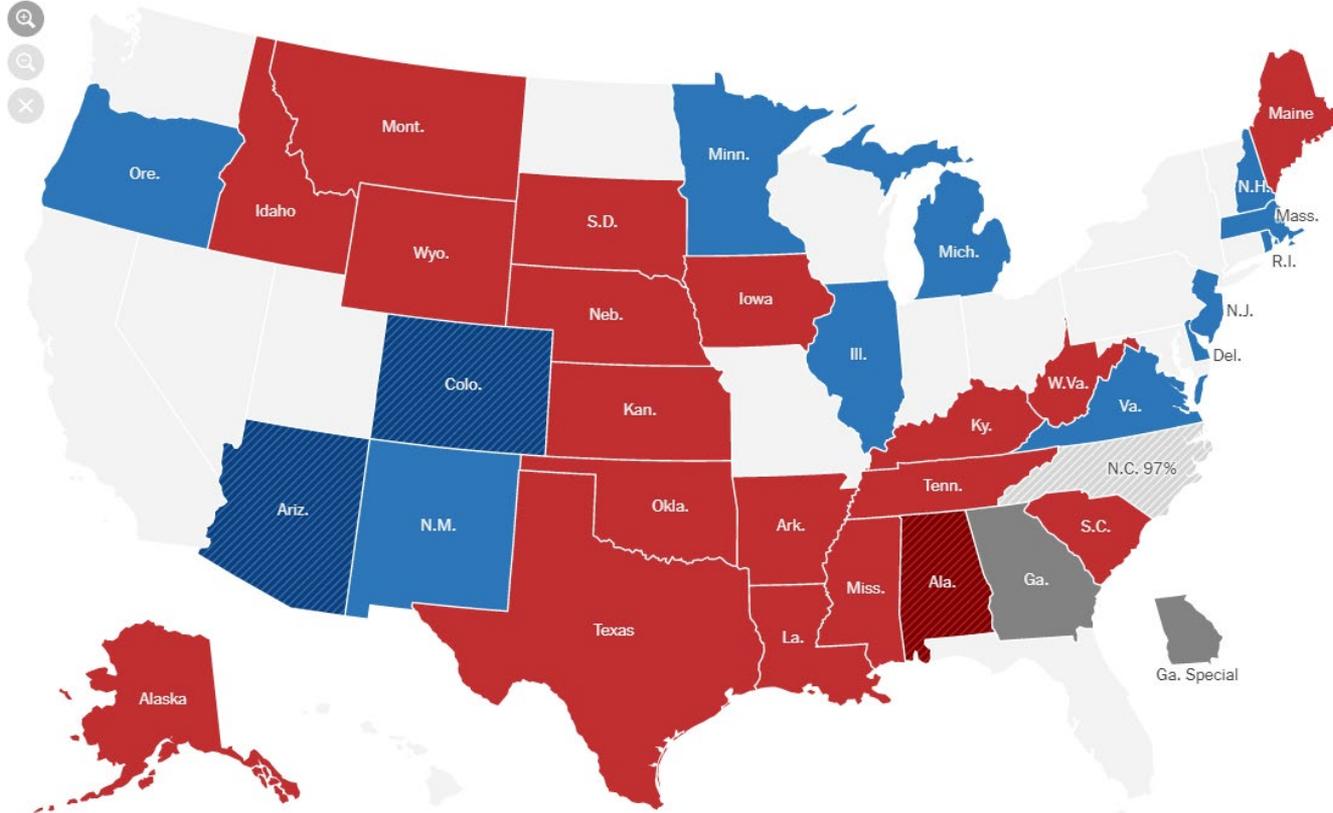
remaining

50

49

Republicans

30 Republicans not up for election
Flipped 1 seat



Republicans hold Senate, for now

"Stop sloganeering," he said. "Sloganeering kills people. Sloganeering destroys movements. Stop sloganeering. And let's go about the business of representing people and building hopes and aspirations for people."

- House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn

Top House Democrat says "defund police," other "sloganeering" cost seats

Biden coalition built on broad but unstable foundation

U.S. presidential election results, 1960 to 2020

✓ = Won election. 2020 values assign Georgia and Arizona to Biden, North Carolina and Alaska to Trump.

	Dem. pop. vote	GOP pop. vote	Electoral Votes over 270	
2020	✓ 75.2m	70.8m	 36	Projected
2016	65.9m	✓ 63.0m	 36	
2012	✓ 65.9m	60.9m	 62	
2008	✓ 69.5m	59.9m	 95	
2004	59.0m	✓ 62.0m	 16	
2000	51.0m	✓ 50.5m	 1	
1996	✓ 47.4m	39.2m	 109	
1992	✓ 44.9m	39.1m	 100	
1988	41.8m	✓ 48.9m	 156	
1984	37.6m	✓ 54.5m	 255	
1980	35.5m	✓ 43.9m	 219	
1976	✓ 40.8m	39.1m	 27	
1972	29.2m	✓ 47.2m	 251	
1968	31.3m	✓ 31.8m	 32	
1964	✓ 43.1m	27.2m	 216	
1960	✓ 34.2m	34.1m	 33	

Data: 270toWin; Table: Andrew Witherspoon/Axios

Biden's mandate math

On Trump's victory, "He just earned a mandate," then-House Speaker Paul Ryan declared in November 2016.

Five Reasons Donald Trump Lost the Presidency

1. Trump has limits as a politician
2. He mishandled his greatest test
3. He squandered his advantage on the economy
4. Trump lacked a fresh message
5. Biden was a tough opponent



Parler 'free speech' app tops charts in wake of Trump defeat

That's right, the Democrats lost almost everything else in this election, and have little hope of gaining back the senate in the near future barring a win in both the Senate run-off votes in Georgia. The map does not look favorable to them at all in 2022 or 2024.

- Zeynep Tufekci

Beating Trump Was the Easy Part

Trump was ineffective and easily beaten. A future strongman won't be.



MAGA nation tries to rally around Trump with MAGApalooza

Next Week – Transition and Aftermath