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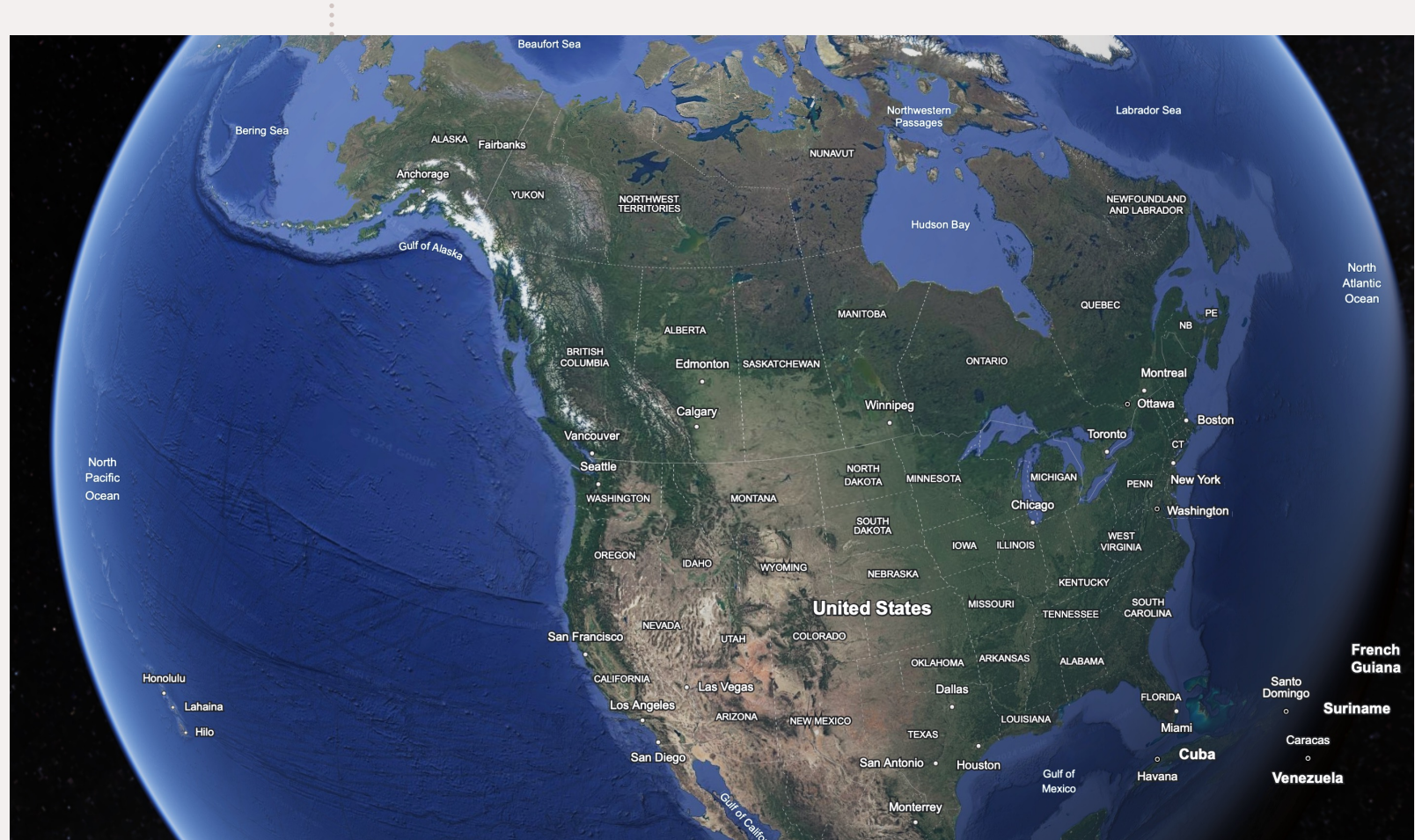
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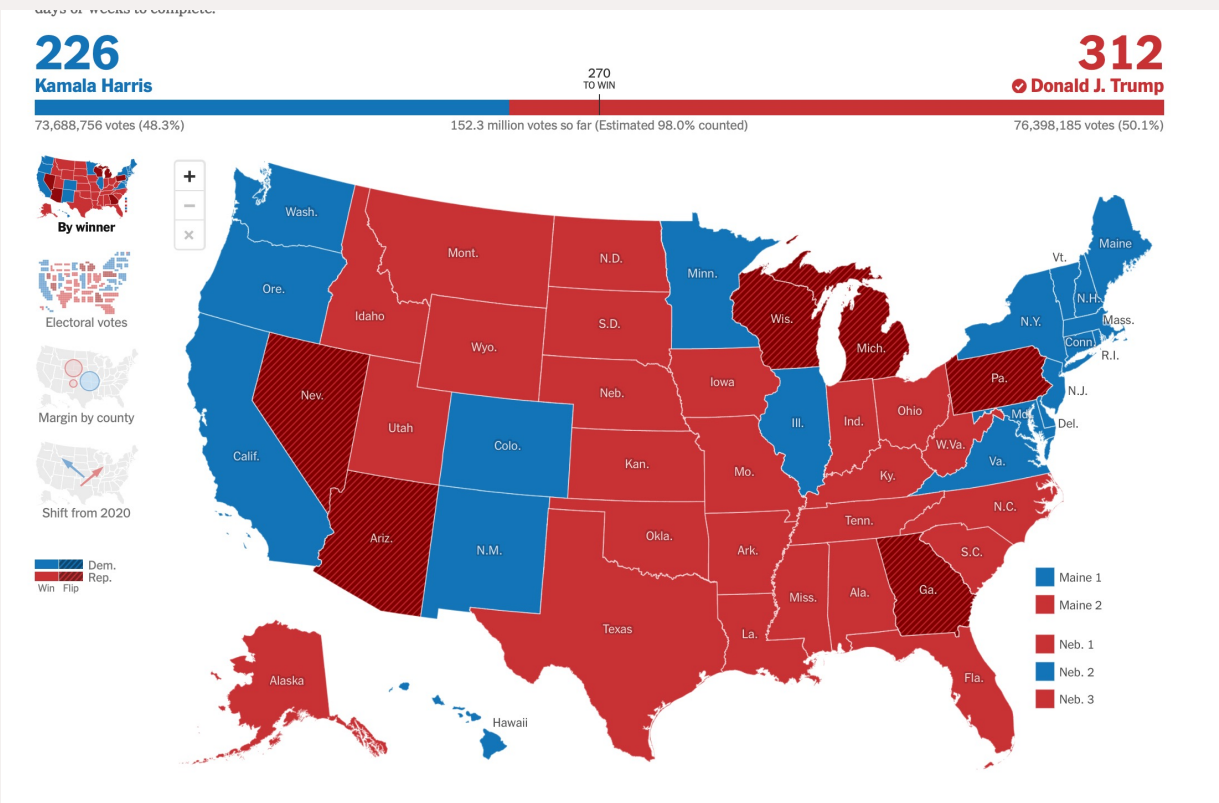
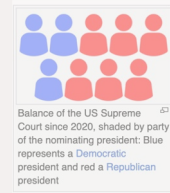


US Presidential Election, Swing State Perspective

- Overview of Results
- Popular vote vs. the Electoral College, how the US elects its President
- Money and elections
- Volunteering with a campaign
- Key Issues and Themes
- Trump's election and what it might mean for Europe



Republicans win Presidency, US Senate & House of Representatives



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U.S. Senate Election Results

Republicans flipped at least three seats and captured the Senate after four years in the minority.

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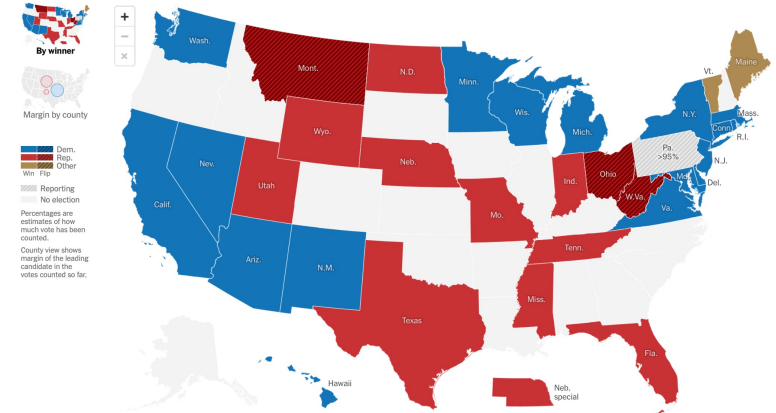
Democrats

28 seats not up for election

52

Republicans

38 seats not up for election
Flipped 3 seats



U.S. House Election Results

Republicans have won enough races to retain the majority in the House, according to The Associated Press, but some of those seats could become vacant as members join the Trump administration.

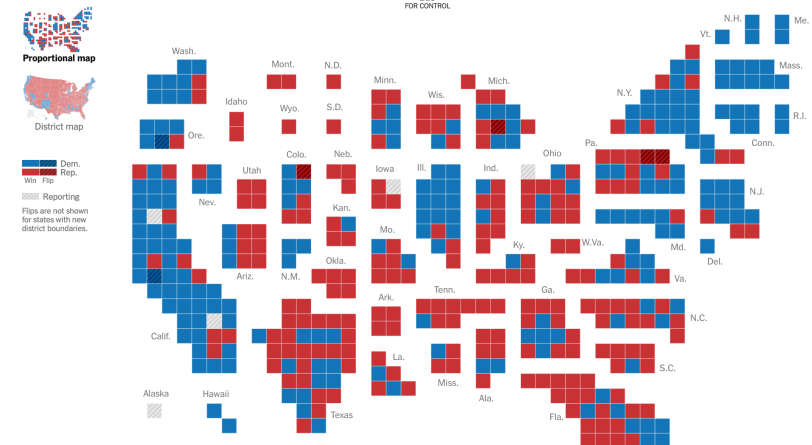
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Democrats

218 FOR CONTROL

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Republicans



Presidency is determined by the Electoral College

Electoral College uses a Winner-Take-All system based on the popular vote winner for each state.

- Disagreement during Constitutional Convention of 1787
- Should the president be elected by Congress or directly by voters?
- Small states fearful of more populous states.
- Southern states wanted special accounting for its slave population (Slaves accounted for 40% pop.)

- Electoral College emerges as “the Great Compromise.”
- Each state is allocated electors equal to its number of congressional representatives and US senators. Reps are allocated based on US census.
- Senate seats are awarded two per state regardless of population.
- President is elected by a majority of the state electors
- 48 States award all their electors to the winner of their state’s popular vote.
- Padding for small states & the 3/5ths clause

2024 Results, Trump wins

538 members of Electoral College

270 votes needed to win

Trump 312 electoral votes, Harris 226 electoral votes

155 million voters nationwide

76 million for Trump, 74 million for Harris

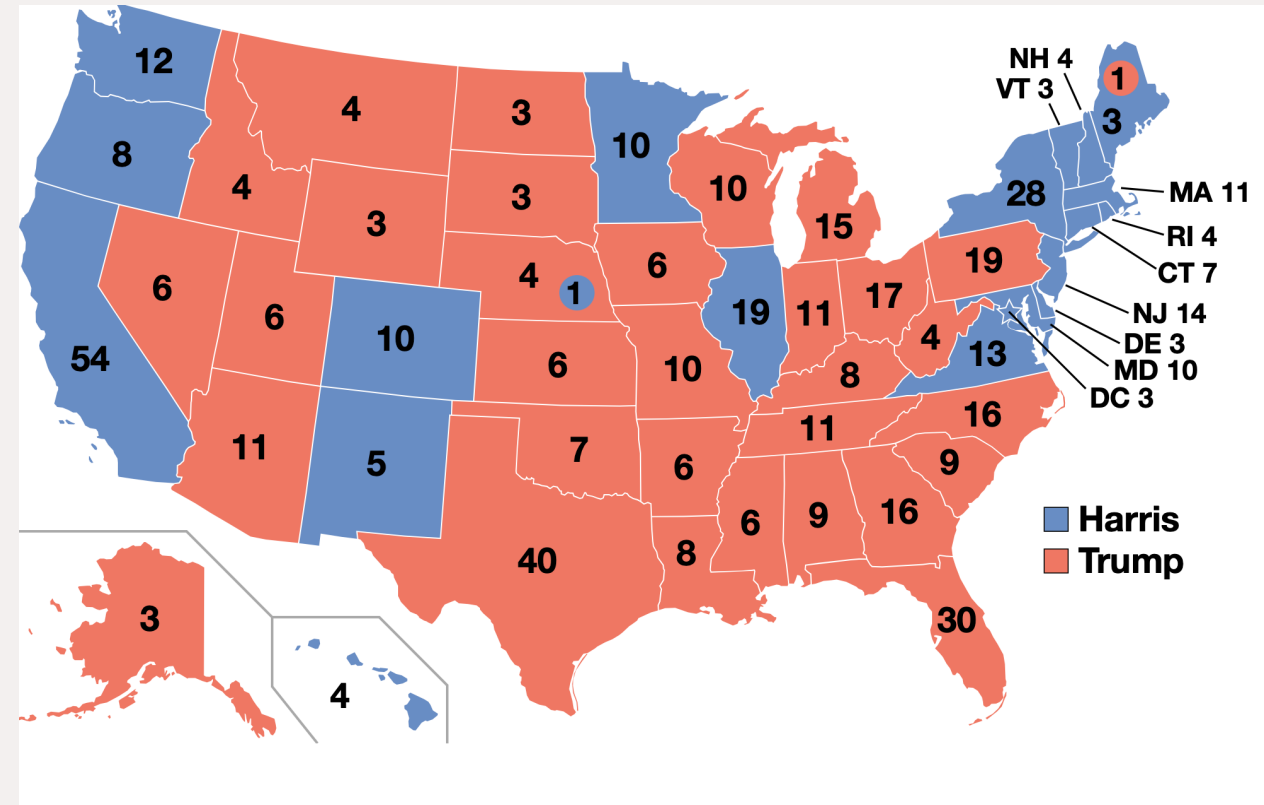
2 million more votes for Trump.

Harris lost Michigan by 80K votes, 6 million

Harris lost Wisconsin by 30K votes, 3 million

Harris lost Pennsylvania by 127K votes, 6 million

237K more votes for Harris in those three states would have awarded Harris 44 more electoral votes, Harris 270 / Trump 268...



2020 Results—Biden Wins 270 votes needed to win

Biden 306 electoral votes, Trump 232 electoral votes

158 million voters nationwide

81 million for Biden, 74 million for Trump

7 million more votes for Biden

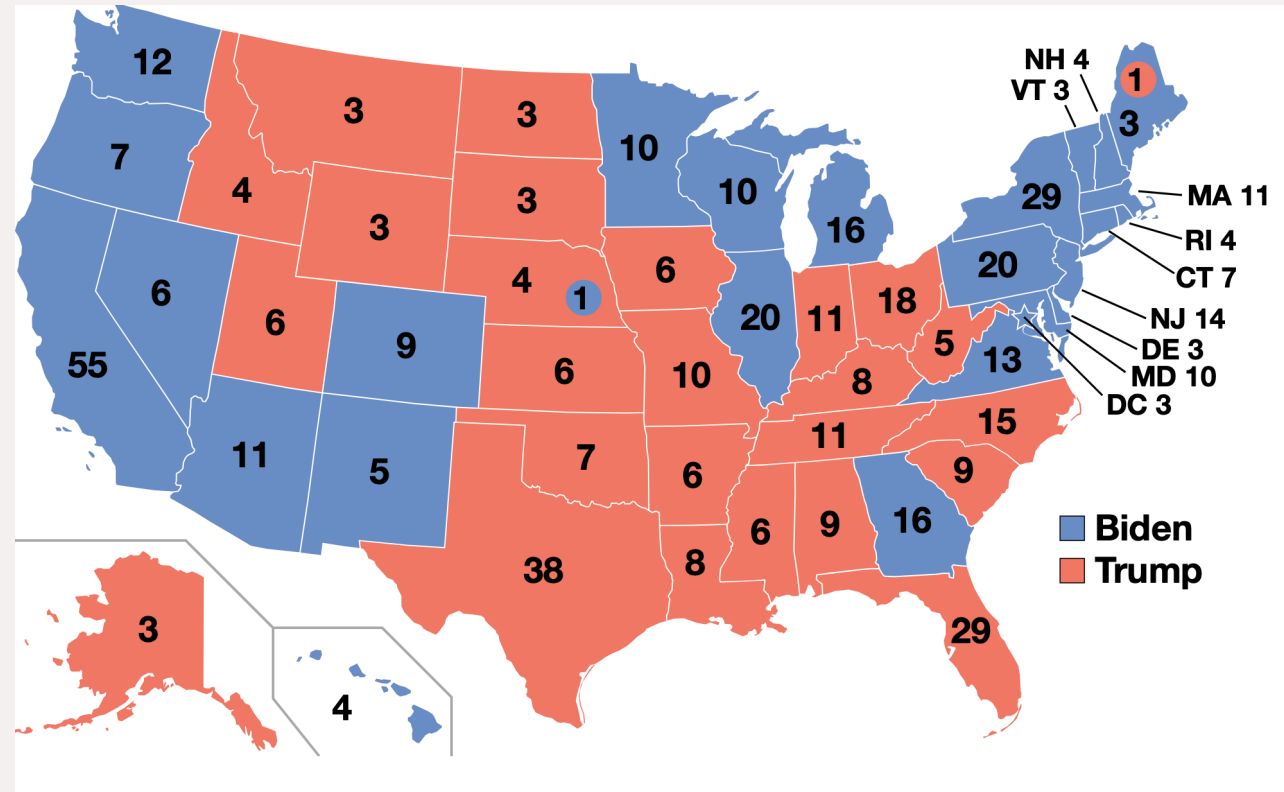
Biden won Georgia by 12K, from 5M votes

Biden won Arizona by 10K, from 3M votes

Biden won Wisconsin by 21K from 3M votes

Biden won Pennsylvania by 81K from 6M votes

124K votes more for Trump in these 4 states would have
awarded Trump 56 more electoral votes, Trump 288 /
Biden 250



2016 Results—Trump Wins

270 electoral votes needed to win

Trump 304 electoral votes, Clinton 227 electoral votes

137 million voters nationwide

66 million for Clinton, 63 million for Trump

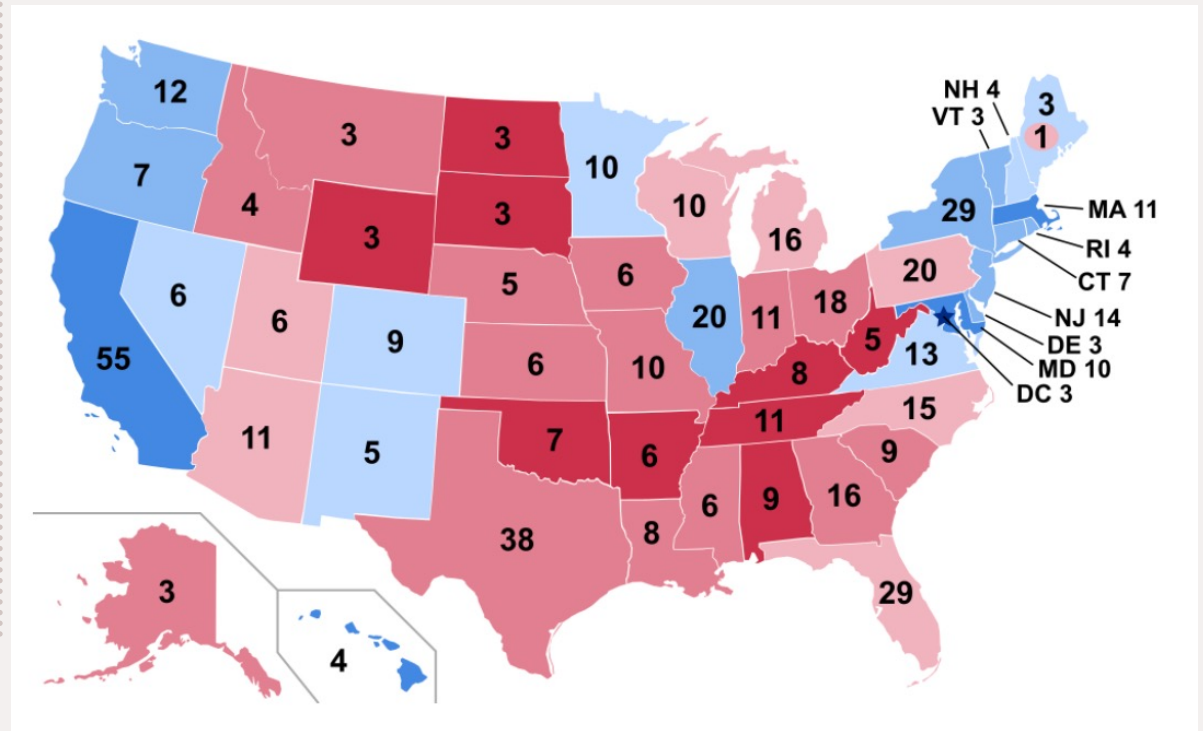
3 million more votes for Clinton

Trump won Michigan by 11K from 5M votes

Trump won Wisconsin by 23K from 3M votes

Trump won Pennsylvania by 44K from 6M votes

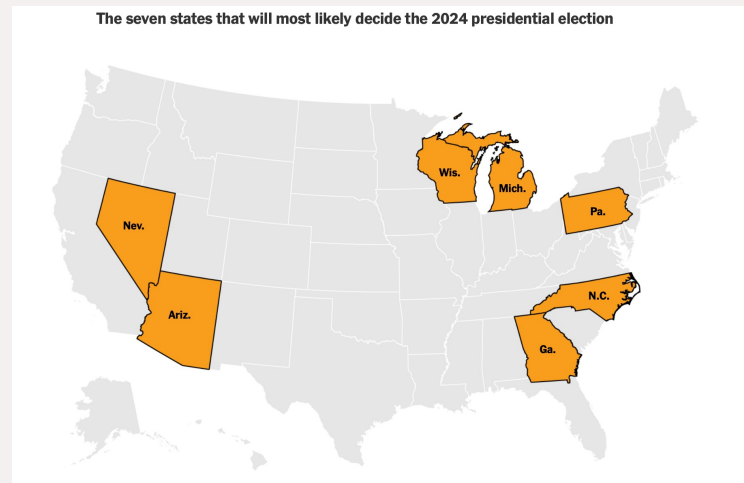
78K more votes for Clinton in these 3 states would have awarded her 46 more electoral votes, Clinton 273 / Trump 258



Al Gore won the popular vote in 2000 by 560K votes but lost the electoral college count to George Bush (the son).

Focus on Swing States

- Winner-take-all counting
- Candidates focus on the closest state races
- Candidates ignore states where they know they will win
- Money, time, advertising, staffing spent in the Swing States



PRESIDENTIAL

2024 CPR Electoral Scorecard

Nov 4, 2024

RATINGS SUMMARY

ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTES

D - 226 T - 93 R - 219

Solid: These races are not considered competitive and are not likely to become closely contested.

Likely: These seats are not considered competitive at this point, but have the potential to become engaged.

Lean: These are considered competitive races, but one party has an advantage.

Toss-Up: These are the most competitive; either party has a good chance of winning.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE VOTING RATINGS

**Maine and Nebraska can split their electoral

SOLID D (16 STATES)	LIKELY D (6 STATES)	LEAN D (0 STATES)	TOSS UP (7 STATES)	LEAN R (0 STATES)	LIKELY R (4 STATES)	SOLID R (23 STATES)
California- 54 Colorado- 10 Connecticut- 07 Delaware- 03 Dist. of Columbia- 03 Hawaii- 04 Illinois- 19 Maine(01)- 01 Maryland- 10 Massachusetts- 11 New Jersey- 14 New York- 28 Oregon- 08 Rhode Island- 04 Vermont- 03 Washington- 12	Maine- 02 Minnesota- 10 Nebraska(02)- 01 New Hampshire- 04 New Mexico- 05 Virginia- 13		Arizona- 11 Georgia- 16 Michigan- 15 Nevada- 06 North Carolina- 16 Pennsylvania- 19 Wisconsin- 10		Florida- 30 Iowa- 06 Maine(02)- 01 Texas- 40	Alabama- 09 Alaska- 03 Arkansas- 06 Idaho- 04 Indiana- 11 Kansas- 06 Kentucky- 08 Louisiana- 08 Mississippi- 06 Missouri- 10 Montana- 04 Nebraska- 02 Nebraska(01)- 01 Nebraska(03)- 01 North Dakota- 03 Ohio- 17 Oklahoma- 07 South Carolina- 09 South Dakota- 03 Tennessee- 11 Utah- 06 West Virginia- 04 Wyoming- 03
191 VOTES	35 VOTES	0 VOTES	93 VOTES	0 VOTES	77 VOTES	142 VOTES

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Campaign Fundraising

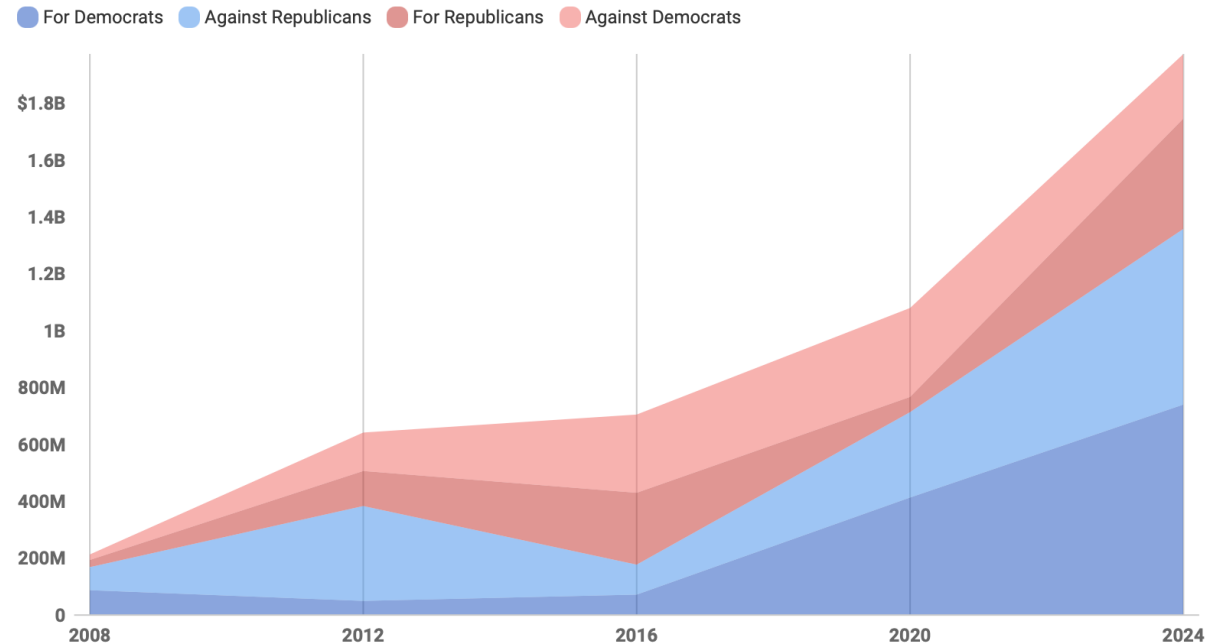
\$18 billion spent on recent election cycle

September Deutsche Welle:

- Trump raised \$940M, 68% from large donors, 32% from gifts of less than \$200
- Harris raised \$1.27B, 56% large donors, 44% from gifts under \$200
- Most money is spent in seven swing states
- 20 minutes of political ads per TV hour 24 hours per day for 3 months.
- Supreme Court 2010 decision: political gifts from corporations protected “freedom of speech.”

How Outside Spending Has Changed in Presidential Elections

Super PACs, nonprofits and other political operatives are spending more than ever to promote their chosen candidates (and denigrate their opponents).



Data is current through Oct. 31. These totals exclude spending by party committees.

Chart: Jaclyn Jeffrey-Wilensky | U.S. News & World Report • Source: [Open Secrets](#)

U.S. News & World Report

Volunteering & GOTV

Long history of volunteers participating in campaigns

- Obama campaign harnessed the internet to engage thousands of volunteers in every state.
- Unions, environmental groups, churches, LGBT community, all plug into campaigns
- Personal contact still matters especially with TV saturated with ads.

- Californians canvas in neighboring Nevada and Arizona
- Volunteers from Minnesota canvas in Wisconsin
- Illinois volunteers reach out to Michigan voters
- Volunteers take vacation or unpaid leave to spend several weeks organizing in a swing state
- Outreach methods
 - Door to door conversations and leafleting
 - Long distance phone banking
 - Postcard writing
- Targets are infrequent voters who have some type of affinity with your candidate

GOTV= get out the vote



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Training and support over Zoom

553 x 293

Take Action - San Mateo County Democratic Party

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Knock Doors in Wisconsin!

Join Illinois Democrats & take action!

1,200 x 630

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Are you ready to support a battleground state? Take action!

Thanks for your interest in helping Kamala Harris and Tim Walz fight and win! Fill out this form and we'll be in touch soon.

First Name *

Last Name *

Mobile Number *, (201) 555-0123



Zip *

Email *

I would like to: *

- ☐ Call voters in battleground states
- ☐ Knock doors in battleground states
- ☐ Organize phone banks for my friends and family
- ☐ Organize carpools to battleground states for my friends and family

Do you speak any languages other than English?

- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Other...

Many of our supporters have signed up to be Harris Helpers, who volunteer in a battleground state long term, for at least 2 weeks. Are you in? *





Door County hat nur etwa [30.000 Einwohner](#). Und ist gespalten wie die gesamten USA. 2020 gewann Joe Biden den Landkreis knapp. Auch in diesem Jahr scheinen sich Republikaner und Demokraten beinahe die Waage zu halten.



Janet und Philip Frystak beim Haustürwahlkampf Foto: Daniel Kramer / DER SPIEGEL



IS-Wahl 2024: Der Kampf um Door County, Wisconsin dem Wahl-Orakel der USA - DER SPIEGEL

reator: DANIEL KRAMER | Credit: Daniel Kramer

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US-Wahl 2024: Der Kampf um Door County, Wisconsin - dem Wahl-Orakel der USA - DER SPIEGEL

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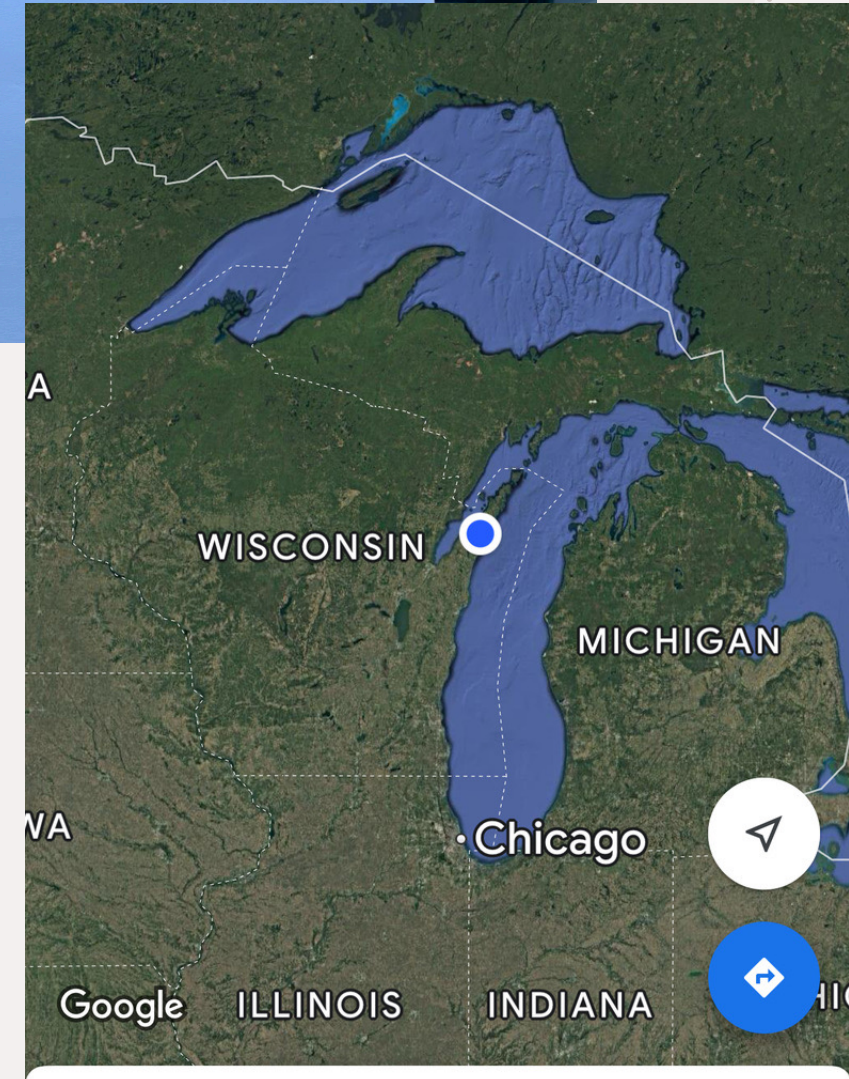
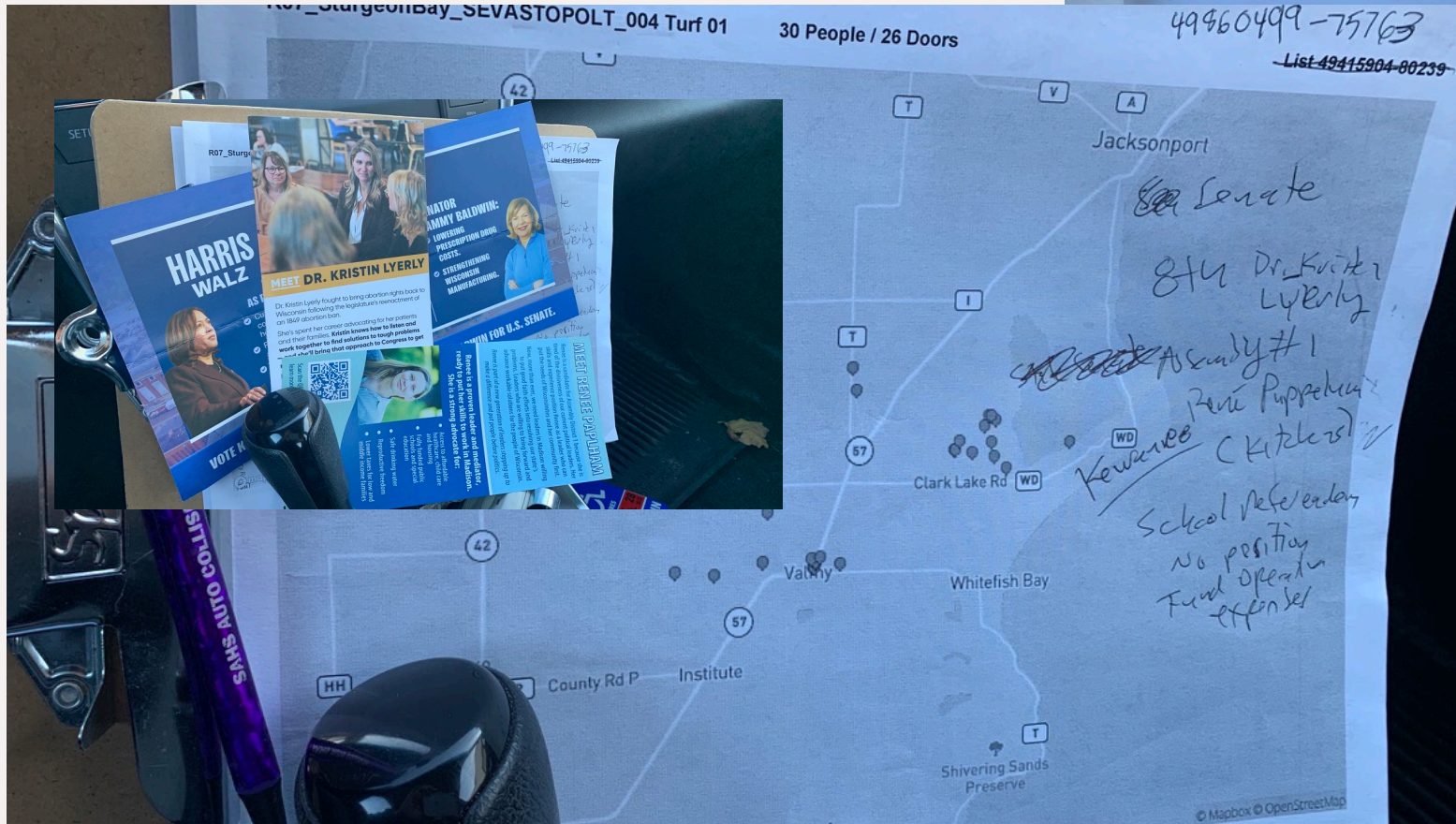
30 names per 3hr shift
x 4 Shifts = 120 voters

Precinct Code: 6645 8231 Polling Location: SEVASTOPOL TOWN HALL, 4528 STATE HIGHWAY 57

Door : Door - Town Of Sevastopol - Ward 004 - Brauer Rd - Odd

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Key Themes

CULTURAL WARS

- Guns, Gays & God
- Transgender people demonized
- Immigrants demonized
- Abortion / Reproductive freedom
- Toxic masculinity
- US Senator targeted in TV ads for being lesbian. Re-elected by 29K votes of 3M

INFLATION 2018 TO 2024

Bread \$1.27 / \$2.00

Eggs \$1.74 / \$3.37

House \$330K / \$430K

Monthly housing (67% in US own, 33% rent)

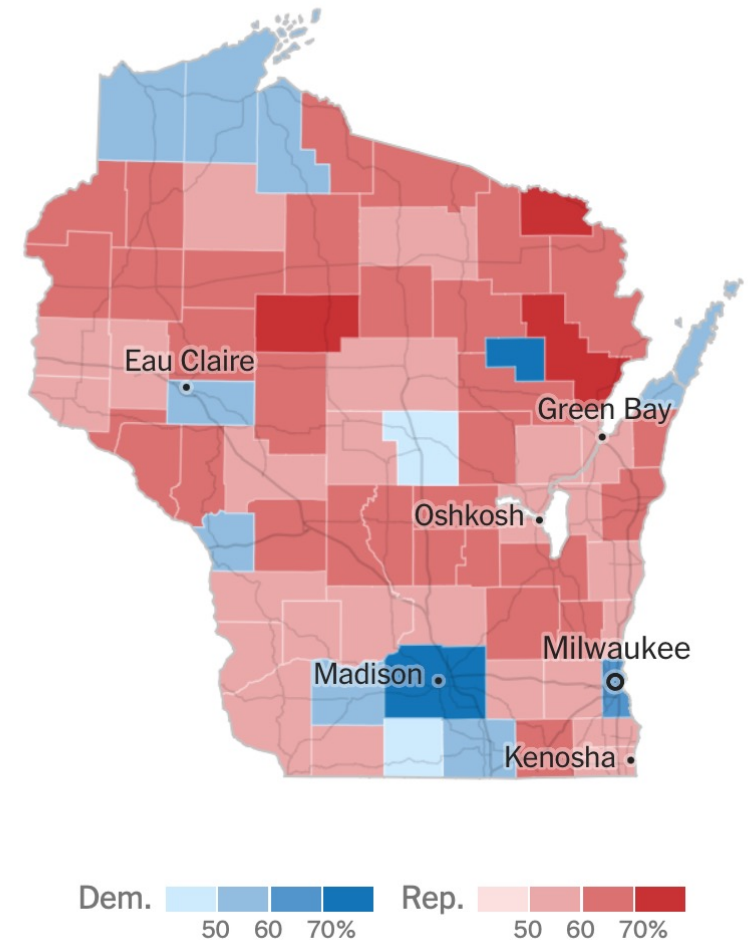
Own \$1,310 / \$2,209

Rent \$1,435 / \$1,712

Car Pmt \$523 / \$734

Reactions

- Disappointed but not surprised
- Door County went for Harris by 450 votes, of 20K; no longer a bellwether county...
- We know Kamala Harris from San Francisco, she...
 - Would have been a great president
 - Is unelectable in the seven swing states
 - Viewed as too liberal (she's a moderate)
 - Solid policy proposals for working class voters, but not able to connect with them
- Four Democratic Senate candidates won in the same swing states where Trump won... 3 women 1 man.
- Same Anti-incumbency Rebellion seen in other countries



Was bedeutet die Wahl von Trump für uns in Europa ???

- Chaos
- International Unsicherheit / NATO in Frage
- Keine Unterstützung für Ukraine
- Kein Klima Fortschritt
- Trade Wars mit China & EU?
- Cozy up to Putin, Orban and other Authoritarian types
- Was denk Ihr?